

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada



‘Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Officiant: Rose Jardine
Preacher: Brenda O'Neill

First Sunday of Advent

November 28th, 2021

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land, and relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.

Prelude: **Lord Hear Our Prayer**
Ted and Donna Hamill

Look up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.
Luke 21.28

OPENING MUSIC: **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

The Lighting of the Advent Candle Please stand

In this congregation, the tradition is to call the first candle on the Advent wreath the ***Candle of Hope***, but is also called the Prophecy candle. It opens the period that anticipates Christmas and remembers those who first spoke the promise of the coming Christ child.

This candle of ***Hope*** symbolizes promises delivered through the prophets from God as well as the hope we have in Christ.

Today, as Advent begins, God of all hope, shine your light on the stories of saints who went before us. May the seeds they planted – peace, joy, and love – nurture our hearts so that we stretch towards that light.

ALL:

We light a candle for hope. May it light the way.

Introductory Response for Advent

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Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Will you not give us life again,

That your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O Lord,

And grant us your salvation.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Please be seated to listen.

CANTICLE 18A: Song of Mary
Holy is His Name (JM Talbot)

The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading is from The Book of
Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 25: 1 – 9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies

Second Reading is from The First Letter of Paul to 1 Thessalonians 3: 9 – 13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and

day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke 21: 25 – 36**

ALL: GLORY TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

This is The Gospel of Christ

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sermon / Message: Brenda O'Neill – Lay Reader

A Time of Silent Reflection:

What Wondrous Love is This?

Hear, O Israel

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**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

PRAYERS:

Litany 12 for Advent

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(In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, "Lord Jesus, come soon!")

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

Lord Jesus, come soon!

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

OFFICIANT

Collect of the Day

For The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in

the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements:

Closing Music:

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Dismissal: Occasional Prayer #33 BAS p. 683

Let us be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love all the days of our lives; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be

among us and remain with us always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.
Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !**

Readings for The Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3: 1 – 4

Canticle 3 (Luke 1: 68 - 79

Phil 1: 3 – 11.....

Luke 3: 1 - 6

Anglican Cycle of Prayer - please pray for:

1st Sunday of Advent

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer:

please pray for:

ACC The people of the Anglican Church of Canada

ELCIC The people of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: please pray for:

1st Sunday of Advent

Pray for all Lay Workers within our parishes who play an integral role in the administration of our churches.

Parish Cycle of Prayer - please pray for our own

church members: Janis Medwid, Arlene Meservier, Carl and Elizabeth Mickelson, Adrienne Morris, Tom and Dora Morris, Charles and Marion Morris, Rosalie Hardisty Morris, Mark Myers, Dorothy Nesbitt, Len Norris, Garth

and Brenda O'Neill, Cindy Papassay, Henry Parise, Marjorie (Midge) Peel, Richard Pepper, Sheila Pepper, Nancy and Bob Polhill, Dr. Michelle Proudfoot, Alex and Sarah, Evelyn and Emerson Pyne,

Please pray for: Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

There will be signs in the Sun, Moon and Stars.

Reminder about Visitations:

Pastoral care visits will continue to be restricted to emergency situations – please call the office if such a situation arises.

Gathering Table Prayer Chain

During this time of social isolation and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to pray for one another. If you would like to be a part of the Gathering Table prayer chain or you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the prayer chain please contact

Sheila Chisholm at chisholmsheilak@gmail.com
or text /phone 306-240-0771.

Sunday Sermons: Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link <http://gatheringtable.ca> **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream

2022 Canadian Church Calendars Are Sold Out.



Mission to Seafarers – Thunder Bay

MTS-Thunder Bay is celebrating its 60th anniversary on Dec. 6, 2021. It will be holding a special Holy Communion service on that date at Our Saviour's. The Chair of the board of MTS-TB for 2021-2022: Pastor Matthew
Although the pandemic greatly affected operations in 2020, it was able to continue its ministry:
-providing ministry to seafarers and port personnel who request its services (Chaplain: Canon Ed Swayze + 23 volunteers)

- *Mid-day Prayers*: Mid-Day Prayers and Coffee are being offered on a monthly basis on the first Wednesday of the month at noon: Dec. 1. We will continue it until we are able to resume holding the Eucharist. To join Zoom Prayers click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89162986646?pwd=T3A4aTVqZzVvYk5lQoE1Vm1RNTMvZz09>

PWRDF

(Primates World Relief Development Fund)

Archbishop Anne Germond in her charge to Synod in the fall of 2021, talked about the importance of the **PWRDF'S Vaccine Equity Fund**, a resolution to support this project was passed by Algoma's synod. When you receive your vaccine, "Pay it forward" and make a donation to PWRDF'S Vaccine Equity Fund. Your gift will support PWRDF partners in the most vulnerable parts of the world as they prepare for vaccination rollout, including work already underway to supply PPE, thermometers, sanitation and hand washing facilities, and accurate public health information. After you make your donation, you can help yourself to a Christmas tree ornament at Gathering Table as a thank you from the Deanery. You may donate online by going to pwrdf.org/give-today and click on Vaccine Equity Fund. Or phone Donor Relations Officer Mike Ziemerink at 416-822-9083, or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and someone will return your call. Or send a cheque with "Vaccine Equity Fund" in the memo field to PWRDF, 80 Hayden St, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2 See the **World of Gifts Guide**, on the website or the insert in the Anglican Journal. For a unique

meaningful gift, you can order seeds for farmers, livestock and contribute to projects worldwide, etc.

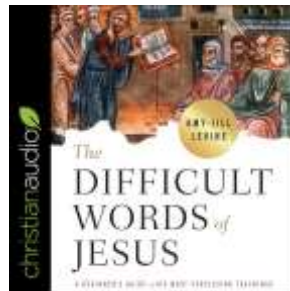
- You can order beautiful **Christmas cards** and spread the good news of PWRDF.
- Sign up for a **daily Advent reflection**.

For further information go to www.pwrdf.org

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Advent Book Study – The Difficult Words of Jesus Author Amy-Jill Levine

Lead By The Rev'd Gail Clifton M. Div



Study to run Tues., Nov. 30th, - Tues. Dec 7th and 14th 2021
from 2 – 4 p.m.

In the Parish Hall, and via Zoom
The Book can be purchased from Amazon
Kindle \$14.99 or a paper copy for \$20.99
Please Contact Rev. Gail Clifton 768-9865

(all COVID-19 protocols will be adhered to)



Christmas Flowers



Advent is here, and so is Christmas! I'm afraid to say it out loud, but it looks like we will be able to celebrate together this year! The Altar Guild is getting the sanctuary ready for this most wonderful day, but still with caution.

Deadline: Monday, December 13, 2021,
to ensure placement of your dedication in the bulletins for Christmas services. Questions? Call Rose at 621-1205.

To Place A Dedication:

A. Contact Rose Jardine by email at roseanew@tbaytel.net, or by voice mail / text at 621-1205, with the wording for your flower 'dedication'. THEN: Make a cheque or money order out to: ALTAR GUILD, flag the envelope 'Altar Guild Flowers', and mail to the church address. Please include a written confirmation of your details, as above. or

B. Write up your Dedication, bring it to a regular service. Place the note and your donation into an envelope, label it 'Gathering Table Christmas Flowers'. Place the envelope into the 'Treasure Chest' near the office.

Again, write cheques to ALTAR GUILD.

Thank You!



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| Rector’s Warden: | Marg Boone |
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| People’s Warden: | Jim Sutton |
| Deputy People’s Warden: | Sheila Chisholm |
| Co-Music Directors - | Pianist Donna Hamill
Organist (Vacant) |

Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2021

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.” *Micah 6:8*