

Gathering Table

*a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada*



11th Sunday of Pentecost

‘Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord /
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11th Sunday of Pentecost

August 13th, 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

I wait for the Lord, in his word is my hope. *Psalm 130.4*

Gathering of the Community

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Please stand, as you are able, for the Gathering of the community.

Presider: Lord, open our lips,

***All:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider: O God, make speed to save us.

***All:* O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

(Please sit or kneel as you are able)

We pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Canticle #3

3 Song of Thanksgiving

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Isaiah 12.2–6

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

All: *O come, let us worship.*

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence,
and he will be my Saviour.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,

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

see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of
Israel.

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

All: *O come, let us worship.*

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 37: 1 – 4, 12 - 28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of

Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" - that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his

robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 105: 1 – 6, 16 – 22, 45c

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.

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

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.

Then he called for a famine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread.

He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron collar.

Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him.

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

The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.

He set him as master over his household, as a ruler over all his possessions,

To instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his elders wisdom. 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. All: Amen.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 10: 5 – 15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him

from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 14: 22 –33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And

they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Message: **Kimberly Bienvenue**

Time of Silent Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

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**Hear, O Israel
Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers of the People

Lay Reader

Litany # 2

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(Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer.")

Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Collect of The Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 Blessing:

Announcements:

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 Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 45: 1 – 15 ..

Psalm 133

Romans 11: 1 – 2a, 29 - 32

Matthew 15: 10 - 20

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

10th Sunday after Trinity

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: ACC The Rt. Rev. Geoff Woodcroft, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Rupert's Land

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the West Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

ACC/ELCIC CLAY 2023: Ashes & Embers – gathering of Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:
St. Mary's, Nipigon, St. John's, Schreiber
The Rev. Jan Latham

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members

Joanne McMahon, Geoff and Katariina Medwid, Robert, Peter and Lillianna, Janis Medwid, Arlene Meservier, Carl and Elizabeth Mickelson, Adrienne Morris, Tom and Dora Morris, Charles and Marion Morris, Rosalie Hardisty Morris, Mark Myers, Dorothy Nesbitt, Len Norris, Garth and Brenda O'Neill, Bethany O'Neill, Cindy Papassay, Henry Parise, Marjorie (Midge) Peel.

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

Can you shift your focus from the storm in your life to the One who can calm it?

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 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.

Funeral Service for **Dale Sparkes** will be held on Tuesday, August 15th, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Gathering Table Reception following in the Parish Hall.
Memorial donations will be received for the Gathering Table Food Cupboard ministry in his memory.



Donation made to Camp Gitchigomee for Bursaries



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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