

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Preacher and Presider: Archdeacon Deborah Kraft

Incumbent: Rev. Ann Camber

Honorary Assistant: Rev. Gail Clifton

Lay Reader: Frances Bennett-Sutton

Lay Reader and Crucifer: Brenda O'Neill

Lector: David Reid, Frances Bennett-Sutton

Eucharistic Assistants: Alex and Sylvia KostECKi

Altar Guild: Elaine McKinnon

Crucifer: Brenda O'Neill

Symbols of Ministry Presenters:

Frances Bennett-Sutton, Dale and Sharon Sparkes, David Reid,
Garth O'Neill, Jim Sutton, Audrey and Neil Love, Alex and Sylvia
KostECKi,

Celebration of New Ministry
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocations Sunday

April 30th, 2023

2 p.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

Processional Hymn: **In Christ Alone**

The Gathering of the Community

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

The Presider may, in the following or similar words, introduce the theme of this celebration as that of the ministry of the whole people of God.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, **Rev. Ann Camber** has been chosen to be incumbent of this parish of **Gathering Table**.

After prayerful consideration, and according to the practice of this diocese, Archbishop Anne of Algoma, has appointed **Rev. Ann Camber**, to this position of leadership in our common ministry. This ministry continues the good work done through the years in this community, and is part of the work and witness of the whole church. It is a new beginning because **Ann** brings particular gifts to our ministry together. As we stand in God's presence let us pray that grace will be given to **Ann**, and to all of us in this ministry, that we may fulfil the responsibilities which are ours.

The Collect of the day

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Reader A reading from the book of Acts

Acts 2: 42 - 47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had

all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(in place of Psalm 23 we will sing)

Shepherd Me, O God

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Peter

1 PETER 2: 19 - 25

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for

righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Gospel.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Reader THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO JOHN

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief

comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

Sermon: Archdeacon Deborah Kraft

A silence for reflection may follow.

Covenant in Ministry (Jim Sutton and David Reid)

We certify that the required oaths and declarations have been made, and the letters of appointment and licence have been read in our presence.

Rev Ann do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to the responsibility entrusted to you?

The new minister replies,

I do.

The Presider asks the people of the parish to stand and says,

Do you, the people of the parish of *Gathering Table*, commit yourselves to share with *Rev Ann Camber* in the ministry of this parish?

We do.

The Presider asks visitors to stand, and says,

As brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, will you support **Reverend Ann** and the parish of **Gathering Table** in their ministry together?

We will.

Representatives of the congregation present various appropriate symbols of the ministry of the whole people of God.

Representative Frances Bennett Sutton presents a bible, saying, Ann hold before us the story of God's love and mercy and, above all, the Gospel of our Saviour Christ. Be among us as a preacher of the word of God and teacher of the faith.

The new minister replies,

I invite you all to join with me in proclaiming the Gospel of hope and life.

Amen. We have good news to share.

Representative Ellen Teahan will present a vessel of water, saying, Ann, in the water of baptism we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Be among us as one who baptizes into the community of Christ.

I invite you all to join with me in rejoicing in our baptismal fellowship, and in nurturing the community of faith.

Amen. May we all grow into the full stature of Christ.

Representatives Dale and Sharon Sparkes will present oil, saying, Ann, hold before us the anointing of the Holy Spirit for wholeness of life. Be among us as reconciler and healer.

I invite you all to join with me in the ministry of reconciliation and healing, so that through the power of God we may bring wholeness of life to all people.

Amen. In forgiveness and healing we find new life.

Warden David Reid and Chancellor Garth O'Neill will present a copy of the canons of the diocese, saying, **Ann** we look to you to work with the committees and organizations of the church, and in our community, so that our administration may serve Christ and his Gospel and not just ourselves. Be among us in wisdom and humility, in discernment and good humour.

I invite you all to join with me in working for the building up of Christ's Church.

Amen. We are the Body of Christ.

Churchwarden Jim Sutton will present the keys of the church, saying, Ann, we look to you to lead and encourage us to be an open, welcoming community. Accept these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to everyone.

The new minister replies, I invite you all to join with me in welcoming all who would come into the fellowship of the people of God.

Amen. May we greet Christ in all who come.

Representatives Neil and Audrey Love will present prayer books, saying Ann, we look to you to lead us in worship, so that, in word and sacrament, we may be renewed in our life together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Receive this book and be among us as a person of prayer.

I invite you all to join with me, and with the whole Church, in regular and constant prayer to our God.

Amen. In quietness and confidence will be our strength.

Representatives of the congregation, Eucharistic Assistants, Alex and Sylvia Kostecki will present bread and wine, saying Ann we look to you as one who presides at the eucharist and shares with us and with the whole church in the breaking of the bread as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Be among us to break the bread and bless the cup.

I invite you all to join with me in making eucharist together, in company with the church in every age.

Amen. May we know the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Archdeacon Deborah Kraft:

Ann, let all these be signs of the ministry which is Archbishop Anne Germond's, mine and yours, and is shared by all the people of God.

Amen. May we find joy together in the service of Christ.

I present Ann as the leader of your ministry, and I invite your welcome.

Re-Appointment of the Reverend Gail Clifton as Honorary Assistant by Archdeacon Deborah Kraft

Let us affirm the ministry of our baptism.

We are the household of God.

We confess the faith of Christ crucified, we proclaim his resurrection, we share in his eternal priesthood.

The Prayers of the People -

Lay Readers and Rev Ann

Sisters and brothers in Christ, we are called to proclaim the story of God's love and mercy and, above all, the Gospel of our Saviour Christ: I ask your prayers for **Ann** who has come among us to preach the word of God and to teach the faith.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We are called to be a sign and witness of God's purpose for all the human family: I ask your prayers for **Ann** who has come among us to share our joys and sorrows, to counsel, reconcile, and comfort; to nurture this community of faith.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

I ask your prayers for the committees and organizations of our church and community, and for **Ann**, that in wisdom and humility, in discernment and good humour **she** may join with us in working for the building up of Christ's Church.

Silence

Leader Lord in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Rev Ann: I ask your prayers for us all, that together we may learn the ways of the kingdom, patterned in worship and practised in love. Together may we welcome strangers, stand with outcasts, and support those who are broken, in the pattern of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Silence

Leader Lord in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Other petitions for the world, the Church, the local community, the sick, friends and family of those present, and the departed, may be offered.

Silence

Leader Lord in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider may conclude in these or similar words.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Peace (Rev Ann)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory: **Here I Am Lord**

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd.

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.**

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 360

Bless The Lord

CP 69

We Hold The Death Of The Lord

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Prayer After Communion

Presider: God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of 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**

God the Father draw you deeper into his love; God the Son empower you to serve the world; God the Holy Spirit strengthen you to proclaim the Gospel; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Announcements:

Closing Music: **CP 82**

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia !

Please join us for some light refreshments in the Parish Hall following the service.



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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