

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Ann Camber
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Lay Reader: Kim Bienvenue
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5th Sunday of Pentecost

July 2nd , 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

Our National Anthem: **'O Canada'**

**O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.**

**With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!**

**From far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.**

**God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who
called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2.9

Opening Music: **My Worth Is Not In What I Own**

Gathering of the Community

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All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

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, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All: Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 22: 1 – 14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took

two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 13

Refrain: *I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly.*

How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever? how long will you hide your face from me?

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

Refrain: *I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly.*

Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

Refrain: *I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly.*

But I put my trust in your mercy; my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; I will praise the name of the Lord Most High.

Refrain: *I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly.*

Psalm Prayer:

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Loving and merciful God, hear the prayers of those who cry to you, and shine with the light of your presence on those who live in the shadow of death. May we rejoice in your saving help and sing you songs of praise in the name of our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ. All: Amen.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 6: 12 - 23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented

your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **Jesus, All For Jesus**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 10: 40 – 42

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**
Time of Silent Reflection

The Nicene Creed *BAS page 188*

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers of the People

Lay Reader

Prayers to Canada on Canada

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. May we prove ourselves a people mindful of your generosity and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honourable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people. Defend our liberties

and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, you created us in your own image: Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and help us to use our freedom rightly in the establishment of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,
**All 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.**

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

The Peace

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

Offertory: **CP 575 Let Streams Of Living Justice**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of wisdom, receive all we offer you this
day. Enrich our lives with the gifts of your Spirit, that we
may follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ, and serve one
another in freedom. 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 #2 *BAS Page 196*

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.

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

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,

the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we 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

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over

to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, “Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you.”
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
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 #2

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Celebrant: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

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:

CP 292 We Cannot Measure How You Heal
CP 354 Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace. Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ and fit us for his eternal kingdom, that all the world may call him Lord. We ask this in his name. **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**

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Nation, peace and concord; to us all Your servants the promise of everlasting life, light to guide us on our way, courage to support us, and Your blessing to unite us in service to You our God and this our Country.

Amen.

Announcements:

Closing Music: **O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

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

**Thanks be to God.
Alleluia ! Alleluia ! 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 Pentecost **Sea Sunday**

Genesis 24: 34 – 38, 42 – 49, 58 – 67 Psalm 45: 11 – 18
Romans 7: 15 – 25a Matthew 11: 16 - 19, 25 - 30

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

4th Sunday after Trinity

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil – Province

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. David Greenwood, Bishop,
and the clergy and people of the Diocese
of Athabasca

ACC/ELCIC Let there be greening – Assembly 2023:
gathering of Anglicans and Lutherans
and celebrating the 20th Anniversary of
Full Communion.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:
St. Thomas', Thunder Bay, The Rev. Jonathan
Blanchard**

Pray for our youth in the diocese. That they may experience great joy and growth in the sharing of their journeys of faith with one another and in their parish context.

Pray for all those who provide ministry in support of our youth.

Pray for St. John's, Biscotasing and St. Christopher's, McGregor Bay, and the ministry of our summer students and supervisors.

Pray for Camp Manitou, Camp Temiskaming, and Camp Gitchigomee and their boards of directors.

Pray for Camp Gitchigomee Staff

Senior Camp: July 9 – 15 –

Directors: Michael Wolfe, Rachel Titterton

Junior Camp: July 16 – 22nd

Directors: Danielle Reszitnyk and Maranda Dumas

Intermediate Camp: July 23 – 29

Directors: Melanie Gottfred and Tanelle Rabachuk

Pray for all Life Guards, Spiritual Directors, Cooks, Cabin Staff, and especially for the campers who may be there for the first time. Also for all those that will be purchasing the food and supplies, and those that will be delivering each week.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members

Jim and Frances Sutton, Ellen Teahan, Violet Thomson, Bob and Marjorie Tutkaluk, Duncan Twance, Terry Wade,

Dan and Val Walter, Elizabeth Whalley, Jim Whalley, Carl and Roberta Wolfe, Michael Wolfe and Heidi Dreher-Wolfe, Makayla and Riley, Anne Zale

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

Reach out with the love of Christ to another, there is no small gesture.

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: 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.

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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| July 9 th | Food Cupboard |
| July 9 th | Senior Camp Begins today |
| July 16 th | Junior Camp |
| July 23 rd | Food Cupboard |
| July 23 rd | Intermediate Camp |
| Aug. 13 th | Parish retreat at Camp Gitchigomee |
| Aug. 13 th | Food Cupboard |
| Aug. 27 th | Food Cupboard |

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.

Gathering Table - 1st Annual Family Camp

At Camp Gitchigomee - August 11 – 13, 2023

Fun, Fellowship, Worship All in God's beautiful creation.

Come out for an evening a day or the whole weekend. Cost is by donation. Cabin Accommodation available, or bring your own tent or RV.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch –

Bring your own for yourself or family.-

Supper – Community Supper

Car Pooling on request.

(talk to Rev. Ann or Jim Sutton for more information.)

Registration forms are available at the back of the church.

LAST Call for Pill Bottles for MEMO

MEMO (Medical Equipment Modernization Opportunity) is a local non-profit - MEMO and we are asking you to recycle your pill bottles for them. Make sure they are washed and remove your drug label. We will set up a container for the bottles at the back of the church. This is an ongoing request so spread the word to family and friends. Thank you. Erminie

Time to get Growing! Thunder Bay North Shore Deanery



is encouraging parishioners to join in a project to help those who are dealing with food insecurity. Our effort in 2023 is to have as many parishes and members to grow at least one row or some garden boxes of veggies and donate that to the food distribution centre of the church's choice. Our donations will go to our own Food Cupboard. Sharon and Dale encourage us to choose one crop of either carrots, potatoes, beans, or peas. They need a certain amount harvested so they may offer some to our 80 plus regular clients.

Thx – Rev Ann+

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Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church



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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