

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

The Third Sunday of Easter

**Officiating & Preaching: Rev. Gail Clifton
Lay Reader: Brenda O'Neill**

May 1st, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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 To Gathering Table
and Opening Remarks**

Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold,
your reward is great in heaven. *Luke 6.23*

**Music Before the Liturgy: CP 408
Wind Upon the Waters**

Gathering of the Community - BAS Page 185

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

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 Third Sunday of Easter

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive 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
Acts 9: 1 – 20**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

[The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

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

PSALM 30

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O Lord my god, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. You, Lord, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

The Second Reading is found in the Revelation to John

Revelation 5: 11 – 14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

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

A Gradual: CP 430 **Will You Come and Follow Me**

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

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And Also with you.**

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

John 21: 1 – 19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to

them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A Sermon: Rev. Gail Clifton

A time of silence for reflection:

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 – BAS 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 56

I Am the Bread

The Holy Eucharist

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 come forward to the altar to receive the bread, then return to your seat via the side aisle. Please ensure you **maintain 6 feet** between you and any person not in your family. If you are unable to come forward, please remain seated and the bread will be distributed to you by the Presider or by a designated Eucharistic Assistant.*

Prayer Over The Gifts.

Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Amen

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer # 2

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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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices

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.**

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,

filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
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.**

Presider: Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.
All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

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 Hymns:

CP 63 Eat This Bread

CP 72 Bread of Heaven

The Prayer After Communion

Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord..

Amen

The Doxology –

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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:

Announcements:

Closing Music: CP 309

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

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 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9: 36 – 43.....

Psalm 23

Revelation 7: 9 – 17

John 10: 22 – 30

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

*3rd Sunday of Easter,
Philip and James, Apostles*

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Bishop and
The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Assisting Bishop,
and the clergy and people of the Missionary
Area of Moosonee

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

Parish of St. Stephen, Church of the Redeemer, Rosseau
St. Thomas', Orrville, St. Thomas', Ullswater/Bent River
The Rev. Peter Simmons, The Rev. Dr. Cal MacFarlane
(Hon.)

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Colin Laraway, 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.

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

Enjoy breakfast with Jesus, every day.

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 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



2022 Envelopes

are now available at the back of the church.

Or Ask About Electronic Offering Program

PWRDF

(PRIMATES WORLD RELIEF DEVELOPMENT FUND)

Archbishop Anne encourages us to get our COVID-19 vaccinations and in thanksgiving for this, to PAY IT FORWARD by making a donation to PWRDF's Vaccine Equity Fund. Wealthier countries donate vaccines to less affluent countries, but additional funding is required for transportation, safe storage of the vaccine, and the running of clinics. PWRDF's overseas partners receive such funding through the Vaccine Equity Fund. So, get your jab, donate to the Vaccine Equity Fund, You may donate online by going to pwrdf.org/give-today and click on Vaccine Equity Fund. Or phone Donor Relations Officer Mike Ziemerink at 416-822-9083, or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and someone will return your call. Or send a cheque with "Vaccine Equity Fund" in the memo field to PWRDF, 80 Hayden St, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2; For more information contact:Linda Rintamaki (rep) linjrin@tbaytel.net

Ascension Day joint worship - All Are Welcome

Each year, Our Saviour's, Hilldale and Salem Lutheran churches come together with the local Anglican congregations to celebrate the festival of the risen Christ's ascension to heaven. This sign of our Full Communion will be held this year on

Thursday, May 26, 7:00 p.m. at
St. Thomas Anglican Church,
1400 Edward St S. All are welcome.

The Mission to Seafarers: Port of Thunder Bay

Meat Sale Fund-Raiser 2022 – Due Today

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

Pepperettes - 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 - 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

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 11th 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.

Thanks!



Alpha Online

Do you have questions about life, faith and meaning? Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian Faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create meaningful conversation. Alpha provides an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

We are excited that guests can now try Alpha online using our Zoom platform, all in the comfort of their home. We are inviting anyone from anywhere to join us for our upcoming session starting on Thursday at 7 p.m. Registration is open until May 5, 2022. Email us at stagnesalpha@gmail.com for any questions and to register.

Camp Gitchigomee Summer Camp 2022

Registration is now open on our website for our 3 Summer camp weeks. www.campgitchigomee.ca

Senior Camp (Ages 13 – 15) July 3 – 9, 2022

Junior Camp (Ages 7 – 9) July 10 – 16, 2022

Intermediate Camp (Ages 10 – 12) July 17 – 23, 2022

Part Bursaries are available, and applications are available at any Anglican Church, or on the website.

Bursary Opportunities

Would you be interested in sponsoring a youth at camp this summer? Please talk to Roberta Wolfe, or Jim Sutton for more details.

Join Our 'MINI- CAMINO' Walks



I will be taking my first sabbatical in my 22 years of ministry this Spring 2022, from the end of April until the middle of June. My husband Jouni & I and St. Paul's parishioner Daniel Klein will be walking the 800 km 'Camino' in northern Spain. This is the path of St. James that pilgrims have travelled on foot for over 1,000 years. Please keep us in your prayers. We invite you to join us on a local 'Mini-Camino' here in Thunder Bay ~ **8 weekly walks around Boulevard Lake on Mondays evenings at 7:00 pm.**

We'll meet in the main parking lot to begin our 5 km around the Lake. (There will also be shorter walks.) We encourage each walker to raise \$100 over the 8 walks. The money is given on-line directly to the *Anglican Foundation* for their 'Say Yes! To Kids' campaign. All proceeds raised by St. Paul's Mini-Camino will fund 5 post-secondary education bursaries for 5 graduating *Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School* students going to college or university.



8 Weekly Boulevard Lake Walks:

- Monday April 25 ~ Daniel, Jouni, & I will be there for this first walk
- Monday May 2, 9, 16, *23, & 30
(*optional, 'Victoria Day')
- Monday June 6
- Monday June 13 ~ Jouni & I will be back for this final walk

Children, dogs, family are all welcome!
If you're busy Mondays, you may also walk whenever you're free.

Blessings in Christ, *Deborah +*

The Venerable Deborah H. Kraft
Rector, *St. Paul's Anglican Church*
Archdeacon, *Thunder Bay – North Shore*



Jouni & Deborah, *Camino 2015*



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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) “