



Gathering Table  
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

**Officiating and Preaching:** Rev. Ann Camber  
**Lay Reader:** Rose Jardine  
**Music:** Donna and Ted Hamill and Singers  
**Lector:** Frances Bennett-Sutton, Jim Sutton  
**Eucharistic Assistants:** Rose Jardine, Richard Pepper  
**Greeters:** Marilyn Chisholm and John Kirchen  
**Altar Guild:** Elaine McKinnon

**The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

10:00 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 Gathering Table  
and Opening Remarks**

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.

We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him. *Matthew 2.2*

Opening Music: CP 160 *(video)*  
**As With Gladness Men Of Old**

**Gathering of the Community** *BAS page 185*

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.**

Almighty God,

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
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.**

### **Collect Of The Day**

Presider: Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with

you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen**

**Children's Time:            Rev. Ann Camber**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**The First Reading is from the Book of Isaiah  
Isaiah 60: 1 – 6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

***Refrain: All nations shall serve him.***

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness.

***Refrain: All nations shall serve him***

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

***Refrain: All nations shall serve him***

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.

***Refrain: All nations shall serve him***

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

***Refrain: All nations shall serve him***

## **The Second Reading is from the Letter of Paul to The Ephesians**

### **Ephesians 3: 1 – 12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom

of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

Gradual:           **CP 354**                                   *(Hamill video)*  
**Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing**

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

**ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Matthew 2: 1 – 12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd

my people Israel. " Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**

Sermon:      **Rev. Ann Camber**

**A Time of Silent Reflection**

**The Apostles' Creed –**

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Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under**



**Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

**Prayers of the People**

*Lay Reader*

### **Litany 3**

Heavenly Father, help us to pray for our fellow Christians as you would, and help us to be thankful for the faith of each one, even when it is expressed differently than our own. Help us each to grow closer to you, to better understand your ways and live the way you want us to live; give each of us the physical strength for our journey and a heart filled with joy and thankfulness for the ones we meet along the way.

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We ask that you show your love and favour to Archbishop Anne, and to all her family. Give her the health and

strength she needs to fulfill the obligations of her office. Surround her with wise advisors. We pray for Rev Ann and her family. Holy Spirit, continue to guide Rev. Ann as she leads Gathering Table forward in Your work. We pray for all ordained and lay ministers, that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for King Charles, Prime Minister Trudeau, National Chief Archibald, Premiere Ford, Mayor Boshkoff, for Grand Chiefs Hardy and Collins. Heavenly Father, guide the leaders of the nations into the way of justice and truth, so that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for Thunder Bay, the surrounding municipalities. We are grateful for the beauty of this land that you created. Guide the people to use its wealth and resources wisely. We pray those who are sick, suffering or bereaved. Please lift before God the names of those who are on your heart and mind today, as the prayer list is read.

(Lay Reader will read list)

Be their comfort and strength, Heavenly Father. We pray for everyone in this Deanery, the poor and rich, the elderly and the young, men and women: that you will show your goodwill to all.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Father, we long for the time when brothers and sisters shall dwell together in unity. We pray for the end to war and conflict in all the earth.

We pray for the victims of our society and those who minister to them: that you will be their help and defence.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray for those preparing for baptism and for each one who was baptised during the year, that they and their families may be strengthened in the faith.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for the life of all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

## **The Confession and Absolution – *BAS Page 191***

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**



**The Celebration of the Eucharist**  
**Eucharistic Prayer # 1—**

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*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

***All:* And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

***All:* We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise**

*Presider:* It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
gracious God,

for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:

male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,

you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,

and through your servants Abraham and Sarah

gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people

from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets

you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints

who have served you in every age,

we give thanks and raise our voices

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*

Presider: Holy God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.  
He healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,  
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.”

Gracious God,  
his perfect sacrifice  
destroys the power of sin and death;  
by raising him to life  
you give us life for evermore.  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Presider: Recalling his death,  
proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink at this table

may be one body and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread #4**

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**Presider:** "I am the bread which has come down from  
Heaven," says the Lord.

**All:** **Give us this bread for ever.**



Presider: "I am the vine, you are the branches."  
All: **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Music:

### **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

**Nothing But A Child** *(Hamill video)*

### **Prayer After Communion**

Presider: God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever.

All: **Amen**

## **The Doxology**

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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 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, who 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.**

The Blessing: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the Spirit of God which filled John and Jesus, fill your hearts, souls and minds; may the power of God which upheld them, strengthen you for each day; and may the love of God which directed their every action be your guiding light and your shining star, both now and forevermore. Amen

**Announcements:**

Closing Music: **Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies**  
*(video)*

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**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 Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah 42: 1 - 9 .....

Psalm 29

Acts 10: 34 - 43 .....

Matthew 3: 13 - 17

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

*2nd Sunday of Epiphany*

**The Church of England**

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

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

**ACC:** Executive Director, Will Postma, and staff of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

**ELCIC** Executive Director, Karin Achtelstetter, and staff of Canadian Lutheran World Relief

**ACC/ELCIC** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

#### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:**

(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins – January 18<sup>th</sup>)

*“Do good; seek justice.” Isaiah 1:17*

#### **Ecumenism throughout Algoma:**

### **Our Parish Cycle of Prayer**

#### **Please pray for our own church members**

Adrian Boissoneau, Jim Bolt, Margaret Boone, Mary Browne and Jaclynn Marttunen, Connie Bryson, Murray Butler, Laura Byce, Anna and Grace Dosen, David L Bythell, Alan and Marilyn Chisholm, Doug and Sheila

Chisholm, Rev. Gail Clifton and Gail Pell, Bruno Coda, Darleah Kostyniuk-Coda, and Cosmo Coda, Lois Colpitts, Maureen and Teresa Colpitts/Andreychuk, Brenda Coopman

**Please Pray For:** Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

A grace note from [www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)

“Believe and you are halfway there.”

### **Baptism and Confirmation**

Rev. Ann would like to know if there is anyone who is interested in the Sacrament of Baptism (Infant or Adult), or Confirmation (Ages 13+), or Life in the Eucharist (ages 7+) Please call the office or talk to Rev. Ann for more information. (There are sheets on both Baptism, and Confirmation in the rack at the back of the church, or they can be emailed to you by calling the office at 345-6898.

**2023 Parishioner Parking Passes** are available at the office Tues. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Friday 8 a.m. – 12 noon or on Sun. before church.

### **Our Daily Bread for**

November– February 2023 and March 2023 – May 2023  
Are both at the back of the church ready for pick up

## 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](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca)). They have to be approved by the Wardens.

### Calendar of Events

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| Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m.                                     |
| Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup> | Sleep G. Farm pick up 1 – 6 p.m.                             |
| Jan. 27 <sup>th</sup> | Felting Workshop (Frances Bennett-Sutton)                    |
| Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup> | Camp Gitchigomee Supper 6 p.m.                               |
| Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Felting Workshop see Frances                                 |
| Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Sleep G. Farm pick up 1 – 6 p.m.                             |
| Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m.                                     |
| Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup> | Altar Guild Meeting 1:30 – 3 p.m.                            |
| Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup> | Camp Gitchigomee Meeting 7 p.m.                              |
| Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Sleep G. Farm pick up 1 – 6 p.m.                             |
| Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard 11:30  |
| Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup> | Camp Gitchigomee AGM 6:30 p.m.                               |
| Mar. 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Save the Date - 2 Bit Auction for<br>Camp Gitchigomee 7 p.m. |

### **Warm Clothing Needed at Mission to Seafarers**

We have very little warm clothing on hand! The Mission to Seafarers would appreciate donations of **warm, small to large size men's clothing**. Many of the sailors on ocean-going vessels come from warmer countries and find our fall weather rather cold. Donations can be put in the drop off box outside the Seafarers' Centre [or given to the MTS Congregation Rep at each Anglican parish].

## **We Welcome Your Prayer Requests:**

To let us know:

- all the church office (807) 345-6898, or
- contact Rev. Anne at [camber\\_a@yahoo.ca](mailto:camber_a@yahoo.ca), or
- write your name on the **Prayer List, in binder** at the back of the church before service begins.

For **urgent** needs, please contact the **Gathering Table Prayer Chain**: Sheila Chisholm by **text** 1-306-240-0771 or [chisholmsheilak@gmail.com](mailto:chisholmsheilak@gmail.com)

## **The Cold Weather is Here**

Please make sure that if you are the last to leave, that you shut the doors in the different areas of the church and hall to help save money on heating. *Thanks David Reid*

## **Reminder about Visitations:**

Rev. Ann has started her Pastoral care visits. If you would like a visit, please call 807-285-9446 or email her at:

[rector@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:rector@gatheringtable.ca)



**2023 Envelopes** are now available at the back of the church. **Or Ask About Electronic Offering Program.** For the EOP please use “**church**”

**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





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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 2023**

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*