

Gathering Table

a Faith Community

in the Anglican Church of Canada



‘Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Presider & Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber
Lay Reader: Jim Sutton and Frances Bennett-Sutton
Lector: Richard Pepper
Music: Rev. Ann Camber, Jim Sutton, and Singers
Greeter: Jim Bolt
Eucharistic Assistants: Kim Bienvenue
Altar Guild: Marg Boone

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25th, 2022

10 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their 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 to all our visitors and newcomers. We're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitor's Book at the back of the church. We encourage "Masks" to be worn under the new COVID – 19 Protocols that were received

from the Diocese of Algoma.
I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all
the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour,
Christ the Lord. Luke 2.10-11

Processional Carol: Mary's Boy Child

The Alberta Family, (Angela, and Ava?) will come forward
to Light the Advent Wreath.
Lighting The Christ Candle

Reader 1: We have heard the call to keep watch. But
what are we keeping watch over? Maybe we're looking for
something that will define us, something that will remake
us, transform us. Some relationship, some hope, some
love that will make us new. Maybe we're looking for the
gift we remember this night.

Reader 2: O holy Child of Bethlehem / Descend to us,
we pray / Cast out our sin and enter in / Be born to us
today / We hear the Christmas angels / The great glad
tidings tell / O come to us, abide with us / Our Lord
Emmanuel (sung or said)

Reader 1: What we go out to see in the muddle of our
world is not necessarily the Christ child or the light that
glows within. No, I think what we watch over is the world
that he came to save: the masses of humanity who think
they can find salvation in the stuff of this life, like we know
we do sometimes. When we forget. A world that has room
for a Savior, even when e've forgotten it. And part of what

we're keeping watch for is to see whether we can make room—room for grace, room for joy, room for peace, even at our worst. At our most needy. And most helpful, and grace-filled. Keep watch.

Reader 2: Let us light these candles and complete this circle as we rejoice in the light that shines in the darkness and declare with joy and with hope –Joy to the world, the Lord has come! Hallelujah. Amen.
All four candles are lite first, followed by the Christ candle in the middle

Gathering of the Community

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Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires know, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

A Litany of the Incarnation

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.
By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

The Proclamation of the Word
A Reading from The Book of

Isaiah 9: 2 – 7

² The people who are now living in darkness
will see a great light.

They are now living in a very dark land.
But a light will shine on them.

³ LORD, you will make our nation larger.
You will increase their joy.

They will show you how glad they are.

They will be as glad as people are at harvest time.
They will be as glad as warriors are
when they share the things they've taken after a battle.

⁴ You set Israel free from Midian long ago.

In the same way, you will break
the heavy yoke that weighs Israel down.

You will break the wooden beams that are on their
shoulders.

You will break the rods of those who strike them down.

⁵ Every fighting man's boot that he wore in battle will be
burned up.

So will every piece of clothing covered with blood.

All of them will be thrown into the fire.

⁶ A child will be born to us.

A son will be given to us.

He will rule over us.

And he will be called

Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God.

He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever

and Prince Who Brings Peace.
⁷There will be no limit to how great his authority is.
The peace he brings will never end.
He will rule on David's throne
and over his kingdom.
He will make the kingdom strong and secure.
His rule will be based on what is fair and right.
It will last forever.
The LORD's great love will make sure that happens.
He rules over all.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm: 96

¹Sing a new song to the LORD.
All you people of the earth, sing to the LORD.
²Sing to the **LORD**. Praise him.
Day after day tell about how he saves us.
³Tell the nations about his glory.
Tell all people about the wonderful things he has done.
⁴The **LORD** is great. He is really worthy of praise.
People should have respect for him as the greatest God
of all.
⁵All the gods of the nations are like their statues.
They can't do anything.
But the LORD made the heavens.
⁶Glory and majesty are all around him.
Strength and glory can be seen in his temple.

⁷ Praise the LORD, all you nations.

Praise the LORD for his glory and strength.

⁸ Praise the **LORD** for the glory that belongs to him.

Bring an offering and come into the courtyards of his temple.

⁹ Worship the LORD because of his beauty and holiness.

All you people of the earth, tremble when you are with him.

¹⁰ Say to the nations, “The **LORD** rules.”

The world is firmly set in place. It can’t be moved.

The **LORD** will judge the people of the world fairly.

¹¹ Let the heavens be full of joy. Let the earth be glad.

Let the ocean and everything in it roar.

¹² Let the fields and everything in them be glad.

Let all the trees in the forest sing for joy.

¹³ Let all creation be full of joy in front of the LORD, because he is coming to judge the earth.

He will faithfully judge the people of the world in keeping with what is right.

The Second Readings is from the Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 1: 1 – 12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much

superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.” But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” And, “In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.”

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **The Huron Carol**

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 2: 1 – 20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!”

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Time for silent reflection

The Nicene Creed

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Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
For the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution *BAS page 191*

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites us to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in

eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Offertory: **Once in Royal David's City -**
video King's College Cambridge Choir

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name.

All: Amen

Receiving Holy Communion

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here. Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are
full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
*Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord*
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest**

Patrick Schlabs

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your son.
For in these last days you sent him

to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you.
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
This is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
And when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you
and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**
and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to
you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: 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 from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread - #6 – *BAS Page 213*

Presider: We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All: **God here among us, light in the midst
of us, bring us to light and life.**

Presider: The gifts of God,

Music during Communion

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
grant - us peace

Wexford Carol *video with Libera*
He is the Gift *by Shawna Belt Edwards*
Still Still Still *with Libera*

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Father of all, the child born for us is the
Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children
welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and
reigns with you now and for ever.

All: Amen

Doxology: *BAS Page 214*

Presider: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you.

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with
the body and the blood of your son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we
who drink his cup, bring life to others; we whom
the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us
firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we
and all your children shall be free, and the whole
earth live to praise your name; through Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Blessing:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in deepest night, are lit up with a brilliant sight. Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

The spread of his influence and of his peace will never end. Therefore, go out into the world with great joy, and the grace of Bethlehem's matchless Child, the love of the God who never ceases to amaze, and the fellowship of the Spirit who never wearies, will be with you this holy day and evermore.

Thanks be to God!

Closing Carol: **Feliz Navidad.**

Dismissal: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! All

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for our own church members today:

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,

EVENTS AT GATHERING TABLE

Groups or individuals wishing to use the Parish Hall, or Kitchen, must fill in the Gathering Table Booking Request Form that is available by calling the office at 345-6898 or by emailing the office at (office@gatheringtable.ca). They have to be approved by the Wardens.

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| Dec. 25 th | Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. |
| Dec. 27 th | Office Closed |
| Dec. 28 th | Office open 10– 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 28 th | Sleepy G. Farm 1 – 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 30 th | Office open 8 a.m. - noon |
| Jan. 1 st | Lessons and Carols at 10 a.m. |
| Jan. 8 th | Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m. |
| Jan. 11 th | Sleepy G. Farm Pick up 1 – 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 12 th | Christmas Decorations taken down 10 a.m. – noon everyone welcome to help |
| Jan. 25 th | Sleep G. Farm pick up 1 – 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 27 th | Felting Workshop (Frances Bennett-Sutton) |
| Jan. 28 th | Camp Gitchigomee Supper 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 4 th | Felting Workshop see Frances |
| Feb. 8 th | Sleep G. Farm pick up 1 – 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 14 th | Altar Guild Meeting 1:30 – 3 p.m. |
| Feb. 19 th | Food Cupboard 11:30 |
| Feb. 14 th | Altar Guild Meeting at 1:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 23 rd | Save the Date - 2 Bit Auction for Camp Gitchigomee 7 p.m. |

CHRISTMAS FLOWER TRIBUTES 2022



Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

**and in thanksgiving for all the lives of dearly
beloved family members:**

Leonard Hartley, Michael Hartley, Joel Mutungu-Ngugi,
Doris and Fred Ball, Marion and Ric Beecher, Mick and
Ernie Hartley

from: Diane Hartley and Linda Hartley-Ngugi

Robert Johnson, and Helen and John Wolfe

from: Carl and Roberta Wolfe

Our parents, Howard and Mary Marler;
William and Florence McAlpine

Given by: David and Jeanne Marler

Given in Thanks

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and Best Wishes

from: Linda Rintamaki and Wayne Edmunds

For family and friends past and present

from Marg Boone



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People's Warden: Jim Sutton

Deputy People's Warden: Sheila Chisholm

Music Director; - Pianist Donna Hamill

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) “