

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Officiating and Preaching: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Jim Sutton

Music: Recordings by Ted & Donna Hamill and on-line sources

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Altar Guild: Audrey Love

Baptism of The Lord

January 15th, 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.

A voice came from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3.17

Opening Music: **All Creatures of our God and King**

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 for The Baptism of the Lord

Presider: Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, faithful to their calling; 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 42: 1 – 9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

Psalm 29

Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Reading is from the Book of Acts

Acts 10: 34 – 43

Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after

he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **CP 162** **Sing of God Made Manifest**
(piano accompaniment)

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

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 3: 13 – 17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

*Sisters and brothers,
our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy
on behalf of those in need.*

We offer our prayers for the church and the world:

For the Church, especially Archbishop Anne, Rev. Ann and all clergy as they lead, teach and shepherd us. By your Spirit, fill them with your wisdom, compassion and love.

Lord, hear our prayer

For leaders and all those in authority throughout the world; that they would be stirred to serve all people and motivated by truth, justice and compassion.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the safety and protection of medical, hospital and first responder staff, for city police, OPP, RCMP, NAPS and for our armed forces, especially members of the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment and the Canadian Rangers.

Lord, hear our prayer

For a blessing upon farmers, who produce food that sustain us. Grant them favourable weather, good health, strength and courage and keep them safe from all dangers in their work.

Lord, hear our prayer

For justice and lasting peace in Ukraine and other war-torn countries. For justice and peace also in Palestine and Israel. For relief and safety for so many 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 strength of purpose, resources and compassion to do this vital work.

Lord, hear our prayer

For students, teachers, professors, support staff, bus drivers, crossing guards and others in our education system. Keep them safe and bless them daily as they grow, learn, work and play.

Lord, hear our prayer

For our parish of Gathering Table; as living testimony to the miracle of the resurrection: may we be resurrected to the way of humility, curiosity, mercy, service, wholeness, justice and love

Lord, hear our prayer

*Lord God,
you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan*

and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name. Amen.

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 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 you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Offertory: **My Soul is Satisfied**

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever.. ***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.

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 *BAS Page 212*

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

Communion Music

- **Embrace the Mystery – Ted & Donna video**
- **O The Deep Deep Love of Jesus**
- **Wind Upon the Waters – Ted & Donna Video**

Prayer After Communion

Presider: Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. **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: Tell Out My Soul

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 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9: 1 – 4

1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 18

Psalm 27: 1, 5 – 13

Matthew 4: 12 - 23

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 18th)

“Do good; seek justice.” Isaiah 1:17

Ecumenism throughout Algoma: If your congregation shares in a particular ministry with a church of another denomination, if there is a local ministerial, or other ecumenical group in which the congregation participates, please name them and uplift them in prayer.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members

Sharon Corston, Hellen Corston, Margaret Cousins, Joe and Nancy Crane, Ivy and Tim, Suzy and Leigh Crocker Scot and Kerri Dawson, Cole and Nathan, Sheila Douglas, Mary Edwards, Emil and Margot Engler, Steven and Abby, Ann Flatt, Larry and Vicky Fletcher/Kosny-Fletcher, Elisabeth Gesch, Allan and Sharon Gilbert, Joyce Gill, Melanie Gottfred, Shannon and Marie MacLeod

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.

Our Daily Bread for November 2022, December – February 2023

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

“Behold the lamb of God”

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:

If you wish to have the congregation of Gathering Table pray for you or a loved one at a Eucharist Service any Sunday, please let us know! Call the church office at (807) 345-6898, or Contact Rev. Anne at camber_a@yahoo.ca, or write your name on the **Prayer List**, at the back of the church. Yes, the '**Prayer List**' is being resumed, and is in a white binder at the back of the church. If it is written on the list before the service begins, the Lay Reader will add your request to the Prayers of the People. **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 by text 1-306-240-0771 or 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



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

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.

Calendar of Events

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| Jan. 21 st | Men's Breakfast – See Jim for details |
| Jan. 22 nd | Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m. |
| 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. 12 th | Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m. |
| Feb. 14 th | Altar Guild Meeting 1:30 – 3 p.m. |
| Feb. 21 st | Camp Gitchigomee Meeting 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 21 st | Pancake Supper – Details shortly |
| Feb. 22 nd | Sleep G. Farm pick up 1 – 6 p.m. |
| Feb. 26 th | Food Cupboard 11:30 |
| Mar. 21 st | Camp Gitchigomee AGM 6:30 p.m. |
| Mar. 23 rd | Save the Date - 2 Bit Auction for
Camp Gitchigomee 7 p.m. |

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

Rector's Book Study Winter- Spring 2023

Book Title: To Love & Serve - Anglican Beliefs and Practices

Here is what Archbishop Linda Nicholls, our primate says about this book: Building on the Episcopal edition, the Canadian editors share a portrait of Anglican life for the Anglican Church of Canada with clarity and love for our tradition. Whether you are a cradle Anglican or a newcomer to the church, whether you read it cover to cover or dip into sections of interest as needed, you will find the outlines of our life, both its core and diversity, explored in a winsome way that invites discipleship.

To Love & Serve is an invaluable resource for everyone in the church. **Book Study** will be held on Zoom to allow people to connect from home It will be held Tuesday Evenings tentatively beginning January 31, 2023 at 7:00pm - 8:30pm NO study will be held on 4th Tuesday due to PAC and we will take a break for Lent while Rev Gail Clifton does her Lenten Study. Study will resume after Easter break. **Topics:** The Anglican Way of Christianity, The Sacraments and Sacramental Rites, Marking Time (the church calendar and seasons), Basic Beliefs, The Church, The Trinitarian Life, What's Next? (spiritual practices, knowing our story, and proclaiming the Good News.

I hope you are as excited as I am to share together our insights, experiences and fellowship as we study this book. Anyone who does this study and who additionally desires confirmation or re-dedication or reception, this would meet all requirements. This goes well beyond the scope of the confirmation classes.

Rev Ann+



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Deputy People’s Warden: Sheila Chisholm

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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.”