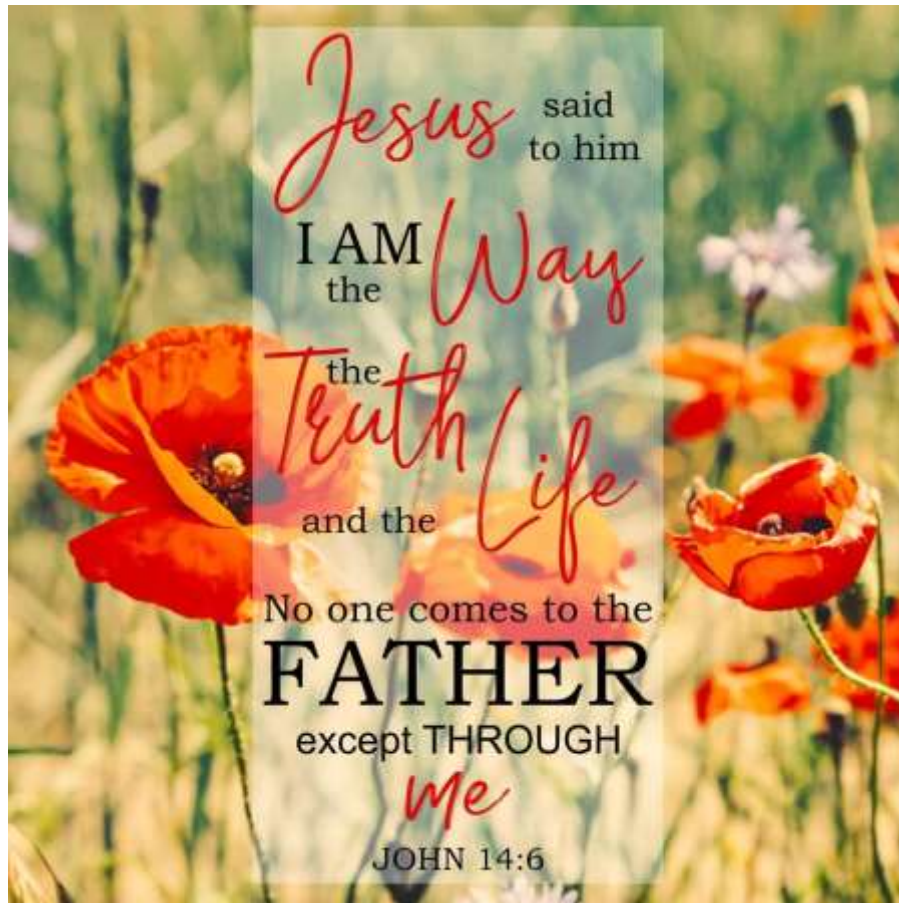


Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada



‘Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Preacher and President: Rev. Ann Camber
Lay Reader: Kim Bienvenue
Music: Donna and Ted Hamill; GT Singers
Lector: Frances Bennett-Sutton, Al Chisholm
Eucharistic Assistants: Richard Pepper, David Reid
Greeters: Colleen Speers, Connie Bryson
Altar Guild: Audrey Love

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7th, 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

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, but by me. *John 14.6*

Opening Music: **Welcome, Happy Morning**

Gathering of the Community

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Celebrant: Alleluia Christ is Risen.

All: The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the
way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one
another and walk in the way of his commandments, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

All: Amen

Glory to God

Celebrant: 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 7: 55 – 60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the

city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 31: 1 – 5, 15 - 16

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

"My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me."

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Psalm Prayer:

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Helper of the helpless, comfort of the afflicted, may your servants who stand in the midst of evil find strength in the knowledge of your presence, and praise you for the wonders of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. All: Amen.

**Second Reading is from The First Letter of Peter
1 Peter 2: 2 – 10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **CP 618** **Glorious In Majesty**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John 14: 1 – 14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas

said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**

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
Litany #15**

Lay Reader

*(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life,
saying, "Hear us, Lord of glory!")*

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy
and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh
strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

Coronation Prayers - For the King

Lord God, in your power you provide for your people and rule over them in love: Grant to your servant Charles, our King the spirit of wisdom and government, that being devoted to you with his whole heart, he may so wisely govern, that during his reign your church may be protected, and Christian devotion may continue in peace; that so persevering in good works to the end, he may by your mercy enter your everlasting kingdom; through

Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Based on a prayer from the Jubilee Resources)

Lord God, the Ancient of Days, you are sovereign over all your people; Give to His Majesty, King Charles enduring wisdom and faith in the service of the people of this land and of you, his Lord and Master. Grant that his faithful witness may be to others a source of hope, that they may come to know more fully your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For the Queen Consort

(Based on a prayer in the 1953 Coronation Service)

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness: hear our prayer and multiply your blessings upon your servant Camilla the Queen Consort as she offers herself with humble devotion to your service. Defend her from all danger, make her an example of virtue and godliness and a blessing to the King and to his people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Offertory: **Cry Of The Oppressed**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 3

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;

we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise 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

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are 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 *BAS Page 213*

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

All: Now we are raised to new life

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

Celebrant: 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: **Bread Of Life**
 Be Unto Your Name
 If I Flee On Morning Wings

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of love, in this eucharist we have heard
your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in
your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen**

Sending of Delegates to Diocesan Synod

Leader: Hear again these words from the First
Epistle of Peter: “Like living stones, let yourselves be built
into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer
spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus
Christ... you are God’s own people, in order that you may
proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of
darkness into marvelous light.”

Friends in Christ, this week, from Wednesday evening
until Saturday afternoon, representatives from
congregations across the Diocese of Algoma will assemble
as the Diocesan Synod. Together they will exercise the
ministry of prayer, discernment, and governance entrusted

to them by the people of this Diocese. We pray all who gather, particularly the delegates from this parish, will be so directed and inspired by the Holy Spirit that the church in Algoma will proclaim with renewed conviction that Jesus Christ is Lord of all, and live as his People of Promise in this time and place.

I call forward:

Sheila Chisholm, Brenda O'Neill, Garth O'Neill,

(When the delegates have come forward, the Leader invites the members of the congregation to stand/remain standing in prayer, and may invite them to extend their hands toward the delegates in a gesture of blessing.)

Then the Leader prays,

God our hope, by the Holy Spirit
you presided at the Council of Apostles
to guide them in all knowledge and truth,
and to inspire the whole company of disciples
to share faithfully in your mission to the world.
Be present with these your servants
as they take their place in Diocesan Synod
with representatives from across Algoma.
In deliberation and debate,
fill them with your wisdom and peace.
In the face of challenge and opportunity,
spark their imagination and give them courage.
In moments of decision,
prompt and empower them to seek only your glory,
so your church may live as People of Promise
for the sake of the world you love.
We ask this through the One

who is the way, the truth, and the life,
Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

People: Amen.

Leader:

Sheila Chisholm, Brenda O'Neill, Garth O'Neill may you go
with God as you travel to and from Synod, knowing God's
blessing as you serve.

All: Amen

Doxology

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Celebrant: 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:

Let us go forth thankful that we have come.

Let us go forth renewed in God's abiding love.

And let us go forth rejoicing in the Good News, of Jesus
Christ, whose love will never let us go.

And the blessing of God Almighty the Father, Son and
Holy Spirit be amongst us and remain with us always.

Amen.

Announcements:

Report about changing Rev. Ann's ministry from 80% to
100%

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 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17: 22 – 31.....

Psalm 66: 7 - 18

1 Peter 3: 13 – 22 ...

John 14: 15 – 21

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

5th Sunday of Easter

The Church in Wales

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop, The Most Rev. Colin Johnson, Assistant Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Niagara

ELCIC Bishop Sid Haugen, the people and rostered ministers of the Saskatchewan Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

Christ Church, Windermere, The Rev. Robert Clubbe

Our 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
Dream big. Pray bigger.

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.

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

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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| May 8-13 | Rev. Ann away at Early Ministry Conference, and Synod |
| May 9 th | No Book Study |
| May 14 th | Food Cupboard |
| May 16 th | Camp Gitchigomee Mtg. Gathering Table at 7 |
| May 17 th | Meat pick up – see Marg Boone for location |
| May 23 rd | Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m. |
| May 24 th | AGM Mission to Seafarers’ |
| May 28 th | Food Cupboard |
| June 24 th | Blessing of the Fleet |

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in and came out for the Celebration of New Ministry last Sunday.

Rev. Ann



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Deputy People's Warden: Sheila Chisholm

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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