

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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Third Sunday After Pentecost

ACW SUNDAY

Presider: Rose Jardine
Preacher: Brenda O'Neill

June 26th, 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.

Pre Service Song

Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

**Welcome To Gathering Table
and Opening Remarks**

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening:
You have the words of eternal life.
see 1 Samuel 3.9; John 6.68

Opening Music: CP 430
Will You Come And Follow Me

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.**

We pray to you 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.**

Canticle 17

The Beatitudes

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Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

O come, let us worship.

ALL:

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.**

**Blessed are the gentle,
for they shall inherit the earth.**

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what
is right,
for they shall be satisfied.**

**Blessed are the merciful,
for mercy shall be shown to them.**

**Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.**

**Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause
of right,**

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Blessed are you when others revile you and
persecute you**

and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

O come, let us worship.

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

First Reading is found in The Second Book of Kings

2 Kings 2: 1 – 2, 6 - 14

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

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

Psalm 77: 1, 2, 11 – 20

ALL:

I will cry aloud to God; I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;

I refused to be comforted.

I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind your wonders of old time.

I will meditate on all your acts and ponder your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God?

You are the God who works wonders and have declared your power among the peoples.

By your strength you have redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; the very depths were shaken.

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed to and fro;

The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, yet your footsteps were not seen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

The Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to The Galatians

Galatians 5: 13 – 25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

This is the Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual: I've Got Peace Like A River

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

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 9: 51 - 62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a

hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

Homily: Brenda O'Neill, Parochial Lay Reader

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: I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say
(Kevin Twit)

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers of the People

Presider: today is Canada's day to celebrate and give

thanks for the dedicated Anglican

Church Women organization.

Please pray together:

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing and grace on the work and witness of Anglican Church Women in Canada. We give you thanks and praise for giving them wisdom, knowledge and understanding so that they may serve you in spirit and truth. Called to be your church, may study, learning, worship and service be always to your glory and the building of your kingdom in our communities and throughout the world. May this ministry always respond to the needs of others with your love. We pray in the name of the One who redeemed and loves us, your Son, Jesus our Saviour. Amen

Litany 4

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying:

Lord hear and have mercy.

We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: that you will fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

Let us pray for the sick and suffering. Please lift before the Lord, the names of those whom you know need prayer.

[The names of the beloved.]

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

Today we pray for these people of our parish: 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,

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of

the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

Lord, hear and have mercy. 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

Collect for the Third Sunday after Pentecost
Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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: Presider

Announcements

Closing Music Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

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 Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

2 Kings 5: 1 – 14.....

Psalm 30

Galatians 6: (1 – 6), 7 – 16

Luke 10: 1 – 11, 16 - 20

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

2nd Sunday after Trinity

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. David Parsons, Bishop; The Rt. Rev's Joey Royal, Annie Ittoshat, and Lucy Netser, Suffragan Bishops, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of the Arctic

ELCIC The congregations of the northern area of the Saskatchewan Synod

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 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

Follow Jesus without retreat or regret and experience an attitude adjustment.

Reminder about Visitations:

Pastoral care visits will continue to be restricted to emergency situations – please call the office if such a situation arises.



2022 Envelopes

are now available at the back of the church.

Or Ask About Electronic Offering Program

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 Have Been Cancelled for 2022

Hello Camp Volunteers, and Supporters

We wanted to reach out with the decision made at a special meeting held last week. It is with heavy hearts that we decided not to run the usual 3 week-long camps, this summer. We have reached out to all of the campers registered. We understand this is unfortunate news. We had a robust discussion looking at many different angles to explore if there was any way that we could hold our week-long camps. However the reduced registration and difficulties securing staff made it too challenging to plan a camp that could be enjoyed using our traditional model of camp. The discussion included exploring factors contributing to the challenges and how we can counter them in preparation for camps next summer. Seeds were planted during this discussion about hosting "Open House Family Camps" during the weekends in July to allow

families to come together in fellowship and enjoy the camp experience.
Camp Gitchigomee Board of Directors



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

Sunday School Restarting – September 18th Needs Some Volunteers

We plan to restart our Sunday Church School Sept. 18th 2022. Ideally, the children would be divided into 3 age groups.....3 to 5, 6 to 8 and 9 to 11/12. Thus we are asking for your prayers for 2 Volunteers who would joyfully assist with this endeavor. Contact Ellen Teahan at

eteahan@shaw.ca who is looking forward to being able to offer this teaching/learning opportunity to our children with the help of 2 weekly assistants.

A prayer shawl thank you from

Archdeacon Deborah

During the service on June 19, Archbishop Anne blessed a prayer shawl which was a gift from Gathering Table to Jouni Kraft. The shawl was delivered to Archdeacon Deborah and the following is her message in response:

“ The shawl is beautiful and now on Jouni in the hospital. I read out the words to him in the card. Very thoughtful. I am touched. Please pass on my thanks to all the good folks at GT and especially to the knitter of the shawl.

With love and blessings, Deborah”



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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 Ann

“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) “