



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

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

**Presider: Rose Jardine  
Preacher: Frances Bennett-Sutton**

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

10:00 a.m.

**Prelude Music:**

**An Easter Hallelujah**

**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**

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

*John 20.29*

**Music Before the Liturgy:**

**Was It a Morning Like This?**

*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 23 Song of The First Born** **BAS 93**  
*Colossians 1.15–20*

Christ is the image of the unseen God,  
the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were all things made,  
in heaven and on earth.

Through him and for him were all things made,  
before all he exists, holds all things in one.  
The Church is his body, and he is its head.

He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; \*  
in all things he alone is supreme.  
God made all his fullness to dwell in him,  
to reconcile through him all creation to himself,  
everything on earth and everything in heaven,  
all gathered into peace by his death on the cross.

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  
Acts 5: 27 - 32**

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

This is the Word of The Lord

## **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 118: 1 – 2, 14 – 24**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

"You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you." Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

## **The Second Reading is found in the Revelation to John**

### **Revelation 1: 4 – 8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

**A Gradual:**

**Spirit of the Living God**

***Audrey Assad***

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

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**John 20: 19 – 31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We

have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**A Sermon / Message: Frances Bennett-Sutton**

**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:           O Living Breath of God  
                          (Ted & Donna's recording)**

### **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

#### **Collect for the Day**

**Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive 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 15: Easter**

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying  
‘Hear us, Lord of glory!’

Regardless of our faith, our trust and our doubts, you, O Lord, come to us, you reveal yourself to us, and seek relationship with us. Help us to accept the relationship you offer, help us to come to you, even with all this baggage.  
*That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.*

***Hear us Lord of Glory.***

Preserve your faithful, Lord, in the midst of heart break and despair, in the midst of danger in the midst of physical, emotional and spiritual struggles.

*That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.*

***Hear us Lord of Glory.***

Help us, Lord, to build relationships with others to whom we are sent. Help us, also, to receive those whom you have sent to us. Holy Spirit, guide us in all our relationships,

that they may truly reflect the love of Christ in us.  
*That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.*

***Hear us Lord of Glory.***

We may never know who is in need of physical comforts. Help us to always be as the one who also gave their cloak, help us to give sacrificially when the need is there.

*That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.*

***Hear us Lord of Glory.***

Lord, the whole earth groans in despair, as atrocities and greed overshadow the good we do in your name. Give us strength to keep giving and loving, to always be open to new relationships, to not give up.

*That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.*

***Hear us Lord of Glory.***

Many of your beloved struggle through hardship and suffering that we do not know, and may not understand.

For those with whom we are in relationship, we pray:

***(HERE, YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE THE NAMES OF THOSE***

***WHOM YOU KNOW ARE STRUGGLING.)***

That he may reveal the light of his presence to all the sick, the weak and the dying, and that they may be comforted and strengthened, *let us pray to the Lord.*

***Hear us Lord of Glory.***

If it is I who is sent with the message of love, to bring the hand of comfort, to ease the burdens of others, then, Lord, equip me.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, *let us pray to the Lord.*

**Hear us Lord of Glory.**

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**

## **Announcements**

### **Closing Music: CP 405**

#### **Alleluia No. 1**

**(Jesus is Lord Over All the Earth)**

## **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 Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9: 1 – 20 .....

Psalm 30

Revelation 5: 11 – 14

John 21: 1 - 19

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

*2nd Sunday of Easter*

**The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea**

## **Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

### **Please Pray for:**

**ACC:** The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron

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

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

**Parish of Muskoka Lakes,** St. Mark's, Milford Bay  
St. John's, Beaumaris, Christ Church, Gregory, St. James',  
Port Carling, St. George's, Port Sandfield, The Rev. Dr.  
Gail Marie Henderson (Interim)

## **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,

**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](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)

Is there a Doubting Thomas in you?

### **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 787-0253

**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

### **PWRDF UPDATE RE: UKRAINE**

As of April 4/22 there have been donations \$400,000 for relief work in Ukraine since the war started Feb.24/22. As well as funding work with Ukrainian refugees fleeing to Hungary and Moldova, new partnerships have been developed with partners on the ground for safe and efficient use of these funds. The newest partner is Initiate E+ which is focusing on medical needs around Kiev. It is reported that 75% of the wounded are civilians.

Please pray for an end to this terrible war and give as you are able.

**How To Give:** 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.

Linda Rintamaki (rep)



# **The Mission to Seafarers: Port of Thunder Bay**

## **Meat Sale Fund-Raiser 2022**

Meat supplied by European Meats, a Thunder Bay company. People appreciate the quality of the meat we sell through this fundraiser. European Meats suppliers are in Murillo and Western Canada. The meat is gluten free and it has no additives or preservatives and European Meats makes the sausage using a mixture of beef and pork. The hamburger patties are gluten-free.

- 5 lbs - Mild Legion Sausages (smokies) \$35.00
  - 5 lbs – Hot Legion Sausages (smokies) \$35.00
  - 5 lbs – Cheese Legion Sausages (smokies) \$42.00
  - 8 per pkg, 1 lb pkg \$8.50
  - 2 lbs Garlic Chub (Kielbasa) \$18.00
  - Lenkki Ring (Baloney) \$14.00
  - Ham and Garlic Ring (Kielbasa) \$14.00
  - 4 kg Chicken Breast (unseasoned) \$63.00
  - 4 oz Beef Patty – 42 pieces - \$70.00
- Strip Loin Orders must be prepaid by April 4.

A cheque is made payable to 'The Mission to Seafarers'. Or send an e-transfer request through your financial institution to [mtstreasurer@tbaytel.net](mailto:mtstreasurer@tbaytel.net) - write Meat Sale in the message. Orders must be placed by **Mon. May 2** and they will be delivered on Wed. May 11. Contact your congregation rep **Marg Boone** 345-2184



## **2022 Envelopes**

are now available at the back of the church.

**Or Ask About Electronic Offering Program**

## **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.



## YOUR INVITE TO SPRING UP TO CLEAN UP

Hey There Gathering Table!

How would you like to help make the neighbourhood a bit cleaner?

Like last year, we are registered with the Spring Up to Clean Up program with Eco Superior which is supported by the City of Thunder Bay. They supply the bags and gloves, we supply the helpers to pick up trash. We'll meet at



Field Street (south off 11<sup>th</sup> Ave near Wal-Mart) on Saturday May 28, from 10 AM to noon. While we will be outside, please use your best personal discretion about wearing a mask and keeping 6 feet apart in these continuing COVID-times. If you wish, bring your own sturdy gloves and “picker-upper” too. Please let Jim know you would like to join this community effort. Call 622-6263 or email [fsutton@tbaytel.net](mailto:fsutton@tbaytel.net).

Thanks!





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Brenda O’Neill, Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,

**Lay Reader in Training:** Richard Pepper

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) “