

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

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Officiating & Preaching: Rev. Gail Clifton
Lay Reader: Rose Jardine**

March 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

I will arise and go to my Father, and I will say to him:
Father I have sinned against heaven and before you.

Luke 15.18

Music Before the Liturgy: CP 606
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Gathering of the Community - BAS Page 185

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with you all.

And also with you.

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ
came from heaven to be the true bread which gives
life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that
he may live in us, and we in him, 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
Joshua 5: 9 – 12**

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the

produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year..

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

PSALM 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Second Reading is found the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians
2 Corinthians 5: 16 – 21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For

no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me,

and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

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 615
Just As I Am

Prayer over the gifts **BAS - Pg 293**

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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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.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
because you bid your faithful people
to cleanse their hearts
and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast;
that reborn through the waters of baptism
and renewed in the eucharistic mystery,
we may be more fervent in prayer
and more generous in the works of love.
Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise
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.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;

in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
This is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
And when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you
and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to
you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
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 # 7

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Presider: We break this bread

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

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.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God
All: Thanks be to God

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

Communion

Music During Communion

CP 381 - Praise, My Soul

The Prayer After Communion

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord..
Amen

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 445
God the Creator**

Announcements:

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 5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43: 16 – 21...

Psalm 126

Philippians 3: 4B - 14

John 12: 1 - 8

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

4th Sunday of Lent

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Atlantic School of Theology, Montreal Diocesan Theological, College, and Queen's College

ELCIC The congregations of the Northwestern Ontario area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

St. Brice's, North Bay, The Rev. Dr. Peter Armstrong
The Ven. Marie Loewen (Hon.)

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Tom and Colleen Speer, Eric and Ann Strand, Evelyn Strawson, Peter Strawson, Charles Suganaqueb, Jim and Frances Sutton, Ellen Teahan, Violet Thomson, Bob and Marjorie Tutkaluk, Duncan Twance, Elroy Ulmer, Terry Wade, Dan and Val Walter, Barbara Warwick, Elizabeth Whalley, and Jim, Carl and Roberta Wolfe, Michael Wolfe and Heidi Dreher-Wolfe, Makayla and Riley, Anne Zale

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.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Stay the course, for he who was lost was found.

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



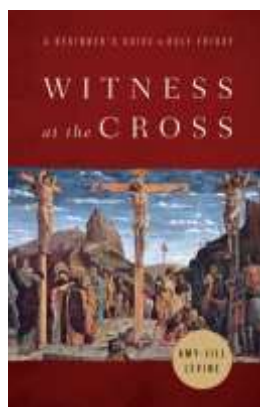
2022 Envelopes

are now available at the back of the church.

Or Ask About Electronic Offering Program

Lenten Book Study with Rev. Gail Clifton

Called Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday. Continue Mar. 29th from 2-4. If necessary we will include Apr. 5th. For more information contact Rev. Gail @ 768-9865



Looking Ahead to Easter

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

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday,
April 10th, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Deadline for Easter Flowers – **April 11th, 2022**
Maundy Thursday, **April 14th, 2022 at 7 p.m.**

Good Friday – **April 15th, 2022 at 11 a.m.**
And Stations of the Cross

The Sunday of the Resurrection Easter Sunday
April 17th, 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, 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** 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 9th to help make "Palm Crosses", in the Parish Hall. Please bring a pair of scissors if you can.



CAMP GITCHIGOMEE SUMMER CAMP DATES ANNOUNCED

Senior Camp – July 3 – 9, 2022

Ages 7 - 9

Junior Camp – July 10 – 16, 2022

Ages 13 - 15

Intermediate Camp – July 17 – 23, 2022

Ages 10 – 12

For information go to www.campgitchigomee.ca

The Camper Application Form
can be printed from website and mailed in with payment.
And E-transfer can be made campgitchigomee@gmail.com

Bursaries

are available due to the ongoing commitment of the Ladies
Auxilliary. Bursaries will be granted on a first-come basis,
please mail completed bursary application in with
camper application form.

Mail completed registrations with payment to:
Camp Gitchigomee Box 29018, Thunder Bay, On.P7B 6P9

Or E-transfer payments can be made to:

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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) “