



Gathering Table  
**a Faith Community**  
**in the Anglican Church of Canada**

**Presider:** Rose Jardine  
**Preaching:** Richard Pepper  
**Music:** Ted and Donna Hamill and Singers  
**Lectors:** Brenda O'Neill, Carol Kostyniuk  
**Greeters** Dale Sparkes and Sharon Sparkes

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Morning Prayer**

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. *John 3. 14 - 15*

Opening Music: **CP 244**      **We Walk By Faith**

**Introductory Response # 4**      *BAS page 97*

Presider:      Cast your burden upon the Lord.

**All:**      *And he will sustain you.*

**Response #9**      *BAS page 99*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

Come, let us worship God our King.

**Come, let us worship Christ, our King and our  
God.**

Come, let us worship Christ among us, our King and our  
God.

**Holy God,  
holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one,  
have mercy upon us.**

Presider:      Cast your burden upon the Lord.

**All:**      *And he will sustain you.*

**Canticle #6**  
**Seek the Lord**

*BAS page 78*  
*Isaiah 55.6–11*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
    call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
    and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have  
compassion, \*  
    and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
    nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
    so are my ways higher than your ways,  
    and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
    and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
    seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
    it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
    and prosper in that for which I sent it.

**Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent**

***All:* Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in  
majesty before he suffered death upon the cross,  
give us faith to perceive his glory, that being  
strengthened by his grace we may be changed into**

**his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. All: Amen**

**The Proclamation of the Word**  
**First Reading is from The Book of Genesis**

**Genesis 12: 1 - 4a**

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

**PSALM 121**

***Refrain: The Lord himself watches over you.***

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

***Refrain: The Lord himself watches over you.***

He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;

***Refrain: The Lord himself watches over you.***

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

***Refrain: The Lord himself watches over you.***

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

***Refrain: The Lord himself watches over you.***

**Psalm Prayer:**

*BAS page 882*

**Be present, merciful God, and protect us in times of danger, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Romans**

**Romans 4: 1 – 5, 13 - 17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but

not before God. For what does the scripture say?  
"Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

Gradual:      **O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**John 3: 1 – 17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, what whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to



condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Offertory:     **CP 179**       **Tree Of Life**

Homily:       **Richard Pepper**

*A time for silent reflection*

Song:         **Hosea**

**Litany # 14**

*BAS page121*

(With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

**Lord, have mercy.**

As we use our time to search ourselves, our spirits, diligently seeking to draw closer to you during the Lenten Season, may Holy Spirit sweep through the world, bearing God's love and mercy for every living being.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help us to grow into the shape of Christ, to show the world his extreme love. For the mission of the Church, that in

faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those preparing for baptism, here at Gathering Table at Easter, and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, save us from ourselves, from judging others through the lens of ethnocentricity. Help us to grow softer hearts. For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us pray for the sick. As I name the ones who have asked for our prayers, please also lift before the Lord, those who are on your mind.

*PRESIDER WILL READ THE LIST.*

Rev. Gail Clifton – in hospital, Stacia Salesse, Rose Jardine, Ted Moyle, Amanda.

We pray for our destitute and desperate brothers and sisters here in Thunder Bay, in all of Canada, and for those who live under harsh dictatorships, or drug lords; for those who live in the war zones around the Earth. We pray also for the courageous people who risk their own safety as they offer aid and asylum to these, your beloved.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;  
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be  
relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

As we search inwardly, and grow into the shape of Christ,  
and grow kinder hearts, give us the courage to seek  
reconciliation with our brothers and sisters in Christ.  
For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you,  
Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lead us into deeper soul-searching, into deeper  
connection with you.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of  
God, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Affirmation of Faith: Hear, O Israel**      *BAS page 53*

Let us confess the faith in these words:

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is  
one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it:**

**Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*BAS page 54*

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.**

A Blessing:           **Rose Jardine**

## **Announcements**

Closing Music:    **O The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus**

**Dismissal:**       **Rose Jardine**

**Thanks be to God.**

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 of Lent**

Exodus 17: 1 - 7 .....

Psalm 95

Romans 5: 1 - 11

John 4: 5 - 42

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

*2nd Sunday of Lent*

**Church of the Province of South East Asia**

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

**Please Pray for:**

**ACC** The Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

**ELCIC** The dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Eastern Synod

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

**Parish of St. Joseph and St. George**, Holy Trinity, Jocelyn, St. George's, Echo Bay, The Chapel of the Intercession, Llewellyn Beach, The Rev. Susan Montague Koyle, The Rev. Canon Rosalie Goos (Hon.), The Rev. Elizabeth Kingston (Deacon Associate)

**Parish Cycle of Prayer**

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

Bruce and Georgina Adderley, Roberta Adderley, Angela Alberta and Ava, Katelin Anderson, Ryan Thrasher, Brooke, Scarlett, and Olivia, Margaret Aris, Darlene Armstrong, Errol Atkinson, Sabata Baya, Ellen Beaudry and Clint, Richard and Lesley BeauParlant, Wendy Bell, Ellie Bennett , Kerri and Shane Bernardi, and Samuel, Sydney Bernardi, Kim Bienvenue

**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)

Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves...  
What stands between you and God?

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 pre-authorized 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.18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Call the office if you would like to attend. 345-6898  
[office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.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](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca)).

**Calendar of Events**

|                       |                                            |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup> | Weavers – Frances Bennett-Sutton           |
| Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m.                   |
| Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup> | Felting Easter Eggs – See Poster           |
| Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup> | Men’s Breakfast 9 a.m. Gathering Table     |
| Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup> | Gathering Table Lenten Quiet Day 10:30 a.m |
| Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup> | Camp Gitchigomee AGM 6:45 p.m. Mtg.        |
| Mar. 25 <sup>th</sup> | Ukrainian Easter Eggs-psanky with Carol K. |
| Mar. 25 <sup>th</sup> | Deanery Council Lenten Quiet Day by zoom   |
| Mar. 26 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard                              |
| Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup> | Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m.              |
| Mar. 31 <sup>st</sup> | Making Palm Crosses–10 a.m. - noon         |



|                        |                                            |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| April 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Palm Sunday with Congregational Pot Luck   |
| April 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Maundy Thurs. 7 p.m.                       |
| April 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Good Friday & Stations of The Cross 2 p.m. |
| April 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Holy Saturday 7 p.m.                       |
| April 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Easter Sunday 10 a.m. with Baptism         |
| April 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Holy Baptism. Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m.     |
| April 21 <sup>st</sup> | Fund-raising Mission to Seafarers' Dinner  |
| April 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m.                   |
| April 29 <sup>th</sup> | Scout Yard Sale                            |
| May 1 <sup>st</sup>    | Meat Order Due today                       |
| May 24 <sup>th</sup>   | AGM Mission to Seafarers'                  |
| June 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Blessing of the Fleet                      |

### **Camp Gitchigomee Summer Camp Dates for 2023**

July 9 – 15<sup>th</sup>, - **Senior Camp** (ages 13 – 15)

July 16 – 22<sup>nd</sup>, - **Junior Camp** (ages 7 – 9)

July 23 – 29<sup>th</sup>, - **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**

**Paid Positions** - 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.

### **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 [online](#), 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)*

### **Primates World Relief Development Fund**

Thank you on behalf of PWRDF to all who contributed to the Advent deanery challenge to raise money for a water truck for Kingfisher Lake First Nation. About \$2,775 was raised in the deanery; the actual estimate is higher than this as several parishes did not report and quite a few people donated directly to PWRDF instead of through their local parishes. Nationwide support is now approx.

\$55,400, about a third of the amount required to purchase the water truck. The deanery challenge for Lent is for us to prayerfully give up something: whether it be chocolate, a glass of wine, coffee or get a book from the library instead of buying one, watch a movie at home instead of going out, omit buying a piece of clothing or whatever you can think of. Be creative. Every little bit helps. Then bring that amount saved on Easter Sunday and make your cheque out to Gathering Table with PWRDF Kingfisher Lake First Nation water truck in the memo line. On behalf of PWRDF thank you for your prayers and thoughtfulness.

Linda Rintamaki (rep)

### **Lenten Offerings for 2023**

Your Lenten Offerings that you prayerfully set aside during Lenten will go the “Clay” this year. Our beautiful hanging banner in the Parish Hall was part of the “Clay” gathering the last time it was in Thunder Bay. Clay is a gathering of Anglican and Lutheran Youth who meet together from across Canada.

Envelopes are available at the back of the church to put your offerings in this Easter.

### **Ukrainian Easter Egg class (Psanky)**

Space is limited to 12-15 people. Come and join Carol K on Saturday, March 25 in the church hall and learn the story, history and art of doing a traditional Ukrainian egg.

10 am till 2 or later as needed. Bring your lunch (no nuts, fish or bananas pls) Coffee and tea will be on . \$5 charge for congregation members, \$10 for non members. (Covers cost of equipment and material) To participate, please let

Carol know ASAP. [Kostyniukbc@shaw.ca](mailto:Kostyniukbc@shaw.ca), phone 475-7770, or text 807-627-1139

## **Needle Felted Easter Eggs – with Frances**

**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 😊. **Interested? Questions? Contact Frances at [fbennettsutton@gmail.com](mailto:fbennettsutton@gmail.com) 807.620.5998**



## **Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth**

The biennial national CLAY is back in person this year, August 10-13, in Waterloo! In addition to this there is travel time. Our Synod is planning bus trips once in southern Ontario. Our home team(s) from here might or might not be part of this. The theme is *Ashes & Embers*. Fire is sacred in the bible; symbolizing life and death. God uses fire in all kinds of ways; from burning bushes and pillars of fire, to the crackle of a campfire in the wilderness. The roaring flames usually get the most attention. But, there are also important stories to be found in what comes before and after. Our stories and faith journeys are a lot like fire too. There's the hard stuff, ashes. There are exciting parts, sparks. There are chaotic times, flames. And there is the quiet and calm, embers. Each of these are holy and vital parts of life. Whatever

place you find yourself in, God is right there with you. For more info: <https://claygathering.ca/>  
Participants at CLAY normally will be aged 14-19 as of Dec. 31, 2023. You are part of a Home Team. Home Teams are groups of youth and leaders travelling and staying together during the Gathering. Often youth from the same church or parish, or from several congregations, form a Home Team, and a youth group leader or another adult will act as the leader. There is a cost to attend.

## **CLAY 2023: Ashes & Embers** **August 10-13 in Waterloo, Ontario**

Registration now open.



**Daylight Savings Begins March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**





Gathering Table  
228 Pearl Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 1E4

Email: [office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca)

Web: <http://gatheringtable.ca>

Office: 345-6898

Hall: 345-6088

**Office Hours:**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Friday from 8 a.m. to noon

Pastor: Rev. Ann Camber, M.Div.

Phone: 807-285-9446      Email: [rector@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:rector@gatheringtable.ca)

Honorary Assistant: The Rev. Gail M. Clifton, M.Div.

Phone: 768-9865      Email: [gailx2@shaw.ca](mailto:gailx2@shaw.ca)

**Lay Readers:**

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." Luke 4: 18 - 19*