

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the
Anglican Church of Canada

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
SEA SUNDAY

Presider: Jim Sutton
Preacher: Frances Bennett-Sutton
Music: Richard Pepper

July 10th , 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: Deep Calls to Deep
(Sr. Estelle White, 1978)

**Welcome To Gathering Table
and Opening Remarks**

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord:
You have the words of eternal life.. *see John 6.63.68*

Opening Music: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
(Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman)

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.**

(Please sit or kneel as you are able)

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
17 The Beatitudes

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Matthew 5.3–12

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

O come, let us worship.

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. Amen.

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 Book of Joshua
Joshua 1: 1 - 8

God's Commission to Joshua

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD,
the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant,
saying,

2 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the
Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am
giving to them, to the Israelites.

3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I
have given to you, as I promised to Moses.

4 From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great
river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the
Great Sea in the west shall be your territory.

⁵ No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

⁶ Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them.

⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go.

⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful.

⁹ I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.'

Preparations for the Invasion

¹⁰ Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people,

¹¹ 'Pass through the camp, and command the people: "Prepare your provisions; for in three days you are to cross over the Jordan, to go in to take possession of the land that the LORD your God gives you to possess.'"

¹² To the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh Joshua said,

¹³ ‘Remember the word that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, “The LORD your God is providing you a place of rest, and will give you this land.”

¹⁴ Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land that Moses gave you beyond the Jordan. But all the warriors among you shall cross over armed before your kindred and shall help them,

¹⁵ until the LORD gives rest to your kindred as well as to you, and they too take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to your own land and take possession of it, the land that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan to the east.’

¹⁶ They answered Joshua: ‘All that you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

¹⁷ Just as we obeyed Moses in all things, so we will obey you. Only may the LORD your God be with you, as he was with Moses!

¹⁸ Whoever rebels against your orders and disobeys your words, whatever you command, shall be put to death. Only be strong and courageous.’

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

Psalm 150

Praise for God's Surpassing Greatness

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

The Second Reading is from The Book of Acts

Acts 21: 3 – 15

³ We came in sight of Cyprus; and leaving it on our left, we sailed to Syria and landed at Tyre, because the ship was to unload its cargo there.

⁴ We looked up the disciples and stayed there for seven days. Through the Spirit they told Paul not to go on to Jerusalem.

⁵ When our days there were ended, we left and proceeded on our journey; and all of them, with wives and children,

escorted us outside the city. There we knelt down on the beach and prayed

⁶ and said farewell to one another. Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home.

⁷ When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais; and we greeted the believers and stayed with them for one day.

⁸ The next day we left and came to Caesarea; and we went into the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the seven, and stayed with him.

⁹ He had four unmarried daughters^[c] who had the gift of prophecy.

¹⁰ While we were staying there for several days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

¹¹ He came to us and took Paul's belt, bound his own feet and hands with it, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, "This is the way the Jews in Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.""

¹² When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem.

¹³ Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

¹⁴ Since he would not be persuaded, we remained silent except to say, 'The Lord's will be done.'

¹⁵ After these days we got ready and started to go up to Jerusalem

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

Gradual: The Gospel In a Word Is Love

Traditional

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 10: 25 - 37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped

him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

Homily: Frances Bennett-Sutton *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: Lead Me to the Rock
(Psalm 61/Frank Hernandez)

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers of the People

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.

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 for the family camp weekend, the teen retreat, 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

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

Please stand as you are able as we pray together

**Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Almighty God, you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in**

you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

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

“May God bless us with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that we may seek truth boldly and love deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless us with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that we may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we really CAN make a difference in this world, so that we are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God our Creator, Jesus our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide, be with us and remain with us, this day and forevermore.

Amen.

Announcements

Closing Music Blessed Be Your Name

(Matt Redman)

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 Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Amos 8: 1 - 12

Psalm 52

Colossians 1: 15 - 28

Luke 10: 38 - 42

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

4th Sunday after Trinity

The Church of the Province of Uganda

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

- ACC:** The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Brandon
- ELCIC** Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, the people and rostered ministers of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories
- ACC/ELCIC** Let there be greening – Assembly 2022: gathering of Anglicans and Lutherans and the 20th Anniversary of Full Communion.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for: Sea Sunday

St. Stephen the Martyr, Thunder Bay

The Rev. Canon Ed Swayze, The Ven. Eric Paterson (Hon.)
The Rev. Barbara Fugelsang (Deacon Assoc.)

Mission to Seafarers

Almighty God, we give thanks for all those who work at sea. We acknowledge our need for the food and raw materials they transport. We recognize that they are often in danger and we are sorry that their long absences often involve sacrifices in their daily family life. Give us grace to show our gratitude not only in our words, but also in our actions. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for all delegates, guests, and the National Planning Team as Assembly 2022 and General Synod 2022 meet in Calgary July 12-17.

Pray for our three Deanery camps: Camp Manitou, Camp Temiskaming, and Camp Gitchigomee and their boards of directors and volunteers, as they continue to offer some family camp weekends. For Camp Gitchigomee on their upcoming 75 + 2 Anniversary of Christian Camping in the Deanery of Thunder Bay-North Shore, Diocese of Algoma

Our 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 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

Kick off the dust. Ask. Seek. Knock.

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

Dear PWRDF Supporter

Conflict, climate change and COVID-19 have combined to create a deadly situation in Sub-Saharan Africa. Families in 23 countries are facing starvation as drought and the war in Ukraine disrupt food supply.

The Government of Canada has allocated \$250 million toward hunger relief in countries where the situation is most dire. **As well, the government will match all donations made by individuals to the Humanitarian Coalition's Appeal to End Hunger by July 17, up to a total of \$5 million.**

What is the Humanitarian Coalition?

The Humanitarian Coalition is an organization of 12 Canadian relief and development agencies, including the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Through its membership in the Foodgrains Bank, PWRDF is able to participate in Humanitarian Coalition appeals. We have done so twice before, when the government announces a matching fund to encourage donations.

How you can help: Please continue to pray for an end to hunger and for peace in the world. Please share this e-

blast and watch our social media for updates. Click below to make your gift online, or send a cheque payable to PWRDF to 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2. (Please note **Appeal to End Hunger** on the memo.) You can 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.

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.





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People’s Warden: Jim Sutton

Deputy People’s Warden: Sheila Chisholm

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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) “