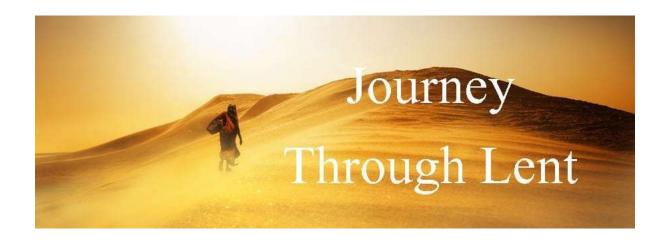
# Gathering Table a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada



# **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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**Officiating:** Jim Sutton Lay Reader **Lay Reader**: Richard Pepper

**Sermon:** Rev. Ann Camber, read by Frances Bennett-

Sutton, Lay Reader

Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and Singers Lectors: David Reid and Erminie Reid Greeters: Marilyn and Al Chisholm

# **Fourth Sunday of Lent - Morning Prayer**

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. We're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitors Book at the back of the church. We encourage "Masks" to be worn in accordance with the most recent COVID-19 Protocols from the Diocese of Algoma.

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 and Opening Remarks

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life. *John 8.12* 

(Please stand, as you are able.)
Opening Music:

# O Lord Throughout These Forty Days

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

Cast your burden upon the Lord, **And he will sustain you**.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence

And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again

And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Blessed be the Lord day by day,

The God of our salvation, who bears our
burdens

**Venite** *Psalm 95.1–7 BAS page 49* 

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us worship.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **O come, let us worship.** 

**Kyrie Eleison** (sung, followed by silence)

#### The Proclamation of the Word

# First Reading is from The First Book of Samuel 1 Samuel 16: 1 – 13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and

anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

#### SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

(Psalm 23 sung)

Shepherd me, O God beyond my wants, beyond my fears from death into life

God is my shepherd so nothing shall I want I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love I walk by the quiet waters of peace

Shepherd me, O God beyond my wants, beyond my fears from death into life

Gently You raise me and heal my weary soul You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth my spirit shall sing the music of Your Name

Shepherd me, O God beyond my wants, beyond my fears from death into life Though I should wander the valley of death I fear no evil for You are at my side Your rod and Your staff my comfort and hope

Shepherd me, O God beyond my wants, beyond my fears from death into life

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold

Shepherd me, O God beyond my wants, beyond my fears from death into life

Surely Your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore
Shepherd me, O God
beyond my wants, beyond my fears
from death into life

Marty Haugen

**Psalm Prayer:** 

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Glory to you, Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. In the waters of baptism you give us new birth, at your table you nourish us with heavenly food, and in your goodness and mercy, you guide us beyond the terrors of evil and death to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light. Glory to you for ever. Amen.

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

### **Ephesians 5: 8-14**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

# Gradual: He Healed The Darkness Of My Mind

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

### Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### John 9: 1 – 41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered,

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and

asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to be-come his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in

the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

Sermon by Rev. Ann, reader: Frances-Bennett-Sutton,

Parochial Lay Reader

A time of silence for reflection

**Affirmation of Faith: Hear, O Israel** BAS page 53 (Please stand as you are able)

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.

<u>Offertory:</u> **CP 179 Tree Of Life** (*V 1,2,3, 6e*)

# **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

#### **Prayers of the People**

Lay Reader

Litany # 14 Lent (adapted)

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, when necessary using words, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, especially in Ukraine, that a spirit

of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples; lift up those who in humility seek wisdom to serve, and bring down those who arrogantly cling to power for their own ends, we pray to you, Lord.

### Lord, have mercy.

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 pause to bring before you silently or aloud those in need on our hearts, we pray to you, Lord.

### Lord, have mercy.

For this fragile earth, our island home, so beautiful but so scarred by our greed and indifference, we pray to you Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

# **Collect Of The Day for the Fourth Sunday of Lent**

<u>Lay Reader:</u> Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All: Amen** 

Let us continue in prayer together, saying:

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our time within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of the sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever.

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.

# Words of Invitation from the Rev. Richard Fairchild

May we fast from worry, and feast on trust May we fast from complaining and feast on appreciation May we fast from pressure and feast on prayer
May we fast from bitterness and feast on forgiveness
May we fast from self-absorption and feast on compassion
May we fast from idle gossip and feast on purposeful
silence

May we fast from fear and feast on the power of God May we fast from discontent and feast on gratitude May we fast from indulgence and feast on generosity to others

May we fast from failure and feast on optimism May we fast from discouragement and feast on hope **Amen** 

#### **Announcements**

Closing Music: CP 578 O Healing River

#### **Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord

#### Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace. **Amen.** 

----See you in the parish hall for coffee and conversation!----

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14 .... Psalm 130

Romans 8: 6 - 11 John 11: 1 – 45

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

4th Sunday of Lent

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

# **Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer:**

**Please Pray for:** 

**ACC** The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson,

Bishop, and the people and clergy of the

Diocese of Montreal

**ELCIC** The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff

of the Manitoba - Northwestern Ontario

Synod

**ACC/ELCIC** The elimination of racial discrimination.

# **<u>Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:</u>** Please pray for:

St. Thomas', Bracebridge, St. Stephen's,

Vankoughnet, The Rev. Canon Phelan Scanlon (Interim)

The Rev. Barbara Nangle (Hon. Emeritus)

Lake of Bays Parish, St. Ambrose's, Baysville, St.

James', Port Cunnington, The Rev. Canon John Thompson (Hon. Emeritus), The Rev. Margaret Morrison (Deacon Associate)

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

# Please pray for our own church members:

Maureen and Teresa Colpitts/Andreychuk, Brenda Coopman, 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, Emil and Margot Engler, Steven and Abby, Ann Flatt, Larry and Vicky Fletcher/Kosny-Fletcher, Elisabeth Gesch, Allan and Sharon Gilbert, Joyce Gill

<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>

God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.

# 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 <a href="mailto:prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca">prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca</a>. 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: <a href="mailto:rector@gatheringtable.ca">rector@gatheringtable.ca</a>

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: <a href="mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca">office@gatheringtable.ca</a> 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.

#### **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**

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Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Camp Gitchigomee AGM 6:45 p.m. Mtg.
	If you are interested in learning about the
	camp, please feel free to join us.
Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Funeral for Marlene Hogarth 11 a.m.
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 Advisory Council Meeting 7 p.m.
Mar. 31st	Making Palm Crosses–10 a.m. – noon
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Palm Sunday with Congregational Pot Luck
	See sign up sheet in hall.
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 21st	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 – if you have anything you
	would like to donate – let Roberta know
May 1st	Meat Order Due today - see Marg Boone
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Meat pick up – see Marg Boone
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 – 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.

**PWRDF** Responds to Syrian/Turkish Earthquake **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)

**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.

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)

# **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, phone 475-7770, or text 807-627-1139

### **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. 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.

**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

### **Meat Sale Fund-Raiser 2023**

Meat supplied by European Meats, a Thunder Bay company. The meat is gluten free and it has no additives or preservatives and European Meats makes the sausage using a mixture of beef and pork. The hamburger patties are gluten-free.

5 lbs - **Mild** Legion Sausages (smokies) or :**Hot** - \$35.00 5 lbs - Cheese Legion Sausages (smokies) \$42.00 Pepperettes 1 lb. - 8 per pkg, \$8.50 2 lbs Garlic Chub (Kielbasa) \$18.00 or Lenkki Ring (Baloney \$14.00 Ham and Garlic Ring (Kielbasa) \$14.00 4 kg Chicken Breast (unseasoned) \$65.00 4 oz Beef Patty - 42 pieces - \$72.00 Strip Loin Steak - 8 pieces - \$125.00

Orders forms available on bulletin board in Parish Hall. A cheque is made payable to 'The Mission to Seafarers'. Or send an e-transfer request through your financial institution to <a href="mailto:mtstreasurer@tbaytel.net">mtstreasurer@tbaytel.net</a> - write Meat Sale in the message. Orders must be placed by **Mon. May** 1st and delivered on Wed. May 17. rep **Marg Boone** 

#### **EASTER FLOWERS**

It is exciting to hear all the planning and chatter in the parish for events leading up to Easter.

The Altar Guild is setting in motion the placing of flowers in the church for our Easter services. The flowers richly add to the glorious message of the risen Lord. Flowers can be given in memory of family or friends, in thanksgiving or in celebration of a special event.

Deadline for your information: TUESDAY MARCH
28 to ensure your dedication is in the Easter bulletins.

If you are at the church: There are envelopes in the red basket on the ledge at the back of the church with a form you can fill in with your name, address, phone number and the dedication wording for the bulletin.

Cheques are made out to **Gathering Table Altar Guild** or you can use cash if you are bringing the Sealed envelope with the form and donation to church to put in the Treasure Chest on the back table.

If you cannot attend before the deadline: Please mail a note with your name, address, phone number and the wording for your flower dedication. Include a cheque/money order made out to **Gathering Table**Altar Guild and mail to the church 228 Pearl St. P7B 1E4. Flag the envelope 'Altar Guild Flowers'
Any questions or assistance contact Erminie Reid, voice mail 807-767- 4566 or email dandereid@shaw.ca.
THANK YOU!

# Camp Gitchigomee Two-Bit Auction fundraiser April 27th 2023

#### at the West Thunder Comm. Centre

To support camp ministry. This has previously been a very successful fundraiser for our organization, the proceeds from this event will be used to help pay staff salaries, groceries or transportation for the three weeks of kids camping programs, off-setting costs and allowing more campers to attend. We are hoping each parish can donate

a basket of items to be auctioned off at this event. We also need of extra baskets to assemble miscellaneous donated items into baskets to auction off. Donations are required by April 2nd and pick-up/delivery can be arranged with:

Georgine 475-0139 Mel 472-7263 Heidi 355-9010 Tanelle 631-3572 Or Talk to Roberta or Jim after church

# LIFEWATER CANADA – Prospector Buns for Easter

The Prospector Steak House has once again generously offered to donate their fabulous buns in support of Lifewater Canada. Buns, including garlic butter, are \$5.00/dozen. Donations, in addition to the bun purchase, will be gratefully accepted Perhaps you'd like to purchase buns to donate to the Dew Drop Inn. We'll happily deliver them on your behalf. Pick up will be 12:00PM – 1:00PM on Saturday April 08, 2023. You will receive an emailed confirmation within 24 hours of placing your order. The confirmation will include payment and pick up details. Please email your order and include your full name <a href="mailto:shirleyvandyken.lifewatercanada@gmail.com">shirleyvandyken.lifewatercanada@gmail.com</a>

**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.



#### You are Invited to a PALM CROSS WORK-BEE

Friday March 31st - 10 until noon. The Altar Guild and friends will be making palm crosses. It is a time of fellowship for everyone to enjoy. If you would like to learn how to create a cross from a palm leaf please join us. There are experienced helpers to assist you. You will need a pair of scissors. We look forward to seeing you on the 31st.



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday



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#### **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

#### **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