

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada



9th Sunday of Pentecost

‘Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Greeter: Sharon Sparkes
Altar Guild: Rose Jardine

9th Sunday of Pentecost

July 30th, 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. Mask are no longer required but we are mask friendly, if you are more comfortable wearing it.

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

Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. *John 6.68*

Opening Music: **CP 366**

Glory, In The Highest Glory

Gathering of the Community

BAS page 185

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: O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase
and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our
ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal,
that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ

our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **All: Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 29: 15 - 28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years."

Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 105: 1 – 11, 22 - 23

Refrain: *The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.

Refrain: *The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.*

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth, O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

Refrain: *The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.*

He is the Lord our God; his judgements prevail in all the world.

He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise he made for a thousand generations:

Refrain: The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.

The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac,

Which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel,

Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance."

Hallelujah!

Refrain: The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.

Psalm Prayer: *BAS page 848*

God of our salvation, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Romans 8: 26 - 39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else

in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **When It's All Been Said And Done**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 13: 31 – 33, 44 - 52

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels

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 6 Lay Reader

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

In this 'slow time' of summer, we pray for each of us who are travelling, who remain at home, and who are busy volunteering with Camp Gitchigomee. Help us to remain examples of your amazing love toward all humankind. Help us to live out the Mission of Gathering Table, to bring your Grace and Healing as a covering, where ever we go.

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

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for all of us who struggle with our faith. May we either cross paths with someone who carries your light, or be the one who carries that same light, to BE an

inspiration for others.

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.

Help us all to find a time to enjoy your creation this summer, to find green spaces that sooth the spirit. We pray for the people who are planning the Gathering Table family camp at Sandstone Lake, and for those who plan to attend. May it be a gift of time to refresh both body and soul.

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 ask for your comfort and blessing on all who suffer physically, mentally, financially, and spiritually. Reveal yourself to these and to their families.

(Lay Reader will read list of names. Please add those who are on your mind.)

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.

Lord, you are the source of healing for all the nations. All of your creation, and all of human-created places, boundaries, pollution, and repairs, it all needs your touch. Holy Spirit, sweep over the land and the peoples,

and renew our commitment to protect this planet and all life that exists on it. Forgive us for the damage we do to the home you created for us.

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.

Wars continue, and grow worse. Humankind has a seemingly endless capacity to strike others in anger, greed, and fear. Holy Spirit, increase the desire for peace among all peoples. Lord Jesus, come soon.

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

Lord, have mercy. 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: **This Is My Father's World**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of grace, accept all we offer you this day,
as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we
ask in the name 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 #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:

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 #4

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Celebrant: “I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

All: **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant: “I am the vine, you are the branches.”

All: **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

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 375 At The Name Of Jesus
I Will Praise Him Still**

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. **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: **O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**
(V 1&3)

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 Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7: 9 – 10, 13 - 14

Psalm 99

2 Peter 1: 16 - 19.....

Luke 9: 28 - 36

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

8th Sunday after Trinity

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev's Lydia Mamakwa, Larry Beardy,
and Morris Fidler; Bishops, and the clergy

and people of the Spiritual Ministry of
Mishamikoweesh

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The dean, council, and congregations of the
Southern Area of the Synod of Alberta and
the Territories

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:
Christ Church, Ilfracombe, The Rev. James Decker
Christ Church, Port Sydney, The Rev. Owen Ash

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members

Melanie Gottfred, Shannon and Marie MacLeod,
Mary Ellen Gouliquer, Ted and Donna Hamill, Glen and
Sally Hamilton, Wayne Hargrave, Diane Hartley, Mary
Louise Hill, Irene Humby, Isaiah and Rosalie Jacob, and
Raymond Greg, Rose Jardine, Derek and Denise Jetten,
Hazel Johnson, Daniel and Amelia Joseph, Amanda Kase,
John Kirchen, Alex and Sylvia Kostecki,

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

Where is God's yeast at work in you?

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.

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

Aug. 13th Parish retreat at Camp Gitchigomee
Aug. 13th Food Cupboard
Aug. 27th 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.

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

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 available at the back of the church.





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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