

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



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: Kim Bienvenue**

February 13th , 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

Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold,
your reward is great in heaven. *Luke 6.23*

**Music Before the Liturgy: CP 506
Lord of All Hopefulness**

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 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; 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
Jeremiah 17: 5 - 10**

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

PSALM 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

**The Second Reading is found the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians
1 Corinthians 15: 12 – 20**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.

We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

A Gradual: CP 439

Blest are the Pure in Heart

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

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke 6: 17 - 26**

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 501

Through All the Changing Scenes

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.

Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. 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

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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 527 How Firm a Foundation

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

God of tender care, in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

The Doxology –

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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 565

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Genesis 45: 3 – 11, 15 Psalm 37: 1 – 12, 41 - 42
1 Corinthians 15: 35 – 38, 42 - 50 Luke 6: 27 – 38

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

3rd Sunday before Lent
The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Sam Rose, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Central Toronto Area and Greater Toronto Areas East and West of the Eastern Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

Christ Church, Lively, St. John's, Copper Cliff
The Ven. Glen Miller,

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Peter Braunberger, and Carolin Braunberger-Houlding, David, Abby and Liz, Mary Browne and Baby Jaclynn Marttunen, Connie Bryson, Murray Butler, Laura Byce, Anna and Grace Dosen, David L Bythell, Alan and Marilyn Chisholm, Doug and Sheila Chisholm, Rev. Gail Clifton

and Gail Pell, Bruno Coda, Darleah Kostyniuk-Coda, and Cosmo Coda, Lois Colpitts, Maureen and Teresa Colpitts/Andreychuk, Brenda Coopman

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 of Our Parish

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

Dare to be a disciple!

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



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Gathering Table Annual Vestry Meeting
Sunday, February 20th, 2022 @ 1:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

Please remember to call into the office (345-6898) to let us know, if you need a paper copy of the Annual Vestry, and how many people in your household will be voting on zoom.

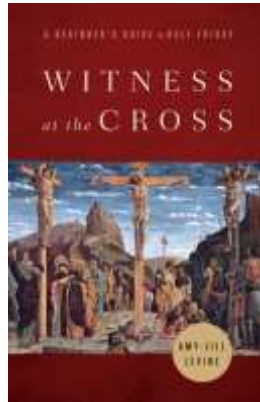
World Day of Prayer March 4th, 2022 - Pray Now

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/>



Lenten Book Study with Rev. Gail Clifton

Called Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday. It will start Tuesday Mar. 8th and continue Mar. 15th, 22nd and 29th all 2-4. If necessary we will include Apr. 5th. For more information contact Rev. Gail @ 768-9865



Old Palm Crosses. You may return any old palm crosses that you no longer want to the church before the end of February. We use them to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday which is on March 2nd 2022. They can be put in the basket at the back of the church.

Thank you from the Altar Guild.

The ashes for Ash Wednesday come from [burning the palms](#) from the preceding year's Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter, parishioners are given palm fronds to represent the fronds that worshippers waved as Christ returned to Jerusalem for the final time before his death. The churches then usually keep the palm fronds throughout the following year, burning them the day before Ash Wednesday.

So while the ashes certainly do represent death, their use provides last year's old palms with something of a second life



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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 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) “