

# Gathering Table

a Faith Community  
in the Anglican Church of Canada



'Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord /

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**Celebrant:** Rev. Ann Camber  
**Preacher:** Rev. Gail Clifton  
**Lay Reader:** Jim Sutton  
**Music:** Donna and Ted Hamill; GT Singers  
**Lector:** David Reid and Erminie Reid  
**Eucharistic Assistants:** Alex and Sylvia Kostecki  
**Greeters:** Denise Jetten and Derek Jetten  
**Altar Guild:** Sarah Pyne

**Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation Sunday**

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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**

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.     *John 14.23*

Opening Music:   **Praise The Father, Praise The Son**

**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:*   Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

***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 17: 22 - 31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of

your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

**Psalm 66: 7 – 18**

***REFRAIN Be joyful in God, all you lands.***

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

***REFRAIN Be joyful in God, all you lands.***

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

***REFRAIN Be joyful in God, all you lands.***

I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.

***REFRAIN Be joyful in God, all you lands.***

**Psalm Prayer:**

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**God of power and might, you bring your people out of darkness and slavery into light and freedom through the waters of salvation. Receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and keep us always in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. All: Amen.**

**Second Reading is from The First Letter of Paul  
1 Peter 3: 13 – 22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if

suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Gradual:      **How Deep The Father's Love For Us**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
John

**ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**John 14: 15 - 21**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave



you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

Sermon:        **Rev. Gail Clifton**

*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*

Let us pray to the Lord saying, “Lord, hear our prayer”

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For the Church, especially Archbishop Anne, Rev. Ann, Rev. Gail and all clergy as they lead, teach and shepherd us. By your Spirit, fill them with your wisdom, compassion and love.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For leaders and all those in authority throughout the world; that they would be stirred to serve all people and motivated by truth, justice and compassion.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For the safety and protection of medical, hospital and first responder staff, for city police, OPP, RCMP, NAPS and for our armed forces.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For a blessing upon farmers, who produce our food. Grant them favourable weather, good health, strength and keep them safe from all dangers in their work.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For justice and lasting peace in countries ravaged by wars,

especially Ukraine, Sudan, Palestine and Israel. For relief and safety for people and lands affected by drought, wildfires, flood, famine, and other disasters. Remembering especially the people in Alberta and New Zealand.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For deep and lasting reconciliation from the residential school legacy, and for justice and peace for families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For those in need of your healing touch and grieving the loss of a loved one – (please say aloud or silently the names of persons); in your mercy,

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For all people, as we confront the urgency and reality of the human-caused climate crisis; grant us great courage to address this challenge in a timely manner.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For Grace Place, Dew Drop Inn, Shelter House, Salvation Army, and our own Food Cupboard; whose staff and volunteers serve the hungry, lonely, and hurting people of our city. Grant them strength of purpose, resources and compassion to do this vital work.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For Camp Gitchigomee, as many preparations are made for children to have a wonderful time of camping fun and

especially that campers of all ages would come to know the deep, deep love of Jesus.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For our parish of Gathering Table; as living testimony to the miracle of the resurrection: may we be resurrected to the way of humility, curiosity, mercy, service, wholeness, justice and love.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

## **The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you**

Offertory: **CP 401 How Can I Keep From Singing**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant: God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **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** *BAS Page 198*

*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**

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

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**

**CP 199 Who Would Ever Have Believed It** *(v 1,3,4,5)*  
**If I Flee On Morning Wings**

#### **Prayer After Communion**

Celebrant:   Father, you restored us to life by raising your  
Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament  
always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of  
Jesus Christ the risen Lord.   **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: Rev. Ann Camber**

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:**

Closing Music: CP 457 Alleluia! Glory To God

**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 Sunday after Ascension Day**

Acts 1: 6 – 14.....

Psalm 68: 33 – 36

1 Peter 4: 12 – 14....

John 17: 1 - 11

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

*6th Sunday of Easter, Matthias the Apostle*

**The Church of the Province of West Africa**

## **Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

### **Please Pray for:**

**ACC:** The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario

**ELCIC** The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod

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

### **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

### **Hospital/Institutional Chaplains**

The Rev. Anne Carr , The Rev. Gail Clifton, The Rev. Rhonda Hirst, The Rev. Beth Hewson, The Rev. Barb Fugelsang, The Rev. Diana Wilde

## **Our Parish Cycle of Prayer**

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

Adrian Boissoneau, Jim Bolt, Margaret Boone, Mary Browne and Jaclynn Marttunen, Connie Bryson, Murray Butler, Laura Byce, Anna and Grace Dosen, David L Bythell, Rev. Ann Camber, Blaine Carlson, Alan and Marilyn Chisholm, Doug and Sheila Chisholm, Rev. Gail Clifton and Gail Pell, Bruno Coda, Darleah Kostyniuk-Coda, and Cosmo Coda, Lois Colpitts,

**Please Pray For:** Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

A grace note from [www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)

Come and see the wonders of God.

### **We Welcome Your Prayer Requests:**

If you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the Gathering Table prayer chain, please email the request to [prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca). If you do not have access to email, please call the office or Sheila Chisholm at 787-0253 and we will get it sent out for you.

### **Reminder about Visitations:**

Rev. Ann is continuing her Pastoral care visits. If you would like a visit, please call 807-285-9446 or email her at:

[rector@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:rector@gatheringtable.ca)



**2023 Envelopes** are now available at the back

A note about offerings: all information is on the shelves at the back of the Church. If you used the numbered offering envelopes in 2022 you will find a personalized box of 2023 envelopes for your use. If you wish to use weekly offering envelopes you may take an unassigned box and add your name to the list beside the box number. If you would like to contribute using the Electronic Offering Program\*, which we recommend, these forms are also available at the

back of the Church fill in the information and turn it into the office. If you are already using EOP you may amend your offerings using the same form.

E-transfers can also be made to Gathering Table by using: [office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca) and use “church” as your security answer. If you require any assistance, please consult a Warden.

The EOP is administered by the Diocese and is a pre-authorized payment plan offering a steady flow of funds to Gathering Table. It takes the worry about “catching up” if you are away or cannot attend for any reason.

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

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

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

July 23 – 29<sup>th</sup>, - **Intermediate Camp** (ages 10 – 12)

**Bursaries** are available through each Anglican Church. If you would like to sponsor a camper, please talk to Jim Sutton, or Roberta Wolfe.

**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

**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.

## EVENTS AT GATHERING TABLE

Groups or individuals wishing to use the Parish Hall, or Kitchen, may do so by filling out the Gathering Table Booking Request Form that is available by calling the office at 345-6898 or by emailing the office at ([office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca)).

### Calendar of Events

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| May 14 <sup>th</sup>  | Food Cupboard                              |
| May 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Camp Gitchigomee Mtg. Gathering Table at 7 |
| May 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Meat pick up – see Marg Boone for location |
| May 24 <sup>th</sup>  | AGM Mission to Seafarers'                  |
| May 28 <sup>th</sup>  | Food Cupboard                              |
| June 11 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard                              |
| June 24 <sup>th</sup> | Blessing of the Fleet                      |
| June 25 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard                              |
| June 27 <sup>th</sup> | Parish Council Mtg. 7 p.m.                 |

**Our Daily Bread** (June, July, August) is available at the back of the church. Pick up a copy today.





The opening service for Synod 2023 May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. from St. Luke's Cathedral. Ordinations to the diaconate and installation of Canons of St. Luke's Cathedral.





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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

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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*