

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Officiating and Preaching: Rev. Ann Camber
Lay Reader: Frances Bennett-Sutton
Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and Singers
Lector: Erminie and David Reid
Eucharistic Assistants: Richard Pepper, Linda Rintamaki
Greeters: John Kirchen and Sharon Sparkes
Altar Guild: Sarah Pyne

The Third Sunday after The Epiphany

January 21st, 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.

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;
Repent, and believe in the gospel. Mark 1.15

Opening Music: **CP 430** *Omit Verse 3*
Will You Come And Follow Me

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: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; 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 Jonah
Jonah 3: 1 – 5, 10**

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 62: 6 – 14

Refrain: Take refuge in God, all you people.

For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

Refrain: Take refuge in God, all you people.

In God is my safety and my honour; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, O people, pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

Refrain: Take refuge in God, all you people.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath, all of them together.

Refrain: Take refuge in God, all you people.

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

Refrain: Take refuge in God, all you people.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Refrain: Take refuge in God, all you people.

The Psalm Prayer:

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Lord God, in a threatening world we look to you as our rock of hope. Hear us as we pour out our hearts to you, and give us your grace and protection, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 7: 29 - 31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **My Worth Is Not In What I Own**

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: 14 – 20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed

Prayers of the People
Litany 2, Adapted

Lay Reader

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, “Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

Almighty God, today finds us in the midst of the Week of Prayer for Christian unity; help us to listen to your voice calling us to unity in our diversity. Guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, love and service.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Creator God, you made us to be one body and of one spirit. Help us to establish friendly relationships among Jews, Christians and Muslims, and tear down the walls of indifference and hatred, bringing your peace to the world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy God, we pray for all who work for justice and solidarity, and for all world leaders that they will continue to seek for an end to the suffering caused by war and violence, injustice and inequality, disease and prejudice, poverty and hopelessness.

We pray especially for the Ukraine and the Middle East. We pray for our neighbours in the USA, as they walk through the election process. We pray for those who are homeless or struggling financially.

Give to the leaders and people of all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family. Cleanse our hearts of

prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Teach us to steward your creation in a sustainable and just fashion, that we and future generations may all share in the good things you provide.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair,
Especially... .

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

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Faithful God, as we prepare for Lent and the celebration of your Resurrection, help us to remember that we are sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us overcome our conflicts, our divisions and our self-seeking, and to be united to one another by the power the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, accept all of these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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:

Would I Have Answered When You Called

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Loving God, before the world began you

called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 # 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.**

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:

**The Cup Of Life Outpoured
He Will Hold Me Fast**

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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**

Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk with us. So be ready to love and unhesitating in kindness. And may the blessing of the deep mystery we name God – Source of life, love and hope, Word of life, and ever – present Spirit of grace be with you this day and all your days. **Amen**

Announcements:

Closing Music: **We Are Called**

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 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 20 20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8: 1 - 13

Mark 1: 21 - 28

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The Rev. Canon Andrew Gross, Canon for Communications in the ACNA, and his wife, Summer.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry;

ELCIC Bishop Michael Pryse, the people and rostered ministers of the Eastern Synod;

TOGETHER

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the ecumenical work and witness of our churches

Diocese of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for: Parish of Oxford St. Peter's, North Augusta St. Anne's, Oxford Station St. Andrew's, Garreton, The Rev. Andrew Wilson

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Shirley Siipola, Mark Smith, Jay Smith, Laura-Lee Smith, Sharon Sparkes, Tom and Colleen Speer, Jon Stephens, James Stewart and Cassandra Dumontier, Eric and Ann Strand, Evelyn Strawson, Charles Suganaqueb, Jim Sutton and Frances Bennett-Sutton, Ellen Teahan, Bob and Marjorie Tutkaluk, Duncan Twance, Terry Wade, Dan and Val Walter, Jim Whalley, Carl and Roberta Wolfe, Michael Wolfe and Heidi Dreher-Wolfe, Makayla and Riley, Anne Zale

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

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.

Baptism and Confirmation
Adult Confirmation classes begin today. See Rev. Ann.

If you are interested in attending. Our next baptism is March 31, 2024 at the Easter service.

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 807-697-0465 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 ***March, April, May, 2024***

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

Church Calendars Available: We still have a few calendars left, just \$6.00 each. Please let the office know, at 807-345-6898 or office@gatheringtable.ca

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. 23 rd | Parish Council Advisory (PAC) Zoom 7 p.m. |
| Jan. 26 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| Jan. 27 th | Lay Readers and Eucharistic Assistants
Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Parish Hall |
| Jan. 28 th | Food Cupboard |
| Jan. 31 st | Sleepy G. Farm Pick Up |
| Feb. 3 rd | Men’s Deanery Breakfast.-see Jim or David |
| Feb. 6 th | Altar Guild Meeting 3 p.m. |
| Feb. 9 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| Feb. 11 th | Food Cupboard |
| Feb. 13 th | Pancake Tuesday – |
| Feb. 14 th | Sleepy G. Farm Pick Up |

- Feb. 14th Ash Wednesday – 7 p.m.
- Feb. 16th Food Cupboard Prep
- Feb. 18th Annual Vestry – - noon
- Feb. 20th Camp Gitchigomee - 7 p.m. Gathering Table
- Feb. 23rd Food Cupboard Prep
- Feb. 23rd Gitchi-Gathering Family Games Night and Snacks 7 p.m. Everyone Welcome
- Feb. 24th Deanery Meeting – St. Mark's at 9:30 a.m.
- Feb. 25th Food Cupboard
- Feb. 27th Parish Advisory Council (PAC) Zoom 7 p.m.
- Feb. 28th Sleepy G. Farm last Pick Up
- Mar. 31st Baptism on Easter Sunday
- Apr. 18th Camp Gitchigomee 2 Bit Auction
- Apr. 19th Mission to Seafarers Dinner, save the date



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 are available from Jim and David.



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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