

Gathering Table

a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada



‘Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !’

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Lay Reader: Rose Jardine

Ash Wednesday



March 2nd, 2022

7 p.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.

Waiting in Silence

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 95.7-8

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The Gathering of the Community

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

(Please be seated for the readings.)

First Reading found in the Book of Joel

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near – a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in

steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM 103:8-18

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

For he himself knows whereof we are made; he remembers that we are but dust.

Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field;

When the wind goes over it, it is gone, and its place shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, and his righteousness on children's children;

On those who keep his covenant and remember his commandments and do them.

Second Reading is found in the Second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

2 Corinthians 5:20B-6:10

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended

ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ
according to
Matthew 6: 1 – 6, 16 – 21**

Jesus said, “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may

be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Invitation to Holy Lent

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Dear friends in Christ,
every year at the time of the Christian Passover
we celebrate our redemption
through the death and resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration

and to renew our life in the paschal mystery.
We begin this holy season
by remembering our need for repentance,
and for the mercy and forgiveness
proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes,
an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of
human life, and marking the penitence of the community
as a whole. I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord,
to observe a holy Lent by self-examination, penitence,
prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and by reading and
meditating on the word of God.

Psalm 51:1-18

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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving
kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offences.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before
me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in
your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in
your judgement.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

with your bountiful Spirit.

I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to you, to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
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, and mind,
and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been
forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have
grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the
pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our
exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

All: We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

If ashes are to be imposed, the celebrant may say the following prayer.

Presider: Almighty God,

From the dust to the earth you have created us.
May these ashes be for us a sign
Of our mortality and penitence,
And a reminder that only by your gracious gift
Are we given eternal life;
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen

Presider: Accomplish in us, O God,
the work of your salvation,

**All: That we may show forth your glory
in the world.**

Presider: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

**All: Bring us with all your saints
to the joy of his resurrection.**

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.

Ashes to Ashes

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Let us go forth into the world to keep a holy Lent.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Psalms 91: 1 - 2, 9 - 16

Romans 10: 8B - 13

Luke 4: 1 - 13

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

Ash Wednesday

**The Diocese of Khartoum – Province of the
Episcopal Church of Sudan**

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:

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 Kostecki, 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 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.

Lenten Bible Study – With Rev. Gail Clifton

Begins Tuesday Mar. 8th, 2022

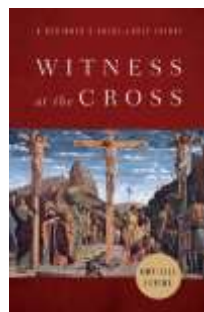
Called: Witness at the Cross:

A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday

In the Parish Hall from 2 – 4 p.m.

Mar. 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th , and Apr. 5th , 2022

For more information contact Rev. Gail @ 768-9865



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022
England, Wales and Northern Ireland



“I Know the Plans I have for You”

Artwork by Angie Fox (artist) –

Explanation: Freedom: open door to a pathway across an endless open vista **Justice:** broken chains God’s

Peace and Forgiveness: the dove of peace and a peace lily breaking through the pavement

Love: rainbow, a symbol of the overarching love of God.

World Day of Prayer 2022

Friday, March 4 Thunder Bay North Ward Churches

World Day of Prayer Virtual Service **No in-person service will be offered**

The World Day of Prayer 2022 Canada

Virtual Service Video,

Length-55 minutes **Available now**

Link for video -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JDtjQU--vdE&feature=emb_imp_woyt

The half hour **Kids Pray Too!** video is now available on wicc.org! Video features prayer, musical performances, stories, and interactive dialogue with children, youth, and board members from across Canada. Direct link: <https://wicc.org/kids-pray-too-world-day-of-prayer-2022/>.

Community Television Broadcasts are available

Eastlink Community TV All of Ontario Friday, March 4 - 8:30am and 4:00pm

YESTV Ontario (CITS) All of Ontario Saturday, March 5 at 8:00am – 9:00am

Shaw Spotlight Thunder Bay, Atikokan, Terrace Bay, Nipigon Sat., March 5 - 9:00am and 5:30pm

Direct Link: <https://wicc.org/community-tv-broadcast-of-the-world-day-of-prayer-2022/>

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Deputy People's Warden:	Sheila Chisholm
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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) “