

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



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - Annual Vestry Meeting**

**GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD**

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**Officiating and Preaching:** Rev. Ann Camber  
**Lay Reader:** Frances Bennett-Sutton  
**Music:** Donna & Ted Hamill and Gathering Table Choir  
**Lector:** Frances Bennett-Sutton, Jim Sutton  
**Eucharistic Assistants:** Kim Bienvenue, Rose Jardine  
**Greeters:** Mary Ripley, Ellie Bennett  
**Altar Guild:** Audrey Love

**First Sunday of Lent - Annual Vestry Sunday**

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

*Land Acknowledgement- Doug Semple*

**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.

We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4.4*

Opening Music: **CP 175**  
**Forty Days And Forty Nights**

**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 for the First Sunday of Lent**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know

your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **All: Amen**

**Kyrie Eleison / Lord Have Mercy** *Sung*

CANTOR: *Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son*

**ALL** **Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son**

CANTOR: *Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son*

**ALL** **Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son**

CANTOR: *Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son*

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

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading is from The Book of Genesis**

**Genesis 9: 8 - 17**

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all

future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

**Psalm: 25: 1 - 9**

***Refrain: The paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant.***

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

***Refrain: The paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant.***

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

***Refrain: The paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant.***

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

***Refrain: The paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant.***

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

***Refrain: The paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant.***

**Psalm Prayer:**

***BAS page 734***

**God of compassion and love, forgive our sins, relieve our misery, satisfy our longing, and fulfil all our hopes for peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

**Second Reading is from The First Letter of Peter  
1 Peter 3: 18 – 22**

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you -not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

**Gradual: What King Would Wade Through  
Murky Streams**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Mark**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Mark 1: 9 - 15**

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." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 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."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Rector's Charge to Vestry 2024**

**Rev. Ann Camber**

*A time for silent reflection*

**The Apostles' Creed –**

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Presider: 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*

Lord our God, as we are baptized in your Name, protect us from all evil and deliver us from all temptation. May we use this Lent as a time of dedication and renewal. We pray that your church will stand against evil and seek good.

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
**Deliver us from all evil.**

We remember before you all who have lost faith, those who no longer pray themselves, those who find it difficult to trust in you or in anyone. Lord, we trust in you.

**Deliver us from all evil.**

We pray for people who have become possessed by greed or selfishness, for all who have become insensitive to the needs of others. Lord, we remember the exploited peoples: we pray for those driven off their land and out of their homes; for all caught up in sectarian violence or in war, for all who feel inadequate, or unable to cope. Lord, we trust in you.

**Deliver us from all evil.**

We give thanks for all who have set for us an example of godly living, for people of discipline and dedication, for those who have helped and guided us on our faith walk. We pray for all who learn discipline through their hobbies or work. We pray for those with whom we work, for our families and friends. Lord, we trust in you.

**Deliver us from all evil.**

We give you thanks for healers and reconcilers of people. We pray for all whose relationships have broken down, for those full of animosity and hatred; that we all may learn to forgive as we are forgiven. We pray for all who work in the mental health profession as they work to bring together couples and families into strong and supportive relationships. Lord, we trust in you.

**Deliver us from all evil.**

We pray for all who are ill or suffering in body, mind, or spirit. We lift to you those on our prayer list. *You are invited to add the names of those who are in need of healing or comfort.*

We give you thanks and praise for all who are now in the peace of your kingdom. We pray for those who have departed from this life, and that at the last we may share with them in glory. *You are invited to add the names of those who have died or are grieving.*

Lord, we trust in you.      **Deliver us from all evil.**

And finally, Holy God, the navigator of our souls, hear us as we hold up before you our annual Vestry. Be with us in our yearning to chart a course together, inspired by the presence of your Spirit. Give courage to our clergy, all of our leaders, and each of us, as we move forward with your blessing. For all we do, we do to your glory, in Jesus' name.

**Amen**

## **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: CP 179 (Verses 1,2,3 & 6)  
**Tree Of Life And Awesome Wonder**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant:: God our refuge and our strength, receive all

we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. ***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*

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

**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*

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 #7**

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**Celebrant: We break this bread**

**All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

**Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.**

**All: If we have died with him,  
we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him.**

**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:**

**Have Mercy On Me  
God Of Mercy And Compassion**

### **Prayer After Communion**

**Celebrant: Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase  
our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ**

who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name.

**All: Amen**

*Doxology*

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**Celebrant:** Glory to God

**All: 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**

**Celebrant:** Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to: walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. Amen

*(Credit written by Joanna Harder, and posted on her Spacious Faith blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>)*

**Announcements:**

**Closing Music: CP 506 (Omit V 2)**

**Lord Of All Hopefulness**

**Dismissal:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(During Lent No Alleluias Till Easter Day)*

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 Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 17: 1 – 7, 15 - 16

Psalm 22: 22 - 30

Romans 4: 13 - 25

Mark 8: 31 – 38

### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:**

For the Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast, Bishop Clark  
Lowenfield and his wife, Tricia.

### **Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

#### **Please Pray for:**

**ACC**            The Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop,  
and the clergy and people of the Diocese of  
Fredericton

**ELCIC**          The dean, council, and congregations of the  
Grand River and Thames Areas of the  
Eastern Synod

#### **TOGETHER**

An end to human trafficking and modern slavery

**Diocesan Of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray  
for:**    St. Paul's, Roslin The Rev. Jeff O'Hare Priest in  
Charge

### **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,

**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.

**Please Pray For:** All children and youth in Algoma as well as those who are involved in child or youth ministry.

*“Turn your loving gaze, O God, upon young people. They carry in their hearts a great hope: make them strong and pure, so that they can build their tomorrow with confidence. Let them receive freely the gift of the faith, accept it with gratitude, and develop it with generosity.”*

A grace note from [www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)  
Re-focus and trust the good news.

### **Camp Gitchigomee Summer Camp Dates for 2024**

July 7 - 13 – **Junior Camp** (ages 7 – 9)

July 14 - 20 - **Senior Camp** (ages 13 – 15)

July 21 - 27 - **Intermediate Camp** (ages 10 – 12)

**Bursaries** are available through each Anglican Church, and through a generous donation from The Salvation Army program called “Send a Camper to Camp”. If you would like to sponsor a camper, please talk to Jim Sutton, or Roberta Wolfe.

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

## **Baptism and Confirmation**

**Adult Confirmation classes have begun. See Rev. Ann.** If you are interested in attending. ***Our next baptism*** is March 31, 2024 at the Easter service, please let Rev. Ann know. [rector@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:rector@gatheringtable.ca)

### **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](mailto:prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca). If you do not have access to email, please call the office or Sheila Chisholm at 807-787-0465 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 ***March, April, May***

### **Reminder about - Visitations Communions:**

Let Rev. Ann know if someone you know would like a visit. call 807-285-9446 or email at: [rector@gatheringtable.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca)  
Or call 807-345-6898

### **Calendar of Events**

Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Camp Gitchigomee – 7:00 p.m. Gathering Table General Meeting -Everyone Welcome
Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Rector’s Book Study 7 p.m. Zoom
Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Food Cupboard Prep
Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Gitchi-Gathering Family Games Night and

	Snacks 7 p.m. Everyone Welcome
Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Deanery Meeting – St. Mark’s at 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Installation of New Church Officers
	Coffee Hour /Food Cupboard
Feb. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Advisory Council (PAC) Zoom 7 p.m.
Feb. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sleepy G. Farm last Pick Up
Mar. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Food Cupboard Prep
Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Hour / Food Cupboard
Mar. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Deanery Quiet Day
Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Food Cupboard Prep
Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Bell Concert – a fundraiser for Lifewater Canada – Italian Hall on Algoma
Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Hour / Food Cupboard
Mar. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council (PAC) 7 p.m. Zoom
Mar. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Mar. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday Service for Children 10 a.m. And 2 p.m.
Mar. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Vigil
Mar. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Baptism on Easter Sunday
Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mission to Seafarers Dinner, save the date
Apr. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Camp Gitchigomee 2 Bit Auction



**Gitchi – Gathering Fun Family Games Night  
Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 - 7 p.m.**

Everyone welcome to come and join us for an evening of fun games, and snacks. Bring your favourite game, or use one of ours.



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**Lay Readers:**

Frances Bennett-Sutton, Rose Jardine, Brenda O'Neill,  
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*