



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

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

**Presider: Jim Sutton  
Preaching: Richard Pepper**

March 20<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.**

**Opening Music:**

Ukrainian violinist [Illia Bondarenko](#) playing an old Ukrainian folk song called Verbovaya Doschechka (arranged by Illia Bondarenko).

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Repent, says the Lord,  
for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matthew 4.17

**Music Before the Liturgy:**

**O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines**

**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 17 The Beatitudes**

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Blessed are the poor in spirit, \*  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, \*  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle, \*  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right, \*  
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, \*  
for mercy shall be shown to them.

Blessed are the pure in heart, \*  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, \*  
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of right,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you \*  
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake.

Rejoice and be glad, \*  
for your reward is great in heaven.

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  
Isaiah 55: 1 – 9**

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

**PSALM 63: 1 – 8**

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

**The Second Reading is found in the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

**1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank

from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

**A Gradual:        O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**

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

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke [13: 1 - 9 ]**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam - fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

**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: Lord Hear our Prayer - Steve Bell**

**Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

**Collect for Third Sunday of Lent**

**Father of mercy, alone we have no power in  
ourselves to help ourselves. When we are  
discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to  
follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. Amen**

**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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Litany 14 Lent**

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With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
“Lord, have mercy”

**Lord, have mercy**

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, and bringing to you these members of our parish:

David and Erminie, Matthew and Desiree, Madison and Owen, Jonas, William and Lillian, Linda and Wayne, Mary and Grace, Muriel, Alan and Cynthia, Graham and Michael, Kenneth and Irene, Marlene, David, Ophelia, Lucy, Shirley, Mark, Jay, Laura-Lee, and Dale and Sharon  
we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach and live out the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

For peace in the world, especially praying today for Ukraine, remembering as well Syria and Palestine; that truth and peace may prevail, and a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

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 your hand 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:**           Beatitudes

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth to be Christ's Body here on earth.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

Joshua 5: 9 - 12.....

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5: 16 – 21

Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11b - 32

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

3rd Sunday of Lent

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

**Please Pray for:**

**ACC:** The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson,  
Bishop, and the people and clergy of the  
Diocese of Montreal

**ELCIC** The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff  
of the Manitoba – Northwestern Ontario  
Synod

**ACC/ELCIC** The elimination of racial discrimination.

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

**St. Thomas', Bracebridge, St. Stephen's,  
Vankoughnet,** The Rev. Barbara Graham (Priest Assoc.  
Emeritus), The Rev. Barbara Nangle (Hon. Emeritus)  
**Lake of Bays Parish,** St. Ambrose's, Baysville  
St. James', Port Cunnington, The Rev. Canon John  
Thompson (Hon. Emeritus), The Rev. Margaret Morrison  
(Deacon Assoc.)

**Pray for Provincial Council as it meets for its  
spring meeting this week.**

**Parish Cycle of Prayer**

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

David and Erminie Reid, Matthew and Desiree Reilly,  
Madison and Owen, Jonas Riauka, William and Lillian  
Richmond, Linda Rintamaki and Wayne Edmunds, Mary  
Ripley, and Grace Dawson, Muriel Rowan, Alan and  
Cynthia Roy, Graham and Michael, Kenneth and Irene  
Roy, Marlene Salmonson, David Semples, Ophelia  
Shawinimash, Lucy Shewaybick, Shirley Siipola, Mark  
Smith, Jay Smith, Laura-Lee Smith, Dale and Sharon  
Sparkes,

**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.

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)

Follow Jesus, one step at a time.

### **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.

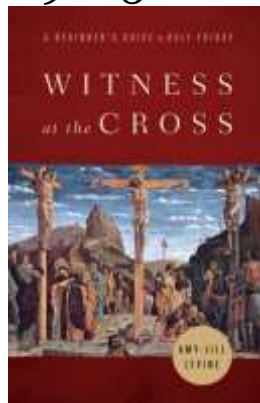


**Sunday Sermons:** Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link <http://gatheringtable.ca> **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream



**2022 Envelopes**  
are now available at the back of the church.  
**Or Ask About Electronic Offering Program**

**Lenten Book Study with Rev. Gail Clifton**  
Called Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday. It will continue Mar. 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



## **GITCHIGOMEE 2022**

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

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

### **Looking Ahead to Easter**

Making of the Palm Crosses – **April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
10 a.m. in Parish Hall – Everyone Welcome to help

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday,  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10 a.m.**

Deadline for Easter Flowers – **April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Maundy Thursday, **April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7 p.m.**

Good Friday – **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 3 p.m.**

The Sunday of the Resurrection Easter Sunday  
**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – at 10 a.m.**

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

*In the Anglican Church, if we do something twice....is it Tradition? Surely, then, thrice seals the deal!*

A third consecutive Lent and Easter season in the shadow of Co\*\*\*d. But this year we may gather to celebrate the unfathomable love of God toward all humanity, through Lent and Easter seasons.

Please consider donating toward the Easter flowers, in Celebration of His Love. **DEADLINE: Monday, April 11** – the day after Palm Sunday.

This year, we may deliver our Easter Flower contributions to Gathering Table IN PERSON! Details are given below.

**Pay by cheque or money order, made out to Gathering Table ALTAR GUILD re Easter Flowers.** Do include a written confirmation of your name, amount and any dedication you wish to have printed in the Easter Bulletin. OR, if not In Person, then: Contact Rose Jardine by email at [roseanew@tbaytel.net](mailto:roseanew@tbaytel.net), or by voice mail / text at 621-1205, to add your name to the list AND provide the wording of your 'dedication'. For assistance with any part of this 2022 process, please DO email, call or text Rose.

### **PWRDF – Ukraine Support**

PWRDF is supporting Ukrainians forced to flee their homes due to the Russian invasion. The initial grant of \$20,000 issued to an ACT Alliance appeal has been increased to \$50,000. The grants will fund the work of ACT member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA).

As the war began on February 24, tens of thousands of Ukrainians fled for safety elsewhere in Ukraine or to neighbouring countries. HIA has been working in Ukraine for more than 25 years in humanitarian and development projects. It had already shipped 28 tons of food to support those fleeing to Hungary, and their staff have been working with refugees at the Ukraine/Hungary border. Yelena was one of hundreds of Ukrainians in line at a border crossing into Hungary, waiting with her three children while her husband is on the frontlines. She told ACT, "We heard that the Polish border is completely jammed, so we decided to cross the mountains and try to

make it into Hungary. My sister is still on the way, I have no idea where she or my nieces are.”

On February 27, HIA set up a 24-hour refugee support point on the Hungarian side of the border at Beregsurány, where the line of refugees trying to cross into Hst 4 km away in Asztély, Ukraine, near the border crossing. More tents and mobile toilets will be added in the coming days. HIA is providing hot tea, sandwiches, refreshments, blankets and basic hygiene items for Ukrainians, including many elderly and children who are waiting long hours to cross the border into Hungary.

“In addition to the tangible help at the support point, HIA also helps those arriving with information in Hungarian and Ukrainian, including how those in need can get temporary accommodation in Hungary,” says ACT.

There is also support from local volunteers, such as a nearby Serbian bakery who is providing fresh bread, made with flour donated from Hungary.

“We’ve been standing here at this border checkpoint for more than five hours,” says Yelena. “It is cold and my children are freezing. It is amazing to see that people are here to help, and even just talking to you gives us hope for a better future.”

### **How you can help**

To make a donation to this response, go to **[pwrdf.org/give-today](http://pwrdf.org/give-today)** and click on **Response in Ukraine**. You may also donate by phone at 416-822-9083 or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and we will return your call, or mail your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2.

Please mark **Ukraine** in the memo field

## **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.

### **Palm Crosses**

Join with the members of the Altar Guild at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> to help make "Palm Crosses", in the Parish Hall. Please bring a pair of scissors if you can.





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Brenda O’Neill and Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,

**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<br>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) “*