

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the
Anglican Church of Canada

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocation Sunday

Presider: Jim Sutton
Preaching: Richard Pepper

May 8th, 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

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord:
I know my own and my own know me. *John 10.14*

Music Before the Liturgy:
Shepherd Me, O God

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.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:

O come, let us worship.

Canticle 22b

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All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:
alleluia!

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
alleluia!

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,

who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
alleluia!

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:
alleluia!

Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored:
alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:
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 9: 36 – 43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they

took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

PSALM 23 (*Said by All*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Reading is found in the Book of Revelation to John

Revelation 7: 9 - 17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

A Gradual: This Is My Father's World

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

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 10: 22 – 30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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: Love Devine

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

**Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter
O God of peace, who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the
sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make
us perfect in every good work to do your will, and
work in us that which is well-pleasing in your
sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Prayers of the People

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.

We pray also for those in our Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Janis, Arlene, Carl and Elizabeth, Adrienne, Tom and Dora, Charles and Marion, Rosalie, Mark, Dorothy, Len, Garth and Brenda, Beth, Cindy, Henry, Marjorie, Richard, Sheila Pepper, Nancy and Bob, Michelle, Alex, Sarah, Evelyn and Emerson, David and Erminie.

Prayers for Good Shepherd (Vocation) Sunday

As we are known, called and loved by Jesus our Good Shepherd, we are invited to participate in His mission and ministry of disciple making and service to the world. Today we pray for those disciples who are called to bear witness to the love of Christ by devoting their lives in a particular way to the service of God's people in the church and beyond.

We pray for those who are discerning a call to ordained ministry; those beginning, continuing or graduating from their theological training. We pray for the important work of those schools and universities preparing and enriching students for their lives in church ministry, particularly Thorneloe University, Wycliffe College, Trinity University College, Huron University College, St. Paul's University, the Niagara School for Missional Leadership and the Bishop Thomas Corston School for Ministry.

We pray for those presently in Algoma's Postulancy process, and for candidates awaiting ordination to the Diaconate - Norm Blanchard- and to the presbyterate – Beverly van der Jagt and Ann Camber. We pray also for those recently ordained – Kate Scott, Val Paterson, Susan Monague Koyle, Katherine Walker and Ann Camber.

We pray for those in positions of leadership with respect to persons discerning their call to ordained ministry in Algoma, particularly:

- Our Diocesan Archdeacon Jay Koyle

- Our Deanery Pastoral Chaplains: Bishop Victoria Matthews, the Rev. Canon Bob Elkin, Archdeacon Linda White, the Rev. Heather Manuel, the Rev. Canon Diane Hilpert-McIlroy
- Members of the Algoma Postulancy Committee and those who serve on the Advisory Committee for Postulants for Ordination in Ontario
- Those parish committees preparing letters of recommendation for applicants to the Postulancy Committee

We pray for those living in religious communities, especially the Sisters of St. John the Divine and the Society of St. John the Evangelist.

We pray for clergy everywhere, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and steadfastly and joyfully continue their vocation and calling. May their lives and witness serve as wholesome models to their parishioners and thereby encourage those who may sense a calling to serve in our Church in these changing times.

We pray specifically for the Reverend Gail Clifton, the Reverend Nancy Ringham and the Reverend Gordon Holroyd, that their hearts may be filled with eager love in caring for people, joy in affirming all that is good in this community, courage in challenging all that is mean and destructive, and unceasing thankfulness in celebrating God's holy mysteries among us. Grant them a vision for preaching, faithfulness in teaching, diligence in visiting, empathetic listening in pastoral care, compassion in

declaring your pardon for the penitent, and the peace which passes understanding in their daily walk.

Lastly, we pray for Archbishop Anne, that in the name of Christ, and through the Holy Spirit, she may continue to encourage and support all baptized persons in their gifts and ministries, nourishing them from the riches of God's grace as she prays for her flock without ceasing.

We pray in the name of Christ, our Lord.

Amen

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 Closing Prayer for Eastertide

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us
may your dawn beckon.

When fear paralyses us
may your touch release us.

When grief torments us
may your peace enfold us.

When memories haunt us
may your presence heal us.

When justice fails us
may your anger ignite us.

When apathy stagnates us
may your challenge renew us.
When courage leaves us
may your spirit inspire us.

When despair grips us
may your hope restore us.

And when death threatens us
may your resurrection light lead us.

Amen

Announcements

Closing Music: CP 519

Please sing as you are comfortable

The Lord's My Shepherd

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.

Readings for The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11: 1 – 18.....

Psalm 148

Revelation 21: 1 - 6

John 13: 31 - 35

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

4th Sunday of Easter

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop, and the clergy
and people of the Diocese of Niagara

ELCIC Bishop Sid Haugen, the people and rostered
ministers of the Saskatchewan Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

Good Shepherd Sunday

Parish of the Good Shepherd/Almaguin

Good Shepherd, Emsdale, Grace Church, South River

St. John's, Eagle Lake, St. George the Martyr, Magnetawan

The Rev. Catherine Murkin, The Rev. Canon Edna Murdy

(Hon.-Emsdale)

Pray for all those in ordained and lay ministries in our parishes, deaneries, and diocese.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Janis Medwid, Arlene Meservier, Carl and Elizabeth Mickelson, Adrienne Morris, Tom and Dora Morris, Charles and Marion Morris, Rosalie Hardisty Morris, Mark Myers, Dorothy Nesbitt, Len Norris, Garth and Brenda O'Neill, Beth O'Neill, Cindy Papassay, Henry Parise, Marjorie (Midge) Peel, Richard Pepper, Sheila Pepper, Nancy and Bob Polhill, Dr. Michelle Proudfoot, Alex and Sarah, Evelyn and Emerson Pyne, David and Erminie Reid,

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

Hear Jesus' voice and follow.

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

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 306-240-0771 or 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

The Mission to Seafarers: Meat Sale Pick Up

They will be delivered on Wed. May 11. Contact your congregation rep **Marg Boone** 345-2184 for pick up location and times.

Ascension Day joint worship - All Are Welcome

Our Saviour's, Hildale 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.



PWRDF NEWS

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.

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. 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** 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. For more information contact:Linda Rintamaki (rep) linjrin@tbaytel.net



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.

YOUR INVITE TO SPRING UP TO CLEAN UP

Hey There Gathering Table! How would you like to help make the neighbourhood a bit cleaner? 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!

New Pastoral Chaplain Thunder Bay-North Shore Deanery

Archbishop Anne Germond is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Victoria Matthews as Pastoral Chaplain for the Deanery of Thunder Bay-North Shore. Bishop Victoria has been the Bishop in Residence in the Parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Thunder Bay, since November 21, 2021 and is concluding that appointment in May. She has felt a calling to continue ministry within the Diocese of Algoma and offered to fill the role of Pastoral Chaplain for the deanery working with those discerning a call to ministry. Her experience as a Bishop will be very beneficial to enquirers and potential postulants within the Thunder Bay-North Shore area.

Should you wish to connect with her, please be in touch with Archdeacon Jay Koyle in the Synod Office.

We are grateful to Bishop Victoria for her willingness to undertake this role and uphold her in prayer as she commences this ministry within the Diocese.

**ACW 54th ANNUAL – JUNE 1, 2022 –
VIA ZOOM PLATFORM**

Our Thank Offering for 2021-2022 is
Giving with Grace
for Indigenous Suicide prevention.

Please note on your cheque or etransfer the designation of funds. Include your registration form in the envelope or email.





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Lay Readers: Frances Bennett-Sutton, Rose Jardine,
Brenda O’Neill and 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) “