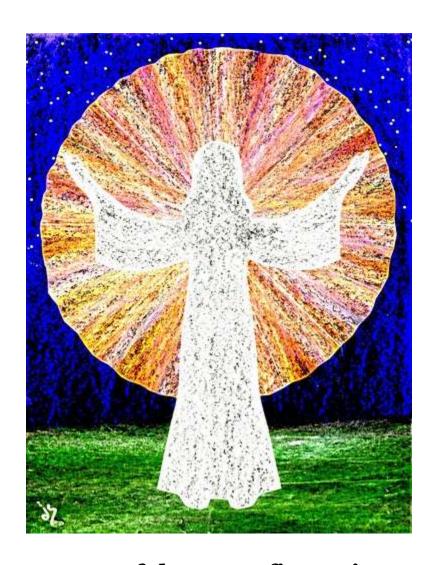
Gathering Table

a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada



Feast of the Transfiguration VESTRY SUNDAY

'.Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord!

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Gathering Table a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Officiating and Preaching: Rev. Ann Camber Lay Reader: Frances Bennett-Sutton

Music: Donne and Ted Hamill and Singers

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Lectors: David and Erminie Reid

Eucharistic Assistants: Rose Jardine, Richard Pepper

Greeters: Connie Bryson, Elaine McKinnon

Altar Guild: Rose Jardine

Feast of the Transfiguration Vestry Sunday

February 19th, 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.

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; Listen to him. Matthew 17.5

Opening Music: CP 3 Morning Has Broken

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> Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross; give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

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

The Proclamation of the Word First Reading is from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 24: 12 - 18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One

Psalm Prayer: BAS page 837 Lord our God, ruler of the universe, you love what is right. Lead us in your righteousness, that we

may live to praise you, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Second Reading is from the Second Letter of Peter 2 Peter 1: 16 – 21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: Song Of The Transfiguration

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 17: 1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

Let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything, saying, "We thank you, Lord."

For the beauty and wonder of creation, *We thank you, Lord.*

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends, *We thank you, Lord*.

For minds to think and hearts to love, *We thank you, Lord.*

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth, *We thank you, Lord.*

For this Parish of Gathering Table, and our Vestry Meeting today,

We thank you, Lord.

Bring us together in the Unity of the Holy Spirit and give us your wisdom as we walk this road together. You walk with us, always at our elbow, and for that -

We thank you, Lord.

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: Afflicted Saint, To Christ Draw Near

Prayer over the Gifts

<u>Presider</u>: Holy God, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 # 2-

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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

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit

he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we 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

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, 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 #1 BAS Page

<u>Presider:</u> "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are they who trust in him!

<u>Presider:</u> 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 166 We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding Jesus Feed Us I Will Praise Him Still

Prayer After Communion

<u>Presider:</u> Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name.

All: Amen

Doxology

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<u>Presider</u>: 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:

Dismissal: 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.

Readings for the First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2: 15 – 17, 3: 1 - 7 Psalm 32 Romans 5: 12 - 19 .. Matthew 4: 1 - 11

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

Sunday next before Lent, Joseph of Nazareth Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

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

ACC: The Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Fredericton

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Grand River and Thames Areas of the Eastern

Synod

ACC/

ELCIC An end to human trafficking and slavery.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for: Northern Lights Parish, St. Paul and St. John,
Haileybury, St. James', Cobalt, The Rev. Valerie Paterson
(Deacon Incumbent), The Rev. Kate Scott (Deacon
Assistant)

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members

Ophelia Shawinimash, Lucy Shewaybick, Shirley Siipola, Mark Smith, Jay Smith, Laura-Lee Smith, Dale and Sharon Sparkes, Tom and Colleen Speer, Jon Stephens, James Stewart and Cassandra Dumontier, Eric and Ann Strand, Evelyn Strawson, Charles Suganaqueb

<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 <u>www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com</u>

There are two ways of spreading the light; to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

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.

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 A note about offerings: all information is on the shelves at the back of the Church.

If you used the numbered offering envelopes in 2022 you will find a personalized box of 2023 envelopes for your use.

If you wish to use weekly offering envelopes you may take an unassigned box and add your name to the list beside the box number.

If you would like to contribute using the Electronic Offering Program*, which we recommend, these forms are also available at the back of the Church fill in the information and turn it into the office.

If you are already using EOP you may amend your offerings using the same form.

E-transfers can also be made to Gathering Table by using: office@gatheringtable.ca and use "church" as your security answer.

If you require any assistance, please consult a Warden.

The EOP is administered by the Diocese and is a preauthorized payment plan offering a steady flow of funds to Gathering Table. It takes the worry about "catching up" if you are away or cannot attend for any reason. **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

Lenten Bible Study – With Rev. Gail Clifton

Begins Tuesday February 28th, 2023 Signs and Wonders by Amy Jill Levine The book is available on Amazon.ca for 22.99. Meeting in the Parish Hall from 2 – 4 p.m. Mar. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and Apr. 4th, 2023 For more information contact Rev. Gail @ 768-9865

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

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. 22nd Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Feb. 23rd Camp Gitchigomee Mtg. 7 p.m.(Date change) Feb. 25th **Deanery Council at Gathering Table** Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m. Feb. 26th Lenten Book Study - Rev. Gail Clifton 2 p.m. Feb. 28th Feb. 28th Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m. Mar. 4th St. Stephen's Meatballs and Sauce Take Out Mar. 11th Weavers – Frances Bennett-Sutton Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m. Mar. 12th Mar. 17th Felting Easter Eggs – See Poster Men's Breakfast Mar. 18th Gathering Table Lenten Quiet Day 10:30 a.m Mar. 18th Camp Gitchigomee AGM 6:45 p.m. Mtg. Mar. 21st Mar. 25th Ukrainian Easter Eggs-psanky with Carol K. Deanery Council Lenten Quiet Day by zoom Mar. 25th Mar. 26th Food Cupboard Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m. Mar. 28th Mar. 31st Making Palm Crosses—Save the Date 10 a.m. April 2nd Palm Sunday with Congregational Pot Luck April 6th Maundy Thurs. 7 p.m. April 7th Good Friday & Stations of The Cross 2 p.m. April 8th Holy Saturday 7 p.m. April 9th Easter Sunday 10 a.m. with Baptism Holy Baptism. Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m. April 9th Fund-raising Mission to Seafarers' Dinner April 21st April 23rd Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m. May 1st Meat Order Due today May 24th AGM Mission to Seafarers'

Blessing of the Fleet

June 24th

Parish Crafting Event: Needle Felted Easter Eggs

Date: Friday, March 17, 10am-1pm

Where: Gathering Table Parish Hall

Cost: Donation for the GT Food Cupboard

This is an easy craft suitable for 6-8 years of

age and older. Working with very sharp barbed needles, wool fibre is attached to a Styrofoam egg in whatever

pattern you want ①. Interested? Questions? Contact Frances at fbennettsutton@gmail.com 807.620.5998

Camp Gitchigomee Summer Camp Dates for 2023

July 9 – 15^{th} , - **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.

Please Join us for the PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY, FEB. 21^{ST} from 5 p.m. -7 p.m. Tickets \$5. or \$20. For a family of 4

PWRDF Responds to Syrian/Turkish Earthquake

PWRDF joins with ACT Alliance's (Action by Churches Together) on the ground response to the earthquake in Syria/Turkey by sending an initial \$35,000. ACT member the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East-Department of Ecumenical Relations and Development (GOPA-DERD) is providing food, blankets, mattresses and medical aid in affected communities in Aleppo, Hama and Latakia. Another ACT member, the Middle East Council of Churches, has put their resources at the disposal of the affected since the first moments of the disaster. Plans are underway from other ACT members to supply winterization materials, ambulances, and other needed supplies as the extent of the need is known.

How you can help: Please pray for those affected and those helping. Donate to PWRDF's response <u>online</u>, or by calling 1-866-308-7973 or by mailing to PWRDF, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd Floor, Toronto, ON, Canada, M4Y 3G2, indicating Syrian Earthquake in the memo field.

Linda Rintamaki (rep)



Please stay for some light refreshment, followed by the Annual Vestry Meeting at 12 p.m. Everyone Welcome to stay



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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."