



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

**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Presider: Kimberly Bienvenue  
Preaching: Richard Pepper**

January 30<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**

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

**Music Before the Liturgy: And Can It Be?**

## **Gathering of the Community**

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

*Presider:* Lord, open our lips,

**All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Presider:* O God, make speed to save us.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lord is glorious in his saints:  
**O come, let us worship.**

## **Canticle 19b**

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Bless'd be the God of Israel,  
the ever-living Lord,  
who comes in pow'r to save his own,  
his people Israel.  
For Israel he raises up  
salvation's tow'r on high  
in David's house who reigned as king  
and servant of the Lord.

Through holy prophets did he speak  
his word in days of old,  
that he would save us from our foes  
and all who bear us ill.

To our ancestors did he give  
his covenant of love;  
so with us all he keeps his word  
in love that knows no end.

Of old he gave his solemn oath  
to Father Abraham;  
his seed a mighty race should be  
and bless'd for evermore.  
He vowed to set his people free  
from fear of ev'ry foe  
that we might serve him all our days  
in goodness, love, and peace.

O tiny child, your name shall be  
the prophet of the Lord;  
the way of God you shall prepare  
to make his coming known.  
You shall proclaim to Israel  
salvation's dawning day  
when God shall wipe away all sins  
in his redeeming love.

The rising sun shall shine on us  
to bring the light of day  
to all who sit in darkest night  
and shadow of the grave.  
Our footsteps God shall safely guide  
to walk the ways of peace.  
His name for evermore be bless'd  
who lives and loves and saves.

The Lord is glorious in his saints:  
**O come, let us worship.**

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

**First Reading is found in The Book of  
Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10**

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

**PSALM 71: 1 - 6:**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

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

### **1 Corinthians 13: 1 – 13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;

but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**A Gradual:**        What a Friend to Sinners

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

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke 4: 21 - 30**

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

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

**A Sermon / Message:    Richard Pepper**

**A time of silence for reflection:**

**Affirmation of Faith:**

Let us confess the faith in these words:

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

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

**Music:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

**Collect for The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
Living God, in Christ you make all things new.  
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches  
of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make  
known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.                      Amen**

### **Prayers of the People**

(Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”)

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.



**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Anne our archbishop, and for all bishops, other ministers, for our Concurrence Committee and for the person you would have as Incumbent here at Gathering Table: that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority, especially those involved in resolving the tensions in Ukraine: that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this City of Thunder Bay, all communities in treaties 3, 5, 9 and Robinson-Superior, and those who live in them; the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women, LGBTQ2S persons, the homeless and persons living on the edges of society: that you will show your goodwill to all.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those preparing for baptism, (for those recently baptized): that they may be strengthened in the faith.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
**in your compassion, forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gracious God,  
you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;  
you know our needs before we ask,  
and our ignorance in asking.  
Grant our requests as may be best for us.  
This we ask in the name of your Son  
Jesus 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**

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.**

### **A Blessing**

May God bless us with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that we may seek truth boldly and love deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless us with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we really CAN make a difference in this world, so that we are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God the Supreme Majesty and our Creator, Jesus Christ the Incarnate Word who is our brother and Saviour, and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide, be with us and remain with us, this day and forevermore.     **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**Closing Music:**       God Be With You

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 6: 1 - 13.....

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 11

Luke 5: 1 - 11

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

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany*

**The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean**

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

**Please Pray for:**

**ACC:** The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical  
Province of Canada

**ELCIC** The dean, council, and congregations of the  
Ottawa, Ottawa Valley and Seaway Areas of  
the Eastern Synod

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

**Parish of West Thunder Bay, St. James', Murillo, St. Mark's, Rosslyn, The Rev. Jonathan Blanchard, , The Rev. Canon Paul Carr (Hon.), The Rev. Nancy Ringham (Hon.)**

**Parish Cycle of Prayer**

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

Tom and Colleen Speer, Eric and Ann Strand, Evelyn Strawson, Peter Strawson, Charles Suganaqueb, Jim and Frances Sutton, Ellen Teahan, Violet Thomson, Bob and Marjorie Tutkaluk, Duncan Twance, Elroy Ulmer, Terry Wade, Dan and Val Walter, Barbara Warwick, Elizabeth Whalley, and Jim, Carl and Roberta Wolfe, Michael Wolfe

and Heidi Dreher-Wolfe, Makayla and Riley, Anne Zale

**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.

### **Prayer during Vacancy**

Heavenly Father,

During this vacancy, guard and grow our Parish as we serve you together in this period without an incumbent. Lord Jesus, we know that you have plans for us and that these plans are always good. We ask now that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers and visitors.

Holy Spirit, please guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right place for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future of Gathering Table and see your kingdom grow. Amen.

A grace note from [www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)

Listen! Scripture will be fulfilled in your hearing.

### **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

### **CAMP GITCHIGOMEE 2022**

#### **MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE for \$5.00**

Support the work of Camp Gitchigomee by purchasing a \$5.00 Yearly Membership. See David Reid or call Roberta Wolfe at the church office or contact the camp at [campgitchigomee@gmail.com](mailto:campgitchigomee@gmail.com) Thank You

### **“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.

## **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/>

### **Annual Vestry Meeting Via Zoom Sunday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 1:30 p.m.**

**Lenten Book Study with Rev. Gail Clifton**  
called *Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday*. It will start Tuesday Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> and then Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> all 2-4. If necessary we will include Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Rev. Gail @ 768-9865



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Rector’s Warden:	Marg Boone
Deputy Rector’s Warden:	Dr. Michelle Proudfoot
People’s Warden:	Jim Sutton
Deputy People’s Warden:	Sheila Chisholm
Co-Music Directors -	Pianist Donna Hamill 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) “*