

*Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada*



GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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**25th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist**

Officiating and Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber
Honorary Assistant: Rev. Gail Clifton
Lay Reader: Richard Pepper
Lectors: Carol Kostyniuk, David Reid
Music: Ted and Donna Hamill and Singers
Greeters: Ellie Bennett, John Kirchen
Eucharistic Assistants:
Kim Bienvenue, Richard Pepper
Altar Guild: Audrey Love

November 19th, 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.

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 am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord.
Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.
John 15.5

Opening Music: **CP 601**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Gathering of the Community - BAS Page 185

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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

Celebrant: Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus
Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that
darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and
joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever..

Amen

Children's Time: **Rev. Ann Camber**

(Please be seated for the readings.)

The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading is from The Book of Judges
Judges 4: 1 - 7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Psalm 123

***Refrain: Our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he shows us his mercy.***

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his
mercy.

***Refrain: Our eyes look to the Lord our
God, until he shows us his mercy.***

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had
more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the
derision of the proud.

***Refrain: Our eyes look to the Lord our
God, until he shows us his mercy***

Psalm Prayer

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**King of Love, rule in the hearts of all people on
earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may
become one family and one kingdom serving you
by serving each other. We ask this in his name.**

All: Amen.

The Second Reading is from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual: **Jesus, Thou Joy Of Loving**

Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And Also with you.**

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

MATTHEW 25:14-30

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of

many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Time for Silent Reflection

The Apostles Creed

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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*
(Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”)

Let us pray for the peace of the world: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this country, and especially for King Charles, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Confession and Absolution – BAS Page 191

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

Most merciful God,

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.

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. Amen.

(Please stand if you are able)

The Peace

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

Offertory: **Jesus Christ Is Waiting**
#128 from Sing A New Creation

Prayer Over The Gifts.

Celebrant: Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. 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 Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer # 2

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.**

Fraction Sentence # 4

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Presider: “I am the bread which has come down from heaven.” Says the Lord.

All Give us this bread for ever.

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

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

Presider: The gifts of God for you 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 Hymns:

Jesus Feed Us

Savior Of The Nations Come

The Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light,

and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

Please stand if you are able

The Doxology – *BAS –Page 214*
Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen

The Blessing: Rev. Ann Camber

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **All: Amen.**

Announcements:

Closing Music: **CP 505**
Be Thou My Vision

Dismissal

Alleluia! Let us go forth to be Christ's Body here on earth.
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 Reign of Christ

Ezekiel 34: 11 – 16, 20 – 24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1: 15 – 23

Matthew 25: 31 - 46

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

2nd Sunday before Advent

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Secretary General and staff of the Anglican Communion Office

ELCIC The General Secretary and staff of the Lutheran World Federation

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

Pray for parishes/congregations in transition that they will embrace God's vision for their future and that He will grace them with the ability to focus on their ministry and mission in the world as a people of hope and faith.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for our own church members:

Isaiah and Rosalie Jacob, and Raymond Greg, Rose Jardine, Derek and Denise Jetten, Daniel and Amelia Joseph, Amanda Kase, John Kirchen, Alex and Sylvia KostECKI, Bob and Carol Lee Kostyniuk, Richard and Adrienne Lambert, and Kaylee, Doris Loon, Neil and Audrey Love, Paul Love. Julia MacDougall, Monica MacKay, Jessica and Murray MacRae, Gabriel, Ellie, Gavin and Isobel, David Marler Jean McAlpine-Marler.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com
God can use you at any age - if you are willing.



Scents, kitchen, allergies

For the well-being of us all, a few reminders:

Please do not wear scents (perfume, cologne, hairspray etc.) because exposure to them can adversely affect a person's health, including headaches, shortness of breath, nausea and fatigue.

After using the kitchen, please ensure that all surfaces are cleaned and sanitized and the floor is swept of any mouse-attracting crumbs. Some of us have life-threatening allergies to nuts, so please do not bring food containing nuts into the building. Sealed items for the Food Cupboard are exempt.

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 787-0465 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.

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

EVENTS AT GATHERING TABLE

Each September groups wishing to book the use of the hall, kitchen has to fill in the “Booking Request Form” each year for your groups’ activities. Please contact the office to request the form. office@gatheringtable.ca
Or call 807-345-6898

Calendar of Events

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| Nov. 19 th | Coffee Hour |
| Nov. 19 th | Last day for “Christmas Bags” for Seafarers |
| Nov. 19 th | Rector’s Book Study - zoom |
| Nov. 21 st | Camp Gitchigomee Meeting 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 24 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| Nov. 26 th | Baptism and Food Cupboard |
| Nov. 28 th | Advent Book and Video begins Rev. Gail
at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall |
| Nov. 28 th | PAC (Parish Advisory Council) by Zoom |
| Nov. 29 th | Sleep G Farm Pick Up |
| Dec. 5 th | Advent Book and Video 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. |
| Dec. 8 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| Dec. 9 th | Advent Quiet Day 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 10 th | Food Cupboard |
| Dec. 12 th | Advent Book and Video |
| Dec 13 th | Sleep G. Farm Pick Up |
| Dec. 17 th | Congregational Potluck Luncheon |
| Dec. 17 th | Steve Bell Concert – Redwood Church 7 p.m. |
| Dec. 18 th | Flower Memorials for Christmas due today |
| Dec. 19 th | Advent Book and Video 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. |
| Dec. 29 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| Dec. 31 st | Food Cupboard |
| Apr. 19 th | Mission to Seafarers Dinner, save the date |

Mission to Seafarers – Due Today

The donations need to be at the Seafarer's Centre by Monday, November 20 . Volunteers to help packing the bags are always welcome. If you have questions about either item please ask Marg Boone (rep.) 807-345-2184 or mboone@tbaytel.net



Note Change in date: Saturday, Dec. 9th,
2023

Watch for more details soon.

Church Calendars Available Soon

Please let the office know, if you would like a 2024 Church Calendar, 807-345-6898 or office@gatheringtable.ca

Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church
Pick up a copy today of the Sept. Oct. Nov. Issue
Dec. Jan. Feb. now available as well.

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.

The Undercover Project - PLEASE DONATE
Helping Children Cover Bare Necessities. This Christmas Season, please help provide children with New socks and Underwear. There is a big box decorated to put socks and underwear in that will assist Community Clothing Assistance provide these basic items to children in need. Cash/Cheques are also appreciated, and can be put in The Treasure Chest at the back of the church and should be made out to Community Clothing Assistance.

Advent Book Study and Video

With Rev. Gail Clifton

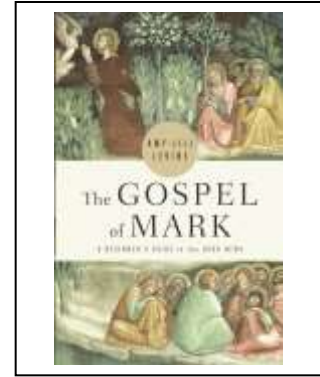
Begins Tuesday, November 29th, 2023

2 – 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Link to purchase the book.

Gospel of Mark <https://a.co/d/eYnWEpN>

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PWRDF

The 2023 **World of Gifts** guide arrived with your October Anglican Journal. This is another opportunity for you to alleviate poverty, promote sustainability and support communities in need in Canada and around the world. There are 29 impactful gifts to give this year; some familiar and many new. Use the order form in the guide, or shop in the online store 24/7 at www.pwrdf.org

All gifts matched, up to \$110,000!

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, when you purchase any item from this year's World of Gifts, your gift will be matched, up to a total of \$110,000! (The match applies to all gifts except for support of PWRDF's equity in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, which is matched up to four times by the Government of Canada.) When you say Merry Christmas with a PWRDF card, you are supporting it and its partners. Order online through the PWRDF website. You can sign up for a daily Advent reflection to come into your inbox at the PWRDF website.

Linda Rintamaki (linjrin@tbaytel.net)

Next Baptism is on Sunday, November 26th, 2023
We need to know if you know someone for baptism.



Food Cupboard Looking for Totes to store food in

Let Sharon Sparkes know if you have any that you would like to donate to the Food Cupboard.



**Camp Gitchigomee - 2 Bit Auction
April 18th, 2024**

We are looking for items for our Auction in April. If you have any new items that you have received but aren't using, we would love to get them from you to make up baskets for the auction. Cash donations are also welcome.

Baskets are also needed if you have any. See Roberta Wolfe, Melanie Gottfred, Jim Sutton.



Join us for Coffee Hour following the Service Today.

Your hosts for Sunday will be:
Alex and Sylvia Kostecki, Al and Marilyn 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