

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Preaching: Rev. Gail Clifton
Presider: Rev. Ann Camber
Lay Reader: Brenda O'Neill
Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and GT Singers
Lector: Carol Kostyniuk, Richard Pepper
Eucharistic Assistants: Rose Jardine, Dave Reid
Greeters: Audrey and Neil Love
Altar Guild: Sarah Pyne

First Sunday after Easter

April 16th, 2023

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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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

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

John 20.29

Opening Music: I Looked Up

Gathering of the Community *BAS page 185*

Presider: Alleluia Christ is Risen.

All: The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

Presider May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

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

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All: Amen**

Glory to God

Presider: Glory to God in the highest,
All: and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Children's Time: Rev. Ann Camber

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading from the Book of Acts

Acts 2: 14a, 22 – 32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to

what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 16

Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.

Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.

Psalm Prayer:

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Gracious God, we bless your holy name for the heritage you have given us. Show us the path of life, that we may follow it in hope, and come to know the joy of the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

**Second Reading is from the First Letter of Peter
1 Peter 1: 3 – 9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer

various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **All Things New**

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

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John 20: 19 - 31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was

called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is The Gospel of Christ
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: **Rev. Gail Clifton,** *Honorary Assistant*

A Time of Silent Reflection

The Apostles' Creed –

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Lay Reader :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

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: **Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown**

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through 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 # 1—

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Presider: It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:

male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,

you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,

and through your servants Abraham and Sarah

gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people

from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets

you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints

who have served you in every age,

we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are
full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
*Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord*
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest**

Patrick Schlabs

Presider: Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,

and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, “ Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, “ Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life
you give us life for evermore.
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider: Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold
to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread #8

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Presider: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life**

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Live in us, that we may live in you.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
grant - us peace

Communion Music:

CP 183 **Into Jerusalem Jesus Rode** - *all 3 verses*
Judas Song
Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted

Prayer After Communion

Presider: Father, we have seen with our eyes and
touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our
faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other;

through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: Amen

Doxology

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Presider: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Announcements:

Closing Music: **CP 237**

all 4 verses

Now The Green Blade

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. 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 Second Sunday after Easter

Acts 2: 14a, 36 - 41.

Psalm 116: 1 - 3, 10 - 17

1 Peter 1: 17 - 23.....

Luke 24: 13 - 35

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

2nd Sunday of Easter

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop,
and the clergy and people of the Diocese of
Algoma

ELCIC The congregations of the Southern Manitoba
area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario
Synod

ACC/ELCIC Climate justice and healthy relationships
with the earth

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

Parish of Muskoka Lakes, St. Mark's, Milford Bay
St. John's, Beaumaris, Christ Church, Gregory, St. James',
Port Carling, St. George's, Port Sandfield, and The Rev. Dr.
Gail Marie Henderson (Interim)

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members

Richard Pepper, Sheila Pepper, Donna Phoenix, Dr.
Michelle Proudfoot, Alex and Sarah, Evelyn, Emerson, and
Elliott Pyne, David and Erminie Reid, William and Lillian
Richmond, Linda Rintamaki and Wayne Edmunds, Mary
Ripley, and Grace Dawson, Muriel Rowan, Alan and
Cynthia Roy, Graham and Michael, Kenneth and Irene
Roy, Marlene Salmonson, David Semple,

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

Grow inside, glow outside.

Thank you message from your rector

Thank you to everyone who did such wonderful service over the Lent, Holy Week and Easter season. Special thanks to Donna, Ted and the whole choir, Richard Pepper and Nancy Wallace for their musical offerings.

Thanks to the altar guild, hospitality team, greeters and EA's, lay readers and lectors. Thanks to Sarah Pyne for her contribution to the Good Friday service for children and Ellen for her children's ministry.

Thanks to the sound and streaming tech team. Thanks to the wardens who are on top of everything and always willing to respond when called upon.

Thanks to the Food Cupboard team Sharon and Dale and volunteers for your flexibility and willingness to come in an extra day on Saturday for food distribution because of all the special services. To everyone who helped in any way Thank you. The faith, witness and love in this parish shines through. Well Done! Rev. Ann

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 is continuing 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 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.

Camp Gitchigomee Summer Camp Dates for 2023

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

July 16 – 22nd, - **Junior Camp** (ages 7 – 9)

July 23 – 29th, - **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.

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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| April 16 th | Sale of extra Baking at Deanery Council |
| April 18 th | Book Study <i>To Love and to Serve</i> resumes 7 pm on zoom. Link will be emailed |
| April 18 th | Camp Gitchigomee 7 p.m. St. Thomas |
| April 20 th | A.C.W. Spring Deanery Meeting Gathering Table, begins with Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m. in the church, followed by meeting and refreshments in the Parish Hall |
| April 21 st | Fund-raising Mission to Seafarers' Dinner See Marg Boone for Tickets |
| April 23 rd | Food Cupboard 11:30 a.m. |
| April 25 th | Parish Council Meeting by zoom at 7 p.m. |
| April 25 th | No Book Study tonight |
| April 27 th | Camp Gitchigomee 2 Bit Auction 7 p.m. |

- April 29th Scout Yard Sale – if you have anything you would like to donate – let Roberta know
- April 30th Said Book of Common Prayer Holy Eucharist
At 10 p.m. Parish Pot Luck Lunch,
- April 30th Celebration of New Ministry at 2 p.m. with Archdeacon Deborah Kraft guest preacher
- May 1st Meat Order Due today - see Marg Boone
- May 2nd Book Study at 7 p.m.
- May 8-13 Rev. Ann away at Early Ministry Conference, and Synod
- May 9th **No** Book Study
- May 17th Meat pick up – see Marg Boone for location
- May 24th AGM Mission to Seafarers'
- June 24th Blessing of the Fleet

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. 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 mtstreasurer@tbaytel.net - write

Meat Sale in the message. Orders must be placed by **Mon. May 1st** and delivered on Wed. May 17. rep **Marg Boone**

**Camp Gitchigomee Two-Bit Auction Fundraiser
April 27th 2023 The West Thunder Comm. Centre**
Thank You to all who help supply the items for the auction. We have made up 40 huge overstuffed baskets valued up to \$300 plus to be won. Don't forget to get your ticket from the following people. Georgine 475-0139, Mel 472-7263, Heidi 355-9010, Tanelle 631-3572, Roberta (has tickets - \$5.00) or Jim after church

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.

Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church
Pick up a copy today.

**To All Anglican Women
of the Deanery of Thunder Bay—North Shore**
A Eucharist service will be held on Thursday, April 20th, at 11:00 am at Gathering Table celebrated by the Reverend Ann Camber.
Lunch will be provided following the service. Please join us. This is a time for us to socialize and visit with each other. RSVP to Janet Pike at jepike@tbaytel.net or 807-627-1112 by Monday, April 17 so that we have numbers for ordering lunch.



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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2023

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4: 18 - 19