

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



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Presider: Jim Sutton

Preaching: Frances Bennett-Sutton

May 15th, 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 and Opening Remarks

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 13.34*

Music Before the Liturgy:

This Is Love

(Steve Bell)

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 27 Glory to God (Said in Unison)

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**Glory to God in the highest,
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.**

**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 11: 1 – 18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized

him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

PSALM 148 *(Said in Unison)*

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord; for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens, old and young together.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for his Name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.**

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

The Second Reading is found in the Revelation to John

Revelation 21: 1 – 6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the

beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

A Gradual:  **A New Commandment**

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 13: 31 – 35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A Sermon / Message: Frances Bennett-Sutton

A time of silence for reflection:

Affirmation of Faith: (please stand as you are able)

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: CP 508

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Ted & Donna Hamill

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Prayers of the People

With longing hearts we pray, “Lord, hear our prayer”.

Lord, hear our prayer

For your Church, especially Archbishop Anne, Archdeacon Deborah, Pastor Gail, for the members of this parish listed in our bulletin; and for our Concurrence Committee. May we be sensitive to the leading of your Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the Queen and all in authority. We pray for wisdom, truth and compassion in the governance and care of all people, particularly as the world continues to deal with the continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. We pray especially for people in countries without vaccines and other resources.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the safety and protection of hospital and first responder staff, for city police, OPP, RCMP, and for our armed forces,

especially members of the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment.

Lord, hear our prayer

For lasting peace in Ukraine and other war-torn countries such as Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, Ethiopia, and North Africa. For relief and safety for people and lands affected by drought, flood, famine, and other disasters.

Lord, hear our prayer

For deep and lasting reconciliation from the residential school legacy, and for justice and peace for families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

Lord, hear our prayer

For those in need of your healing touch and grieving the loss of a loved one – *(please say aloud or silently the names of persons)*; in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer

For all people, as we confront the urgency and reality of human-caused climate change; grant us great courage to address this challenge in a timely manner.

Lord, hear our prayer

For Grace Place, Dew Drop Inn, Shelter House, Salvation Army, and our own Food Cupboard; whose staff and volunteers serve the hungry, lonely, and hurting people of our city. Grant them encouragement, resources and compassion to do this vital

work.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the Camp Gitchigomee Board of Directors and other camp volunteers, as preparations are being made to welcome campers, and to get ready for the accreditation visit and the 75th +2 anniversary weekend.

Lord, hear our prayer

For our parish of Gathering Table; may we live with passion and purpose and abide in Jesus; may we be formed in God's love for the world and may we act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with You.

Lord, hear our prayer

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 and others:

Matthew and Desiree, Madison and Owen, Jonas, William and Lillian, Linda and Wayne, Mary, Grace, Muriel, Alan and Cynthia, Graham and Michael, Kenneth and Irene, Marlene, David, Ophelia, Lucy, Shirley, Mark, Jay, Laura-Lee, Dale and Sharon, Ted, Fran and Nikki, Rose and Colin

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 Corporate Blessing

Let us be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love all the days of our lives; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen**

Announcements

Closing Music: For the Beauty of 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.

Readings for The 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16: 9 – 15	Psalm 67
Revelation 21: 10, 22 – 22:5	John 14: 23 – 29
.....	Or John 5: 1 - 9

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:
5th Sunday of Easter
The Scottish Episcopal Church

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario

ELCIC The Assistants to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

Christ Church, Windermere, The Rev. Robert Clubbe

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

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 of Our Parish

Heavenly Father,

During this vacancy, guard and grow our Parish as we serve you together in this period without an incumbent.

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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

Love like Jesus.

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

Ascension Day joint worship - All Are Welcome

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.



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

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

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!



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.



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.

Camp Gitchigomee Spaghetti Take Out Supper Orders Due May 17th – Pick Up May 26th

Join us for a delicious spaghetti or gnocchi take-out dinner with the DaVinci Centre! Place your orders here

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeDOvc7jJiuQ.../viewform>

Orders will be ready for pick up in a drive-through style on May 26th between 4 and 6PM at the DaVinci Centre (340 Waterloo St.). If you have any questions, please email

campgitchigomee@gmail.com



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Brenda O’Neill and Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,

Lay Reader in Training: Richard Pepper

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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) “