

Gathering Table

a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada



Everything changes
if we know the depth of love
we have received.

The heart of the manger is that you and I
are worth all that God can give.

Adapted from G. Porter

A Service of Carols and Lessons

.Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Lay Readers:

Frances Bennett-Sutton, Kimberly Bienvenue
Richard Pepper (music), Jim Sutton

Lessons and Carols

January 2nd, 2022

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their 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.

Opening Remarks

Opening Carol: CP 123 *all 3 verses*
Once in Royal David's City

Bidding Prayer

In the name of Christ and his Church we bid you welcome to Gathering Table today. We have come together as the family of God in our Creator's presence to celebrate during Christmastide. In this service we hear and receive the good news of the birth of Christ, and we offer to God our

thanksgiving as we listen to the singing of carols during this time of world-wide trial.

But first we pray:

For all Christian people,
that by this festival they may be renewed to fulfil Christ's work in this world; and especially for Anne our Archbishop and the clergy and people of this Diocese;

For the world,
that those who bear responsibility for its future, in politics, in industry, in commerce, and in education and communication, may be inspired by the message of Christmas to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace everywhere;

For all in special need :
the addicted, the sick, the anxious, the lonely, the fearful, and the bereaved.

We commend all whom we love, or who have asked for our prayers, to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father, and say together, as Christ himself taught us,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Notawinan misiwe e ayayan
Kiwiyowin Ke natenitawan
Weticipaniew kit otenawiwin
Mina tawi oticipaniw
Kakina kewan ka itenitaman
Tapishoic kicikishikok ishi
Mininan oma anoc kakishikak
Ke oci pimatisiyak min

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

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| Ashenamawinan tato kewana | against us. | |
| Ita kashi macitotamak | Lead us not into temptation, | |
| Ninanan e ashenamawakicik | but deliver us from evil. | |
| Aniki ka wanitotakoyak | For thine is the kingdom, | |
| Wiciinan eka tapimoteyak | the power, and the glory, | |
| Kotenimiko winik ninanan | for ever and ever. | |
| Maka mita kwenamawinan eka | | Amen. |
| Macatisiwini kekwana | | |
| Kina ka tipenitan kakike | | |
| Sokatisiwin keshtenitakwak | | |

Reading 1

Genesis 3: *Creation's Fall*

⁸ They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate."

¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

²² Then the LORD God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach

out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever” —

²³ therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

²⁴ He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Carol: CP 122 In the Bleak Midwinter *all 4 verses*

Reading 2

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 *Restoration and Peace will Come*

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Carol: CP 140

It came upon the midnight clear *all verses*

Reading 3

Luke 1:26-38 *The Promise to Mary*

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,

²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also

conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.

³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.”

³⁸ Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Carol: The Angel Gabriel

all 4 verses

Reading 4

Matthew 1:18-23 *The Promise to Joseph*

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

Carol: Cry of a Tiny Babe

Richard Pepper

Reading 5

Luke 2:1-7 *The Birth of the Messiah*

² In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.

This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

³ All went to their own towns to be registered.

⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Carol: CP 120

O Little Town of Bethlehem

all 4 verses

Reading 6

Luke 2:8-16 *The Shepherds and the Angels Come*

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:
¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Carol: CP 138

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

all 3 verses

Reading 7

John 1:1-14 *The Great Mystery of the Incarnation*

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God.

³ All things came into being through him, and without him

not one thing came into being. What has come into being
4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not
overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all
might believe through him.

8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the
light.

9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming
into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being
through him; yet the world did not know him.

11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did
not accept him.

12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God,

13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or
of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we
have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full
of grace and truth.

Carol: CP 118

O come, all ye faithful

Verses 1 & 2

Prayers after the Readings and Carols

Let us bless the Living God, praying together:

He was born of Mary, revealed in glory,

worshipped by angels, proclaimed among all people, followed to the ends of the earth, exalted to the highest heavens. Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and forever. Amen.

A Blessing

May he who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,
bestow upon us the fullness of inward peace and goodwill;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon us and remain with us always. Amen.

Announcements

CLOSING MUSIC: CP 118

O come, all ye faithful *Verses 3, 4 & 5*

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit

**Thanks be to God
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left when leaving the church.

At the conclusion of the service, please remain seated

until an usher dismisses you. If you are helping with post-service cleaning or counting, please remain seated until ushers indicate it is safe to move about.

Readings for The Baptism of The Lord

Isaiah 43: 1 - 7.....

Psalm 29

Acts 8: 14 - 17

Luke 3: 15 – 17, 21 - 22

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

2nd Sunday of Christmas

Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Most Rev. Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous People

ELCIC Bishop Michael Pryse, the people and rostered ministers of the Eastern Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, The Rev. Dr.

Elizabeth Green, The Rev. Rhonda Hirst (Hon.)

The Rev. Canon Dr. John Gibaut (Hon.)

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Mary Ellen Gouliquer, Ted and Donna Hamill, Glen and Sally Hamilton, Wayne Hargrave, Diane Hartley, Mary Louise Hill, Irene Humby, Isaiah and Rosalie Jacob, and

Raymond Greg, Rose Jardine, Derek and Denise Jetten, Hazel Johnson, Daniel and Amelia Joseph, Amanda Kase, John Kirchen, Alex and Sylvia Kostecky, Bob and Carol Lee Kostyniuk, Richard and Adrienne Lambert, and Kaylee, Colin Laraway,

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

Be wise, Seek Jesus with great joy.

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.

**“Pay it forward” and make a donation to
PWRDF’S Vaccine Equity 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 For further information go to www.pwrdf.org

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Primates World Relief Development Fund

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2022 Envelopes

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In Christ's service,

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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2022

“So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new.”

(2. Cor. 5.17) “