

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

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Sea Sunday / 6th Sunday of Pentecost

July 9th, 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.

do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but 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 24: 34 – 38, 42 – 49, 58 - 67

Eliezer said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I

drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 45: 11 – 18

Refrain: *Nations shall praise you for ever.*
"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; forget your people and your father's house.

The king will have pleasure in your beauty; he is your master; therefore do him honour.

The people of Tyre are here with a gift; the rich among the people seek your favour."

Refrain: *Nations shall praise you for ever.*

All glorious is the princess as she enters; her gown is cloth-of-gold.

In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

With joy and gladness they are brought, and enter into the palace of the king.

Refrain: *Nations shall praise you for ever.*

"In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; you shall make them princes over all the earth.

I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Refrain: Nations shall praise you for ever.

Psalm Prayer:

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Gracious God, your love unites heaven and earth in a new festival of gladness. Lift our spirits to learn the way of joy that leads us to your banquet hall, where all is golden with praise. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord. All: Amen.

Second Reading is from The Book of Romans

Romans 7: 15 – 25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Gradual: CP 438 **O Jesus I have promised**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 - 30

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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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Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

**All: 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 #1**

*Reader: Erminie
BAS page 110*

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”)

Lord, have mercy.

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For *this city (town, village, etc.)*, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially . . .), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died (especially . . .), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering (. . . and) all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests.

Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and

loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, 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 244**

We walk by faith and not by sight

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

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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.

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 52 O God Unseen yet ever near
CP 54 Bread of the World in Mercy Broken
CP 57 Thou who at thy first Eucharist

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: O God, may we who have shared in holy

things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of 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 revel in summer.

Let us soak up the long days and warm sun.

May our feet walk on sandy beaches and our heads rest on thick grass under blue skies.

May we listen to and marvel at the singing of the birds and stop to watch blissful children at play.

This summer, God, may our breathing slow and our hearts open. God help us to be present to all that is so that we might best see all that might be. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Announcements:

Closing Music: CP 444

Thy Hand O God has Guided

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

by Thomas Sanders Dupuis

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 Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 25: 19 – 34

Psalm 119: 105 - 112

Romans 8: 1 – 11....

Matthew 13: 1 - 9 – 13, 18 - 23

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

5th Sunday after Trinity

The Anglican Church of Burundi

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Brandon

ELCIC Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, the people and rostered ministers of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

St. Stephen the Martyr, Thunder Bay,

The Rev. Canon Ed Swayze, The Ven. Eric Paterson (Hon.)

The Rev. Barbara Fugelsang (Deacon Associate)

Mission to Seafarers

Almighty God, we give thanks for all those who work at sea. We acknowledge our need for the food and raw materials they transport. We recognize that they are often in danger and we are sorry that their long absences often involve sacrifices in their daily family life. Give us grace to show our gratitude not only in our words, but also in our actions. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

What are you carrying today? Will you give that burden to Jesus?

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) *starts today*

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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| 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

Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church
Pick up a copy today.

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.



Pray this week for members of Gathering Table at camp

Senior Camp: July 9 – 15 –

Co - Directors: Michael Wolfe, Rachel Titterton

Spiritual Director: Rev. Ann Camber

Jim Sutton, Frances Bennett-Sutton, and All other staff



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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