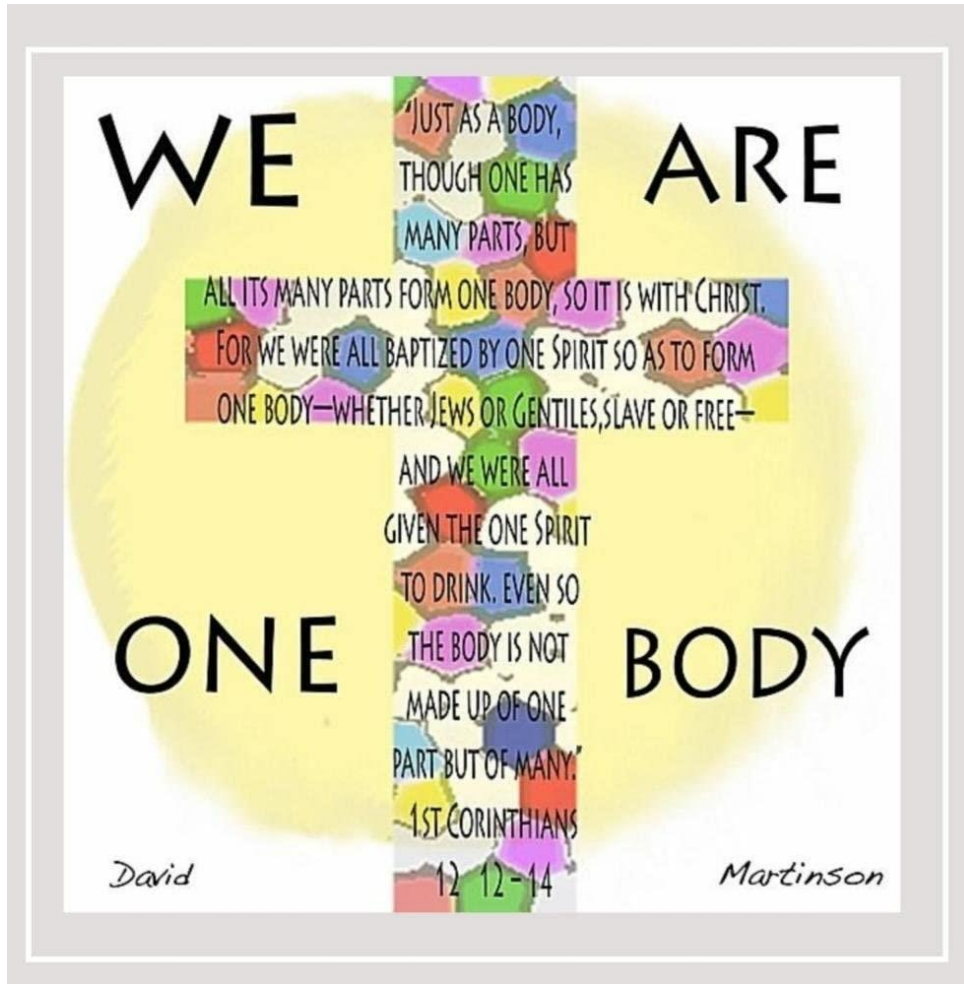


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GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Officiating & Preaching: Rev. Gail Clifton  
Lay Reader: Jim Sutton**

January 23<sup>rd</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**

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor  
and release to the captives. *Luke 4.18*

**Music Before the Liturgy: CP 414**  
God of the Sparrow

**Gathering of the Community - BAS Page 185**

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.**

**GLORY TO GOD (Said)**

*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 Third Sunday after Epiphany  
Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and  
accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your  
Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. Amen**

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

**First Reading is found in The Book of  
Nehemiah 8: 1 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 - 10**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra

blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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

## **PSALM 19**

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## **The Second Reading is found the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

### **1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 31b**

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater

respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

**A Gradual: CP482**

Come and Journey with a Saviour

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

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke 4: 14 - 21**

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

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



**A Sermon: Rev. Gail Clifton**

**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 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 Pilate,  
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**

## **The Confession and Absolution – Page 191**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites us 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. Amen.**

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.**

### **Offertory: CP 62**

Come, Let Us Eat

## **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.*

### **Prayer Over The Gifts.**

**Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

### **The Holy Eucharist**

**Eucharistic Prayer #2**

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.  
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.  
By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we 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.**

Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory

through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever.

*All: Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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And now, as our Saviour Christ 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.**

### **Fraction Sentence # 2**

**BAS Page 213**

*Presider:* We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

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

## **Communion**

### **Music During Communion**

CP 416 All Things Bright and Beautiful

### **AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God you take away  
the sins of the world  
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away  
the sins of the world  
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away  
the sins of the world  
grant - us peace

### **The Prayer After Communion**

**Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things;  
our lives have been nourished by the body of your  
Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be  
strengthened for service in your world. We ask  
this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

**Glory to God, whose power, working in 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, for ever and ever.**

**Amen**

**The Blessing:**

**Closing Music: CP 355 (Verses 1-4)**  
**All Creatures of Our God and King**

**Announcements:**

**Dismissal**

Alleluia! Let us go forth to be Christ's Body here on earth.  
**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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

Jeremiah 1: 4 – 10 .

Psalm 71: 1 - 6

1 Corinthians 13: 1 – 13

Luke 4: 21 - 30



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

*3rd Sunday of Epiphany*

**Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui**

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

**Please Pray for:**

**ACC:** The Most Rev. David Edwards, Metropolitan,  
and the people and clergy of the  
Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

**ELCIC** The dean, council, and congregations of the  
Atlantic and Montreal Areas of the Eastern  
Synod

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

(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends)

**St. Peter's, Callander, St. Mary's, Powassan**

**St. John the Divine, North Bay,** The Rev. Kevin  
McAllister, The Rev. Grant Churcher (Hon.)

**Parish Cycle of Prayer**

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

David and Erminie Reid, Matthew and Desiree Reilly,  
Madison and Owen, Jonas Riauka, William and Lillian  
Richmond, Linda Rintamaki and Wayne Edmunds, Mary  
Ripley, and Grace Dawson, Muriel Rowan, Alan and  
Cynthia Roy, Graham and Michael, Kenneth and Irene  
Roy, Marlene Salmonson, David Semples, Ophelia  
Shawinimash, Lucy Shewaybick, Shirley Siipola, Mark  
Smith, Jay Smith, Laura-Lee Smith, Dale and Sharon  
Sparkes,

**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)

The spirit of the Lord is upon us.

### **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**

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**2022 Envelopes**  
are now available at the back of the church.  
**Or Ask About Electronic Offering Program**

**World Day of Prayer March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - Pray Now**  
The World Day of Prayer (WDP) 2022 program was written by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the theme, "*I Know the Plans I have for You*" based on Jeremiah 29:1-14. The traditional WDP time is the first Friday in March. Its international committee is calling women and men to join in prayer for *Pray NOW*. *Pray NOW 2022* is a 4-part series of informed prayer together. Each will be a video or podcast link for you to join anytime. The 30-minute video will consist of a panel conversation with information related to WDP followed by prayer. You will learn more about WDP and will also experience different styles of prayer. <https://wicc.org/get-involved/events/>



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| People’s Warden:        | Jim Sutton                                |
| Deputy People’s Warden: | Sheila Chisholm                           |
| Co-Music Directors -    | Pianist Donna Hamill<br>Organist (Vacant) |

**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) “