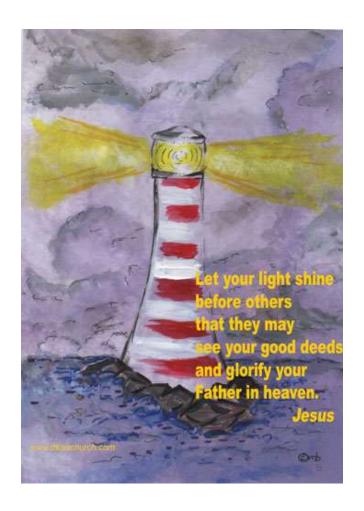
Gathering Table

a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada



'.Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord!

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Officiating and Preaching: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Richard Pepper

Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and Singers **Lector**: Carol Kostyniuk, Rose Jardine

Eucharistic Assistants: Kim Bienvenue, Richard Pepper

Greeters: Jim Bolt, Colleen Speer **Altar Guild:** Sarah Pyne

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5th, 2023

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE +++++++++++

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.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. *John 8.12*

Opening Music: **CP 366 Glory In The Highest Glory**

Gathering of the Community BAS page 185

<u>Presider:</u> 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

<u>Presider:</u> Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. <u>All:</u> Amen

<u>Children's Time</u>: **Rev. Ann Camber**

The Proclamation of the Word The First Reading is from the Book of Isaiah Isaiah 58: 1 – 12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalm 112: 1 - 10

Refrain: Happy are they who have given to the poor.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever.

Refrain: Happy are they who have given to the poor.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

Refrain: Happy are they who have given to the poor.

For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Refrain: Happy are they who have given to the poor.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.

Refrain: Happy are they who have given to the poor.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

Refrain: Happy are they who have given to the poor.

Psalm Prayer: BAS page 860 Generous and bountiful God, give us grace always to thank you and share your gifts with others, that the world may be filled with the joy of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Second Reading is from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are

spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Gradual: God Of Freedom, God Of Justice

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 5: 13 - 20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a

letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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 5

(Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

Let us pray for the peace of the world: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this country, and especially for King Charles, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will. And for our leaders in ministry: Archbishop Anne, Rev. Ann, and Rev. Gail.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love. Let us pause to remember them by name, silently or aloud, as you feel led.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

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 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 Worth Is Not In What I Own

Prayer over the Gifts

<u>Presider</u>: God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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 # 5–

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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

<u>Presider</u>: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you.

By your power you sustain the universe.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

<u>Presider:</u> You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

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

<u>Presider:</u> We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us.

He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

<u>Presider:</u> On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

<u>Presider:</u> Gracious God, with this bread and wine

we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

<u>Presider</u>: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: Glory to you for ever and 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

<u>Presider:</u> "I am the bread which has come down from

Heaven," says the Lord.

All: Give us this bread for ever.

<u>Presider:</u> "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

CP 637 Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

(omitted verse 4)

Mystery Of Faith If I Flee On Morning Wings

Prayer After Communion

<u>Presider:</u> Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. <u>All:</u> Amen

Doxology: BAS page 214

Presider: Glory to God

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing: Rev. Ann Camber

May God keep you in all your days.

May Christ shield you in all your ways.

May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon you blessing and light.

All: Amen.

Announcements:

Closing Music: We Are The Light Of The World

<u>Dismissal</u>: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. 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.

Returning Palm Cross

It's time again to return any old palm crosses you have at home so they can be burnt for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22.

There is a basket at the back of the church where they can be left no later than Sunday February 19th. Thank you.

Readings for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

3rd Sunday before Lent

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

<u>Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :</u> Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop, and the

people and clergy of the Diocese of Central

Newfoundland

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the

Two Rivers, Nith Valley and Niagara Areas of

the Eastern Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

Congregation of St. Saviour's, Blind River, Church of the Redeemer, Thessalon, The Rev. Canon Bob Elkin (Hon.)

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members

Joanne McMahon, Geoff and Katariina Medwid, Robert, Peter and Lillianna, Janis Medwid, Arlene Meservier, Carl and Elizabeth Mickelson, Adrienne Morris, Tom and Dora Morris, Charles and Marion Morris, Rosalie Hardisty Morris, Mark Myers, Dorothy Nesbitt, Len Norris, Garth and Brenda O'Neill, Bethany O'Neill, Cindy Papassay, Henry Parise, Marjorie (Midge) Peel,

<u>Please Pray For:</u> 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

You are here to bring out the God Flavours of the earth.

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.

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.

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 have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the Gathering Table prayer chain, please email the request to prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca. If you do not have access to email, please call the office or Sheila Chisholm at 787-0253 and we will get it sent out for you.

Our Daily Bread for March, April, May 2023

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**

Camp Gitchigomee Summer Camp Dates for 2023

July 9 – 15th, - **Senior Camp** (ages 13 – 15)

July $16 - 22^{nd}$, - **Junior Camp** (ages 7 - 9)

July $23 - 29^{th}$, - Intermediate Camp (ages 10 - 12)

Bursaries are available through each Anglican Church. If you would like to sponsor a camper, please talk to Jim Sutton, or Roberta Wolfe.

Staff is Also Needed

<u>Paid Positions</u> - Waterfront Directors and Life Guards Cooks, Assistant Cooks, and Cook's Helper

Volunteer Positions

Male and Female Cabin Leaders 18+, Male and Female Junior Cabin Leaders 14+,

Assistant Camp Directors for sports, crafts, Spiritual Directors, Handy Person/s,

Everyone 18+ must have a current Police Record Check.

Delivery people each week are also needed to transport food and supplies out to camp as required.

Camp Gitchigomee Membership 2023

Are now available for a short period of time. Just \$5.00 See Roberta Wolfe, or Jim Sutton to purchase yours

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

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

Gathering Table Lenten Quiet Day Saturday, Mar. 18th, 2023

More information available soon. Call the office if you would like to attend. 345-6898 office@gatheringtable.ca

Annual Vestry Meeting - February 19th, 2023 Will follow the Sunday morning service, after a light lunch. Zoom will also be available. Reports are available at the back of the church.

Lenten Bible Study

With Rev. Gail Clifton begins
Feb. 28th, 2023
Parish Hall – 2 p.m.
Please let Rev. Gail know if you are interested by calling the office, or email gailx2@shaw.ca

EVENTS AT GATHERING TABLE

Groups or individuals wishing to use the Parish Hall, or Kitchen, may do so by filling out 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).

Calendar of Events

	Culcitati of Livelity
Feb. 7 th	Book Study on Zoom
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. 14 th	Book Study on Zoom 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 19 th	Annual Vestry Meeting following the service,
	with light refreshments and also on Zoom
Feb. 21 st	Pancake Supper 5 p.m. − 7 p.m.
Feb. 22 nd	Sleep G. Farm pick up 1 – 6 p.m.
Feb. 22 nd	Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Feb. 23 rd	Camp Gitchigomee Mtg. 7 p.m.(Date change)
Feb. 26 th	Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m.
Feb. 28 th	Lenten Book Study - Rev. Gail Clifton 2 p.m.
Feb. 28 th	Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m.
Mar. 12 th	Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m.
Mar. 18 th	Men's Breakfast
Mar. 18 th	Gathering Table Lenten Quiet Day
Mar. 21 st	Camp Gitchigomee AGM 6:45 p.m. Mtg.
Mar. 25 th	Deanery Council Lenten Quiet Day by zoom
Mar. 26 th	Food Cupboard
Mar. 28 th	Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m.



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Frances Bennett-Sutton, Rose Jardine, Brenda O'Neill, Richard Pepper, Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,

Rector's Warden: David Reid
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."