

*Gathering Table*  
*a Faith Community*  
*in the Anglican Church of Canada*



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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**The Baptism of The Lord**

**Officiating & Preaching: Rev. Gordon Holroyd**

January 9<sup>th</sup> , 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; 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.**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

A voice came from heaven, saying,  
"This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."

*Matthew 3.17*

## **Music Before the Liturgy:**

As with Gladness Men of Old

### **Gathering of the Community**

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*Please stand, as you are able, for the Gathering of the Community*

*Presider:*

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,  
All desires known,  
And from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let us continue in prayer together, saying:

**Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our time within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of the sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we**

**grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen**

**Glory to God**

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*Presider:* Glory to God in the highest,

**All: and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

**Collect for The Baptism of The Lord  
Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with  
the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water**

**and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

**The Proclamation of the Word**  
*(Please be seated for the readings.)*

**First Reading is found in The Book of  
Isaiah 43: 1 – 7**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

**This is the Word of The Lord  
Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 29**

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice, the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**The Second Reading is found in the Book of Acts 8: 14 – 17**

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of The Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**A Gradual:**

Epiphany on the Jordan: *Steve Bell*

*Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3: 15 – 17, 21 - 22**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**A Sermon: The Rev. Gordon**

**A time of silence for reflection:**

**The Apostles Creed**

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Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say:

**I believe in God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth,**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilot,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Holy Catholic Church,  
The communion of Saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting.**

**AMEN**

**Prayers of The People**

**Confession and Absolution**

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Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; He  
welcomes sinners and invites them to His table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver  
you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.       **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*(During this time, please refrain from moving about and  
observe physical distancing)*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**

## **The Prayer over the Gifts**

**Living God, receive all we offer you this day.  
Grant that hearing your word and responding to  
your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. We  
ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

**Amen**

### **Eucharistic Prayer #1**

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*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
gracious God,  
for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:

male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,  
you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,

and through your servants Abraham and Sarah

gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people

from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets  
you renewed your promise of salvation.  
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints  
who have served you in every age,  
we give thanks and raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider:* Holy God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.  
He healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,

and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, “ Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, “ Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys the power of sin and death;  
by raising him to life  
you give us life for evermore.  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All:        Christ has died.  
              Christ is risen.  
              Christ will come again.**

*Presider:* Recalling his death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be one body and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

**All: 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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread #6**

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Presider: We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**All**                    **God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

Presider:            The gifts of God for the People of God  
**All:**                    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Receiving Holy Communion**

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here.

Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

*During this time we ask that you remain seated or standing where you are. The bread only will be distributed to you by the Presider or by a designated Eucharistic Assistant.*

**Music During Communion:**  
Be Not Afraid

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this Eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

## **Doxology:**

*Presider:* Glory to God, Who's power, working within us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church And in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen

## **The Blessing**

**Closing Music:** The Unbelievable

## **Dismissal:**

Let us depart in peace rejoicing in the power of the new born Christ.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 62: 1 - 5 .....

Psalm 36: 5 - 10

1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11

John 2: 1 - 11

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:**

The Diocese of Adelaide – The Anglican Church of Australia (South Australia Province)

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

**Please Pray for:**

**ACC:** Dr. Andrea Mann, Director, and the staff of Global Relations; Ryan Weston, Lead Animator, Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice

**ELCIC** The Assistants to the Bishop and the staff of the Eastern Synod

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:**

**Gathering Table, Thunder Bay, and The Rev. Gail Clifton (Hon.),** and all our Lay Readers : Jim Sutton, Rose Jardine, Kimberly Bienvenue, Brenda O’Neill, Richard Pepper.

**Pray also for: Our Wardens,** Jim Sutton, Marg Boone, Dr. Michelle Proudfoot, Sheila Chisholm

**Pray for the newly baptized and those preparing for baptism.**

**Pray for;** Ann Camber as she prepares for ordination as a deacon (God willing) on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Parish Cycle of Prayer**

**Please pray for our own church members:**

Doris Loon, Neil and Audrey Love, Paul Love. Kim MacDougall, Monica MacKay, Jessica and Murray MacRae, Gabriel, Ellie, Gavin and Isobel, David Marler



Jean McAlpine-Marler, Brock and Gail Marshall, Doris Marshall, Ian and Virginia McEwen, Rory and Toby, Gloria McKay, Donald and Elaine McKinnon, Joanne McMahan, Geoff and Katariina Medwid, Robert, Peter and Lillianna,

**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](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)

Be transformed by his Holy Spirit.

**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](mailto: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

**“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.

**“UPDATE NEWS”**

***Vaccine Equity gains support***

PWRDF is grateful to everyone who has donated to the Vaccine Equity Fund, totalling \$110,500 to date. 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 rollouts,

including work already underway to supply PPE, sanitation and handwashing facilities, thermometers and accurate public health information. Watch our 100-second video with the Primate and many Anglican Bishops and make your donation today.

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](http://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, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2 For further information go to [www.pwrdf.org](http://www.pwrdf.org)

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### **Primates World Relief Development Fund**



### **2022 Envelopes**

are now available at the back of the church.

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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) “