

Gathering Table

a Faith Community

in the Anglican Church of Canada



The Baptism of the Lord

'Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Officiating: Rev. Ann Camber
Preaching: Frances Bennett-Sutton
Lay Reader: Brenda O'Neill
Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and Singers
Lector:
Eucharistic Assistants: Greeters:
Altar Guild: Audrey Love

The Baptism of the Lord

January 7th, 2024

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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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 To Gathering Table
and Opening Remarks**

Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers we're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitor's Book at the back of the church.

A voice came from heaven, saying,
This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3.17

Opening Music: **CP 160**

As With Gladness Men Of Old

Gathering of the Community *BAS page 185*

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: Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All: Amen**

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

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading is from The Book of Genesis

Genesis 1: 1 - 5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 29

Refrain: *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Refrain: *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

Refrain: *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Refrain: *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

Refrain: *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Refrain: *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

Psalm Prayer:

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God of mystery and power, open our eyes to the flame of your love, and open our ears to the thunder of your justice, that we may receive your gifts of blessing and peace, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Second Reading is from

Acts 19: 1 – 7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual: **You Are My Delight**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Mark

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Mark 1: 4 – 11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Sermon: **Frances Bennett-Sutton** *Lay Reader*
A Time of Silent Reflection

The Apostles' Creed – *BAS Page 189*

Celebrant: 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

Litany 13 Prayer of the People of the Incarnation

(In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, “Lord, grant us peace.”)

“Lord, grant us peace.”

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

“Lord, grant us peace.”

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

“Lord, grant us peace.”

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds

and magi, hear us, O Lord.

“Lord, grant us peace.”

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

“Lord, grant us peace.”

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

“Lord, grant us peace.”

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

“Lord, grant us peace.”

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.**

The Peace

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

Offertory: **Come To The River**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. 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 # 1—

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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: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and 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 God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He
healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and
sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed
the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in
need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord
Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to
you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had
given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “ Drink this, all
of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed
for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of
me.” Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the
power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us
life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of
faith.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Recalling his death, proclaiming his

resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, 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.

Communion Music:

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:

O Living Breath Of God

What King Would Wade Through Murky Streams

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. **All: Amen**

The Doxology

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Celebrant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;

we, who the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing: Rev. Ann Camber

Go forth into the world to live as those baptized into Christ's mission. And may the eternal light of God keep you rock-solidly immersed in the river of life in the peace and power of the Holy Spirit now and forevermore.

All: Amen

Announcements:

**Closing Music: CP 650 (V 1,2 & 4)
God's Spirit, As A Rising Gale**

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 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

I Samuel 3: 1 – 20 . Psalm 139:1 - 5, 12 – 17
1 Corinthians 6: 12 - 20 John 1: 43 - 51

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The College of Bishops Meeting, January 8-12th.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator;
the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for
Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

ELCIC: Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the
National Bishop, Youth and Leadership; Rev.
Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop,
Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

Parish of North Hastings St. John the Evangelist, Bancroft
Holy Trinity, Maynooth The Rt. Rev. Michael Bird

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Brock
and Gail Marshall, Ian and Virginia McEwen, and Rory
and Toby, Gloria McKay, Donald and Elaine McKinnon,
Joanne McMahan, 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

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

God recycles. He made you from dust.

Baptism and Confirmation

Rev. Ann would like to know if there is anyone who is interested in the Sacrament of Baptism (Infant or Adult), or Confirmation (Ages 13+), or Life in the Eucharist (ages 7+) Please call the office or talk to Rev. Ann for more information. (There are sheets on both Baptism, and Confirmation in the rack at the back of the church, or they can be emailed to you by calling the office at 345-6898.

2024 Parishioner Parking Passes are available at the office Tues. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Friday 8 a.m. – 12 noon.

The Cold Weather is Here

Please make sure that if you are the last to leave, that you shut the doors in the different areas of the church and hall to help save money on heating. *Thanks David Reid*

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.

Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church
Pick up a copy today for ***Dec. Jan. Feb.***

Reminder about - Visitations Communion:

Let Rev. Ann know if someone you know would like a visit. please call 807-285-9446 or email her at:

rector@gatheringtable.ca



2024 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 2023 you will find a personalized box of 2024 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

We have 11 Church Calendars left. Please let the office know, if you would like a 2024 Church Calendar, 807-345-6898 or office@gatheringtable.ca Calendars are \$6.00 each

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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| Jan. 7 th | Pot Pie Pick up today – see Sharon if you ordered any after the service. |
| Jan. 12 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| Jan. 13 th | Taking down the Christmas Decorations |
| Jan. 14 th | Food Cupboard |
| Jan. 16 th | Camp Gitchigomee Meeting St. Thomas Church 7 p.m. |

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| Jan. 17 th | Sleepy G. Farm Pick Up |
| Jan. 20 th | Camp Gitchigomee Appreciation Dinner |
| Jan. 23 rd | Parish Council Advisory (PAC) Zoom 7 p.m. |
| Jan. 26 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| Jan. 28 th | Food Cupboard |
| Jan. 31 st | Sleepy G. Farm Pick Up |
| Feb. 3 rd | Men's Deanery Breakfast. |
| Feb. 6 th | Altar Guild Meeting 3 p.m. |
| Feb. 14 th | Sleepy G. Farm Pick Up |
| Feb. 28 th | Sleepy G. Farm last Pick Up |
| Apr. 18 th | Camp Gitchigomee 2 Bit Auction |
| Apr. 19 th | Mission to Seafarers Dinner, save the date |

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Friday 8 a.m. – 12 noon



Join us for Coffee Hour following the Service Today.



Deanery Men's Breakfast

Is being organized for Saturday, February 3 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, coffee on at 9:30 am, and sitting down at 10:00 am. Brendan from Sleepy G farms will be our guest speaker. Tickets will be available from parish reps on January 7th, 2024.



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, Darlene Armstrong.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all those that took up Rev. Ann Camber's challenge last month to take an envelope with money in it and see if they could double it in support of Gathering Table Food Cupboard.

Thank you to

Susan who made and sold Cinnamon Buns,
and to

Sharon who made and sold Pot Pies.

Gathering Table Annual Vestry

Sunday, February 18th, 2024 (in person meeting)

Deadline for Reports – January 12th, 2024

According to Canon J-1: Vestries, your report should summarize "the aspirations, activities, and outcome of the previous year" and share "objectives and anticipated outcomes for the year ahead."

The report needs to be submitted to Sharon Corston at socialmedia@gatheringtable.ca by **Fri., Jan. 12th, 2023.**



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Richard Pepper, Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,

Rector's Warden: David Reid

People's Warden: Jim Sutton

Deputy People's Warden: Sheila Chisholm

Music Director: Pianist Donna Hamill

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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2024

"God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 11