

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada



Ascension and Jerusalem Sunday

Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Ann Camber
Honorary Assistant: Rev. Gail Clifton
Lay Reader: Rose Jardine
Music: Donna and Ted Hamill; GT Singers
Lectors: Al Chisholm, Marilyn Chisholm
Eucharistic Assistants: Brenda O'Neill, Kim Bienvenue
Greeters: Dale and Sharon Sparkes
Altar Guild: Rose Jardine

Ascension Sunday - Jerusalem Sunday

May 21st, 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

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, to the close of the age.

Matthew 28, 19, 20

Opening Music: **We Are The Light Of The World**

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
ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over
all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the
Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of
creation to worship at his feet, who is alive 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. 1: 1 - 11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 47

REFRAIN God has gone up with a shout.

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth.

REFRAIN God has gone up with a shout.

He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

REFRAIN God has gone up with a shout.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.

REFRAIN God has gone up with a shout.

For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.

REFRAIN God has gone up with a shout.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

REFRAIN God has gone up with a shout.

Psalm Prayer:

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Blessed are you, God of all the earth; you have called us out of every people and nation to be a royal priesthood and citizens of your holy city. May our words of praise call the world to turn to the joy of fellowship with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 1: 15 - 23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **Across The Lands**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 24: 44 - 53

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Lay Reader

Litany 6 for Ascension and Jerusalem Sunday

As we stand in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord,
saying: 'Lord, have mercy'.

Lord, have mercy.

*Guide us, Father, so that we may make wise decisions as
stewards of your loving presence on earth. Help us to see*

and seek the future you have chosen for this body.

For the whole people of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, and like Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Give us an adventurous spirit in action and thought so we may rethink and restate the eternal gospel in terms that all can understand, and not shrink from that which is new and not always comfortable

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Create in us a fellowship in which all social and racial distinctions have ceased to exist, all barriers broken down, in which all people can worship together, and in which the body of Christ will be truly one

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray now for those whose condition or plight is on our minds and hearts. Please lift before God their names, either aloud or silently.

(Lay Reader will read list)

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We have so much in this land wealthy in resources and money. Help us to protect and use these gifts wisely, to

respond to the needs of those who have little, whether here or around the world.

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to the true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

O God, our Father, bless your Church. Give us a passion for social justice that will draw us into the neighbourhood, and that we will continue to crusade for everything that will benefit human bodies as well as human souls.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Peace

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

Offertory: **CP 527 How Firm A Foundation**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of 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 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:

Mystery Of Faith
CP 508 I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say
CP 386 When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our 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: **Blessed Jesus**

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 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2: 1 – 21

Psalm 104: 25 – 35, 37

1 Corinthians 12: 3b – 13

John 7: 37 – 39

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

7th Sunday of Easter

Thy Kingdom Come

The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa

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ELCIC *Jerusalem Sunday:* The Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and for peace in the Middle East.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

Church of the Ascension, Sudbury, The Rev. Jeffery Hooper, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews (Hon. Assoc.)

The retired clergy in your deanery, many of whom continue to assist in parishes. We thank God for their dedicated service to Christ and the Church. We pray especially for Rev. Gail Clifton here at Gathering Table

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members

Maureen and Teresa Colpitts/Andreychuk, Brenda Coopman, Sharon Corston, Hellen Corston, Margaret Cousins, Joe and Nancy Crane, Ivy and Tim, Suzy and Leigh Crocker Scot and Kerri Dawson, Cole and Nathan, Sheila Douglas, Emil and Margot Engler, Steven and Abby, Ann Flatt, Larry and Vicky Fletcher/Kosny-Fletcher, Elisabeth Gesch, Allan and Sharon Gilbert, Joyce Gill.

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
Day after day.....He carries us along.

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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| May 23 rd | Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m. |
| May 24 th | AGM Mission to Seafarers’ |
| May 28 th | Food Cupboard |
| June 4 th | 5 th Anniversary of Gathering Table
Special Vestry and Anniversary Cake |
| June 11 th | Food Cupboard |
| June 18 th | Sunday School Picnic |
| June 24 th | Blessing of the Fleet |
| June 25 th | National Indigenous Peoples Day of Prayer |
| June 25 th | Food Cupboard |
| June 27 th | Parish Council Mtg. 7 p.m. |

July 9th Senior Camp
July 16th Junior Camp
July 23rd Intermediate Camp
Aug. 13th Parish retreat at Camp Gitchigomee

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.

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





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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