

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Presider: Jim Sutton
Preaching: Brenda O'Neill**

May 29th , 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 Music: Jesus Lover of My Soul

**Welcome To Gathering Table
and Opening Remarks**

I will not leave you desolate, says the Lord;
I will come to you. *John 14.18*

Music Before the Liturgy: CP 355
All Creatures of our God and King

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 Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth.

O come, let us worship.

Canticle 3

BAS p.76

Song of Thanksgiving (Isaiah 12.2–6)

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,

and he will be my Saviour.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing

**from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his
name;
make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his name is
exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great
things,
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the
Holy One of Israel.**

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The Proclamation of the Word
(Please be seated for the readings.)

**First Reading is found in The Book of Acts
Acts 16: 16 - 34**

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order

you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were

baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

PSALM 97

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods.

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O Lord.

For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.

The Second Reading is from the Revelation to John

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

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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Gradual: CP 400

What Wondrous Love is this

Ted and Donna Hamill

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 17: 20 – 26

Jesus said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it

known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

A Sermon / Message: Brenda O'Neill

+++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 435 Take my Life and Let it Be

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son

Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom

in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as

he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; 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.

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And we pray for our own church members:

Bruce, Georgina and Roberta, Angela, Elizabeth and Ava, Katelin, Ryan, Brooke-Lynn, Scarlett, and Olivia, Margaret, Darlene, Errol, Wilson, Sabata, Brandon and Ellen, Clint, Richard and Lesley, Wendy, Ellie, Kerri, Shane, Samuel and Sydney, Kim

A Litany

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

Lord, hear our prayer

For your Church, especially Archbishop Anne, Archdeacon Deborah, Pastor Gail, 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, and compassion in the governance and care of all people, remembering people in countries that do not have COVID-19 vaccines and other resources. And with deep sadness, we pray for victims, families and communities affected by gun violence in the USA, most recently in Texas.

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 justice and peace in Ukraine and other war-torn countries, including Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, and Ethiopia. For justice and peace also in Palestine and Israel. 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 the human-caused climate crisis; 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

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

(Silence)

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 Blessing

Life is short
And we do not have much time
To Gladden the hearts of those
Who travel with us.
So may we be swift to love,
May we make haste to be kind
And may we go in Peace
To Love and serve the Lord

Announcements

Closing Music: CP 383

Jesus Shall Reign Where 'ere the Sun

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 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2: 1 – 21 or Genesis 11: 1-9 Psalm 104: 25 – 35, 37b

Romans 8: 14 – 17 or Acts 2: 1 – 21 John 14: 8 – 17 (25 – 27)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

Thy Kingdom Come

**The Diocese of Luapula – The Church of the
Province of Central Africa**

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson, Suffragan Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw, Suffragan Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Toronto

ACC/ELCIC The Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and for peace in the Middle East.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

(May 31 – June 2) ACW Executive and the Anglican Church Women of the Diocese as they participate in the ACW Annual via Zoom

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Bruce and Georgina Adderley, Roberta Adderley, Angela Alberta and Ava, Katelin Anderson, Ryan Thrasher, Brooke-Lynn, Scarlett, and Olivia, Margaret Aris, Darlene Armstrong, Errol Atkinson, Wilson Barton, Sabata Baya, Brandon and Ellen Beaudry and Clint, Richard and Lesley BeauParlant, Wendy Bell, Ellie Bennett , Kerri and Shane

Bernardi, and Samuel, Sydney Bernardi, Kim Bienvenue

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.

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A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Know that we are one!



2022 Envelopes

are now available at the back of the church.

Or Ask About Electronic Offering Program

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 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



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

Camp Gitchigomee is Looking For Camp Staff

We are looking for **both paid and volunteer staff** for the weeks of July 3 – 9, July 10 – 16 and July 17 – 23. (Both male and female Cabin Leaders ages 18+ years)

Life Guards (ages 16 +) and **Waterfront Director** age 18+ both must have National Lifesaving .

Cooks, Assistant Cook, Cooks' Helper

Contact campgitchigomee@gmail.ca for more information



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



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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) “