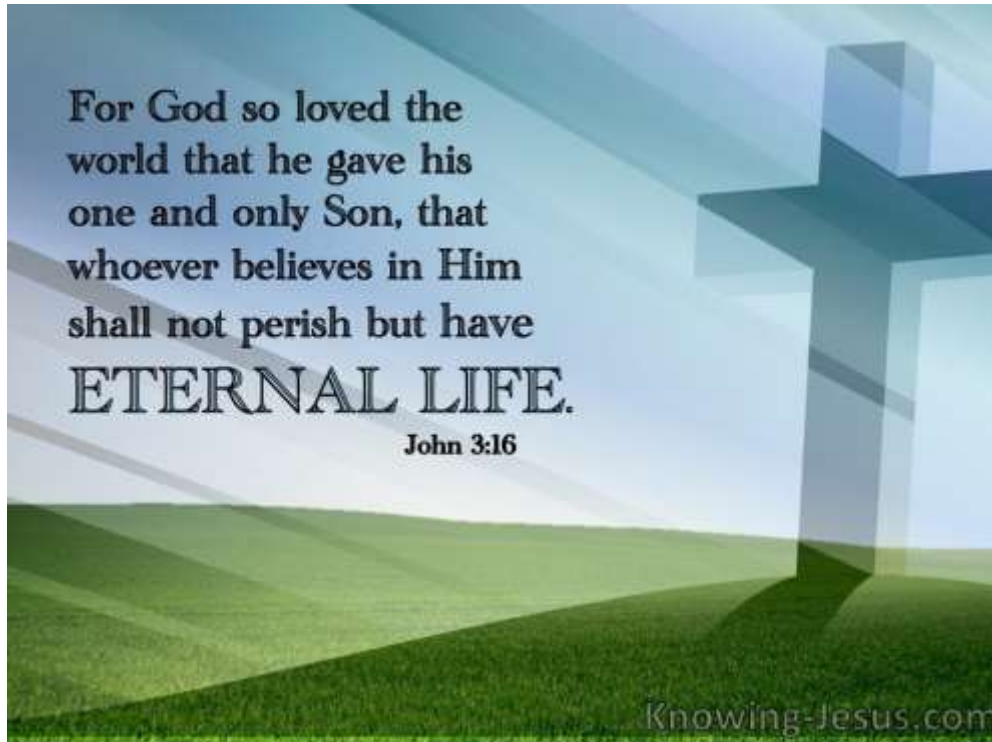


*Gathering Table
 a Faith Community
 in the Anglican Church of Canada*



Fourth Sunday of Lent

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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Presider: Brenda O'Neill
Preaching: Kim Bienvenue
Music: Ted and Donna Hamill and GT Singers
Lectors: Marilyn Chisholm, Al Chisholm
Greeters: Connie Bryson, Mary Ripley
Altar Guild: Erminie Reid

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
Service of the Word - Morning Prayer**

March 10th, 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, and please join after the service for coffee hour.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish
but have eternal life. *John 3. 16*

Opening Music: **Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown**

A Service of the Word 1 (SW1)

Please stand if able.

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: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

People: 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.

Presider: Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Peace is exchanged in the name of Christ.

Hymn of Praise:

Afflicted Saint, To Those Draw Near

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

All: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. All: Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading is from The Book of Numbers

Numbers 21: 4 - 9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

PSALM 107

Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Psalm Prayer:

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O God, the divine seeker, you are light to the lost, bread to the hungry, deliverance to the captive, healing to the sick, eternal vision to the dying, and harbour to every soul in peril. Gather the wanderers from every corner of the world into the community of your mercy and grace, that we may

**eternally praise you for our salvation in Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the
Ephesians**

Ephesians 2: 1 – 10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

Gradual: How Deep The Father's Love For Us

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 3: 14 – 21

Reader: Kim Bienvenue

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory: **CP 179** (*V 1,2,3, 6e*)
 Tree Of Life And Awesome Mystery

Homily: **Kim Bienvenue**

A time for silent reflection

The Apostles' Creed.

Presider: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: 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. *ALL: Amen.*

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers of the People:

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and

needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For N. our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers; For all who serve God in the Church. For our own needs and those of others.

(The people may add their own petitions.)

Hear us, Lord. For your mercy is great. We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence.

(The people may add their own thanksgivings)

We will exalt you, O God our king; And praise your name for ever and ever. We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

(The people may add their own petitions.)

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them; who put their trust in you. Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

All: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in

heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Presider: **Prayer of St. John Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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.

Doxology:

Presider: 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.**

Presider: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

A Blessing: **Brenda O'Neill**

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**

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

Announcements:

Closing Music: **Blessed Jesus**

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34

Psalm 51: 1 – 13 OR Psalm 119: 9 - 16

Hebrews 5: 5 - 10

John 12: 10 – 33

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The

Diocese of the Central States, Bishop Peter Manto and his wife, Janice.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Quebec

ELCIC Bishop Jason Zinko, the people and rostered ministers of the Manitoba- Northwestern Ontario Synod

Diocese Of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for: St. John's Sunbury The Ven. Bill Clarke Priest in Charge

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

We love because He first loved us.

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

Scents, kitchen, allergies



For the well-being of us all, a few reminders:
Please do not wear scents (perfume, cologne, hairspray etc.) 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***

Reminder about - Visitations Communion:

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

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

Mar. 10 th	Coffee Hour / Food Cupboard
Mar. 16 th	Deanery Quiet Day – see below for details
Mar. 21 st	Making Palm Crosses with the Altar Guild Members at 10 a.m. - See notice below
Mar. 22 nd	Food Cupboard Prep
Mar. 22 nd	Steve Bell Concert – a fundraiser for Lifewater Canada – Italian Hall on Algoma
Mar. 24 th	Coffee Hour / Food Cupboard
Mar. 26 th	Parish Council (PAC) 7 p.m. Zoom
Mar. 26 th	Camp Gitchigomee AGM Gather at 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. at Gathering Table Everyone Welcome (Annual Reports will be available)
Mar. 28 th	Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Mar. 29 th	Children’s Good Friday Service 10 a.m. Good Friday Service at 2 p.m.
Mar. 30 th	Easter Vigil
Mar. 31 st	Baptism on Easter Sunday
Apr. 12 th	Camp Gitchigomee 2 Bit Auction
Apr. 19 th	Mission to Seafarers Dinner, save the date

Thunder Bay – North Shore Deanery Lenten Quiet Day

St. Paul’s Anglican Church - Saturday, March 16th, 2024

9:15 a.m. – Morning Prayers – ends at 4:15 p.m.

Cost: \$35.00 includes a Silent Lunch

To Register: carolknox3@gmail.com

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Deborah Meister, ODM
Associate Priest Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal
See Poster in Hall

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.



Camp Gitchigomee - 2 Bit Auction

April 12th, 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.

Tickets are now available for \$5.00

Camp Gitchigomee Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 26th, 2024

Meet and Greet 6:30 Meeting at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like
A copy of the Annual Report, please let me know. Roberta

New Generator for Camp Gitchigomee Help Kick Start our Fundraiser

Grab a white sock from one of our Camp Reps
and start saving your change. Every nickel, dime, quarter,
loonie or twoonie (*cash and cheques*) will make us that
much closer to replacing our old one.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER 2024

If you wish to donate to the Easter flowers in the church
please use the envelope and form inside to give me the
correction information. (Form and envelope are in a basket
at the back of the church)

You can put cash or cheques in this envelope, if you are
putting the envelope in the treasure chest at the back of
our church, and it will be given to me on Sunday. If you
wish to mail the envelope, please use a cheque. You can
also call me (Audrey Love) at home 807-344-4955.

Deadline to get the information is the Easter Bulletin is
March 26th, 2024.



Our Easter Services 2024

Making Palm Crosses – March 21st, 2024 - 10 a.m.
Please save **Thursday March 21** morning for making the
Palm Crosses. All are welcome. We will meet at 10am in

the hall and should be finished by noon. You need to bring a pair of scissors. Help provided if this is your first time making the crosses. The Altar Guild appreciates your assistance during this morning of fellowship.

Palm Sunday – March 24th, 2024 – 10 a.m.
Maundy Thursday – March 28th, 2024 – 7 p.m.
Good Friday Services – March 29th, 2024
Children’s Good Friday Time - at 10 a.m.
Good Friday – 2 p.m. with Hot Cross Buns
Easter Vigil – March 30th, 2024 with St. Michael’s
Times to be announced
Easter Sunday – March 31st, 2024 – 10 a.m.
With Baptism

Rev. Ann Camber will be out of the country beginning on Feb. 29th, until March 11th, 2024.

Covering for her will be:

Archdeacon Deborah Kraft from Feb. 2 – Mar. 7th
Pastor Jonathan Blanchard from Mar. 7th – Mar. 11

Back in the office on March 12th , 2024

PWRDF KINGFISHER LAKE WATER TRUCK PROJECT

Good News! The brand new water truck has arrived in Kingfisher Lake First Nation. Thank you to everyone at Gathering Table who contributed to this project during Advent 2022 and Lent 2023. And thanks be to God that the ice roads held out this winter for this delivery to happen.

Linda Rintamaki (rep)



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Frances Bennett-Sutton, Rose Jardine, Brenda O'Neill,
Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,

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People's Warden: Brenda O'Neill

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