



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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Presider: Rose Jardine  
Preaching: Kim Bienvenue**

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.**

**Prelude: CP 645**

**Come Down, O Love Divine**

*(Fernando Ortega )*

**Welcome To Gathering Table  
and Opening Remarks**

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. *John 14.23*

**Opening Music:       Down to the River to Pray**

**Gathering of the Community               BAS Page 47**

*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 9  
A Song from Ezekiel**

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*Ezekiel 36.24–28*

I will take you from the nations,  
and gather you from every country,  
and bring you home to your own land.

I will pour clean water upon you,  
purify you from all defilement,  
and cleanse you from all your idols.

A new heart I will give you,  
and put a new spirit within you;  
I will take from your body the heart of stone  
and give you a heart of flesh.

I will put my spirit within you,  
make you walk in my ways  
and observe my decrees.

You shall dwell in the land  
I gave to your forebears;  
you shall be my people  
and I will be your God.

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**  
**Acts 16: 9 - 15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district

of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

## **PSALM 67**

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## **The Second Reading is from the Revelation to John**

### **Revelation 21: 10, 22 – 22:5**

And in the spirit, an angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his

servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual: Peace I Leave With you**

*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 14: 23 – 29**

Jesus answered, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I

am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

**A Sermon / Message: Kim Bienvenue**

**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: CP 649**

**Breathe on Me Breath of God**

**Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

**Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Merciful God, you have prepared for those who**



**love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever..**

**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.**

**Litany 2**

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Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, “Lord hear our prayer.”

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace – everlasting peace – in this broken and fallen world. Holy Spirit, be present with the innocents who are caught inside the storms of greed and hatred on the whole earth.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy and skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Please pray for:**

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, Ted and Fran Moyle.

Set free all who are bound by illness, fear and despair.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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.**

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**

May the beauty of God be reflected in our eyes,  
the love of God be reflected in our hands,  
the wisdom of God be reflected in our words,  
and the knowledge of God flow from our heart,  
that all might see, and seeing, believe.

### **Announcements**

**Closing Music: CP 589**

**Come, O God of 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.

### **Readings for The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16: 16 – 34.....

Psalm 97

Revelation 22: 12 – 14, 16 – 17, 20 – 21    John 17: 20 - 26

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

*6th Sunday of Easter*

**Church of the Province of South East Asia**

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

#### **Please Pray for:**

**ACC:**            The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Michael Bird, Assisting Bishop and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa

**ELCIC**            The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute in Outlook Saskatchewan

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:**

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

Keep the peace within yourself, then bring peace to others..

**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](mailto:chisholmsheilak@gmail.com) or phone 787-0253 or text 1-306-240-0771

**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**

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**St. Jame's Church – Murillo**  
Plant Sale, Bake Sale, and Yard Sale  
May 28<sup>th</sup> - 10 a.m. – 2 p.m

**St. Stephen's Church – Current River**

Bake Sale, Hamper Raffle, Yard Sale

Hot Dog and Smokies BBQ

May 28<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Joint Anglican/Lutheran**

**Ascension Day Service – All are Welcome**

**May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7 p.m.**

**St. Thomas Anglican Church – 1400 Edward St. S**

**YOUR INVITE TO SPRING UP TO CLEAN UP**

**Saturday May 28**, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Meet on Field Street (south off 11<sup>th</sup> Ave near Wal-Mart)  
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. 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!



**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](https://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](mailto:linjrin@tbaytel.net)



### **Summer Camp 2022**

#### **Camper 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.

Registration is now open  
for our 3 Summer camp weeks. [www.campgitchigomee.ca](http://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.



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Brenda O’Neill and Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,

**Lay Reader in Training:** Richard Pepper

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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) “