

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

**Last Sunday after the Epiphany
The Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Presider: Kim Bienvenue
Preaching: Richard Pepper**

February 27th , 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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him. *Matthew 17.5*

Music Before the Liturgy:

"Wonderful Words of Life"

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 13 A Song of Praise

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Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *

you are worthy of praise, glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendour of your temple; *

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever

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
Exodus 34: 29 - 35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the

Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

PSALM 99

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

**The Second Reading is found in the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians
2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4:2**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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Thanks be to God.

A Gradual: "Lord Speak to Me"

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

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke 9: 28 - 36 (37 – 43A)**

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.
This 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: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul (10,000 Reasons)"

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Collect for The Transfiguration of the Lord

Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayers of the People

A Prayer for our Parish

Gracious God, during this vacancy, guard and grow our Parish of Gathering Table 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 and see your kingdom grow. Amen.

Litany 2

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Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, “Lord hear our prayer.”

Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy and skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying,
and your comfort to those who mourn.
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

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face to shine upon us
and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

Announcements

Closing Music: "The Lord Bless You and Keep 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 First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11

Psalm 91: 1 - 2, 9 - 16

Romans 10: 8B - 13

Luke 4: 1 - 13

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

Sunday next before Lent

The Anglican Church of Kenya

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. John Organ, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Georgian, Huronia and Bay Areas of the Eastern Synod

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:
St. George's, Espanola, St. Thomas', French River**
The Rev. Beverly Van der Jagt, Deacon Incumbent

**Wednesday, March 2nd – Ash Wednesday
Observance of a Holy Lent**

Through self-examination, penance, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God. BAS 282

Friday, March 4th – World Day of Prayer

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, socially and mentally, especially during the uncertainty of Covid-19 times, as well as with understanding their own identities.

Prayer during Vacancy in 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.

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A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Be still and listen to Jesus.

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



2022 Envelopes

are now available at the back of the church.

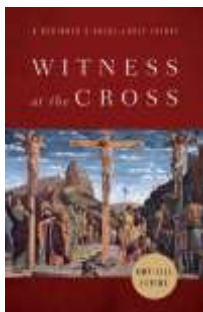
Or Ask About Electronic Offering Program

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

CAMP GITCHIGOMEЕ 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 Thank You

2022 Parking Passes Available at Gathering Table

Parking Passes for those wishing to park during the week to work in the area are available in the church office for \$30.00 each month.

Parking Passes for Parishioner's are now available in the Church Office for \$10.00. Office hours Tues. Wed. Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Thank You to all those who are keeping Gathering Table shoveled out after each snow fall.



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Lay Reader in Training: Richard Pepper

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| Rector’s Warden: | David Reid |
| Deputy Rector’s Warden: | Vacant |
| 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) “