

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada



First Sunday of Lent

.Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !
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Presider & Preacher: The Rev'd Nancy Ringham
Lay Reader: Jim Sutton

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March 6th, 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, and 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.

We shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Matthew 4.4

Music before:

I want Jesus to Walk with Me –
Ted & Donna Hamill

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Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

And the love of God.
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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**

Presider: Let us continue in prayer together, saying:
All: **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**

Collect of the Day

**Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the
wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not
sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in
submission to your Spirit, that as you know our**

**weakness, so we may know your power to save;
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
Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us."

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a

terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm - Sung CP 531

**You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord
(Eagle's Wings)**

**Second Reading is found in Letter of Paul to The
Romans 10: 8b – 13**

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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Thanks be to God

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke 4: 1 - 13**

ALL: GLORY TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

This is The Gospel of Christ

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sermon: The Rev'd Nancy

A Time of Silent Reflection

Music: CP 175 **Forty Days and Forty Nights** –
Ted & Donna Hamill
(instrumental with words)

Hear, O Israel

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**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.

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.”)

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 or 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.

Confession and Absolution

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Presider: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Presider: Most merciful God,

All 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.

Presider: 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.

All: 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 564

Lead Us, Heavenly Father Lead Us

Prayer over the Gifts

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. Amen

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #5

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you.

By your power you sustain the universe.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

**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.**

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross
he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.
All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, “Take this, all of you, and eat it:

this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, “Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.”

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider: Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,

now and for ever.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour 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.

The Breaking of the Bread #7 for Lent

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Presider: We break this bread,
All **Communion in Christ's body once**

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

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

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

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 your peace.

Music During Communion:

Prayer After Communion

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. Amen

Doxology

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All your works praise you, O Lord.

And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, who the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements:

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.
Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !**

Closing Music: **I will Say (You Give Rest)**

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 Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15: 1 – 12, 17 – 18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3: 17 – 4:1

Luke 4: 1 - 13

Anglican Cycle of Prayer - please pray for:

1st Sunday of Lent

The Anglican Church of Korea

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer –
please pray for:**

ACC

The Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

ELCIC

The dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Eastern Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: please pray for:
Parish of St. Joseph and St. George, Holy Trinity,
Jocelyn, St. George's, Echo Bay, The Chapel of the
Intercession, Llewellyn Beach, The Rev. Susan Montague
Koyle, The Rev. Canon Rosalie Goos (Hon.)

Parish Cycle of Prayer - please pray for our own church members: Doris Loon, Neil and Audrey Love, Paul Love. Kim MacDougall, Monica MacKay, Jessica and Murray MacRae, Gabriel, Ellie, Gavin and Isobel, David Marler Jean McAlpine-Marler, Brock and Gail Marshall, Doris Marshall, Ian and Virginia McEwen, and Rory and Toby, Gloria McKay, Donald and Elaine McKinnon, Joanne McMahan, Geoff and Katariina Medwid, Robert, Peter and Lillianna,

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.

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A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

While we give up; look for what we can give.

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

**Lenten Bible Study – With Rev. Gail Clifton
Begins Tuesday Mar. 8th, 2022**

Called: Witness at the Cross:

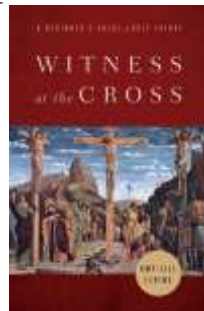
A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday

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

(all COVID-19 protocols will be adhered to)



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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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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) “