

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada

Officiating and Preaching: Rev. Ann Camber
Lay Reader: Frances Bennett-Sutton
Music: Donna & Ted Hamill and Gathering Table Choir
Lector: Julia MacDougall, Sheila Chisholm
Eucharistic Assistants: Erminie Reid, Audrey Love
Greeters: John Kirchen, Elaine McKinnon
Altar Guild: Sarah Pyne

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17th 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.

Anyone who serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there shall my servant be also. *John 12.2 6*

Opening Music: **CP 614**
Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. *All: Amen*

Kyrie Eleison Sung

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

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading is from The Book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

PSALM 51: 1 – 13 Or Psalm 119: 9 - 16

Refrain: *Create in me a clean heart, O God.*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offences.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

Refrain: Create in me a clean heart, O God.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Refrain: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

Refrain: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Refrain: Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Refrain: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Refrain: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Psalm Prayer: ***BAS page 771***

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.

Second Reading is from The Book of Hebrews

Hebrews 5: 5 – 10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having

been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Gradual: Before The Throne Of God Above
(# 122 from Sing A New Creation)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 12: 20 - 33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing

there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**

A time for silent reflection

The Apostles' Creed –

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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*

In peace and trust, we pray to you, Creator God.

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God.***

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 Anne our archbishop, and for all bishops and other ministers, especially Reverend Ann;

For all who serve God in the Church, especially those in leadership here at Gathering Table.

For our own needs and those of others.

(Add your own petitions silently or aloud.)

Hear us, Lord. For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
(Add your own thanksgivings silently or aloud.)

In faith and trust, we praise you, Creator God.
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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.
(Add your own petitions silently or aloud.)

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them who put their trust in you.
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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.

The Confession and Absolution – BAS Page 191

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite

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** *BAS Page 193*

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.

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 #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

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Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world

grant - us peace

Communion Music:

Have Mercy On Me

Take Up Your Cross And Follow Me

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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**

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: **Merciful God**

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 Sunday of The Passion

Liturgy of the Palms 297 Mark 11: 1 – 11

At the Procession Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 19 – 29

At the Eucharist 299 Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a

Psalm 31: 9 – 16

Philippians 2: 5 – 11 **Mark 14: 1 – 15. 47 Or Mark 15: 1 – 39, (40 – 47)**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The Anglican Province of Tanzania and The Most Rev. Maimbo Mndolwa, Archbishop and his wife, Frida.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Montreal

ELCIC The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Manitoba – Northwestern Ontario Synod

TOGETHER

The elimination of racial discrimination

Ontario Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:
St. Luke's, Camden East The Rev. Dr. Ian Ritchie Priest in Charge

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Bruce and Georgina Adderley, Roberta Adderley, Angela Alberta and Ava, Katelin Anderson, Ryan Thrasher, Brooke, Scarlett, Olivia, and Arya, Margaret Aris, Darlene Armstrong, Errol Atkinson, Sabata Baya, Ellen Beaudry and Clint, Richard and Lesley BeauParlant, Wendy Bell, Ellie Bennett , Kerri and Shane Bernardi, and Samuel, Sydney Bernardi, Kim Bienvenue, Adrian Boissoneau, Jim Bolt, Margaret Boone.

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
Plant your life in the ground. Be rooted in Jesus!

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. 17 th	Join us for Coffee Hour after the service.
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

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 p.m. - 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 twonie (*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

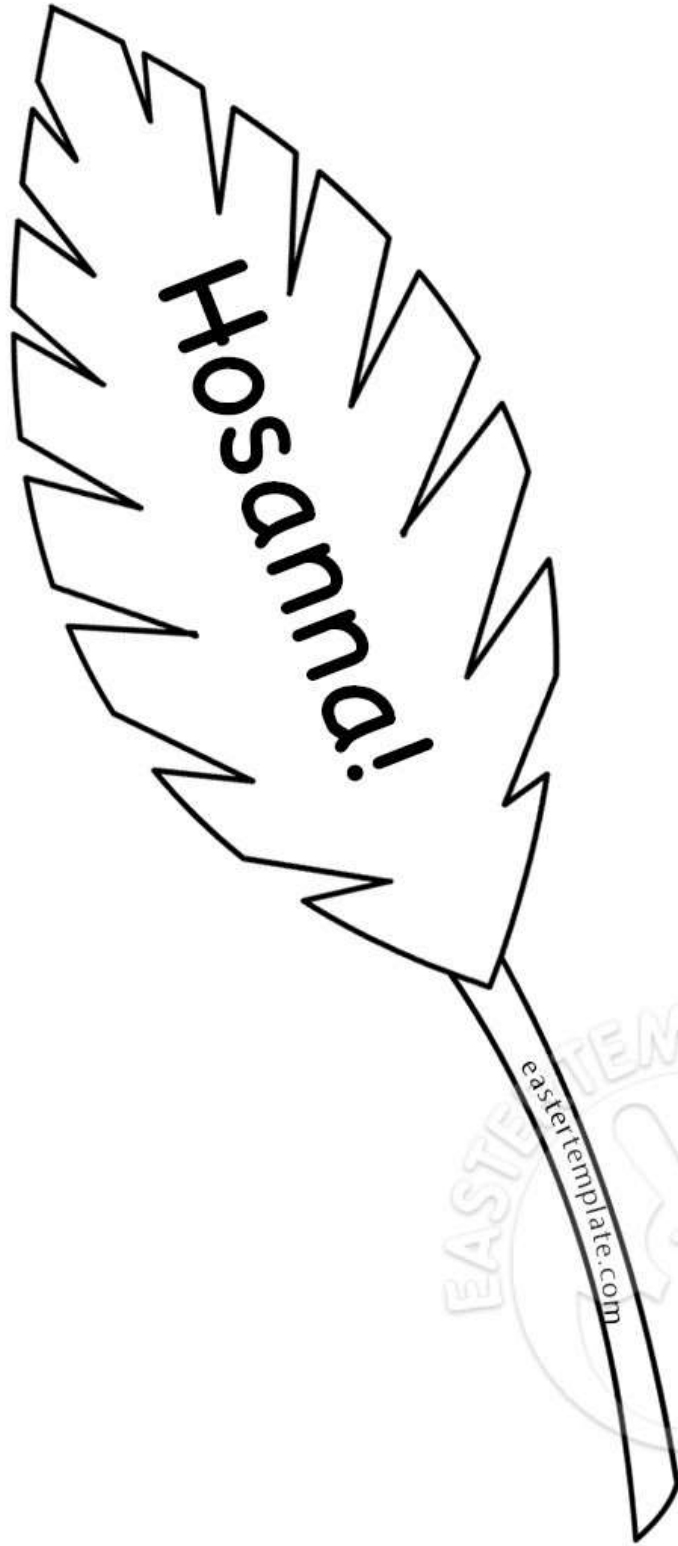
The Mission to Seafarers **Fund-raising Dinner**
Friday, April 19th, 2024

Current River Community Centre – 450 Dewe Ave.,
5:30 pm doors open and 6:15 pm dinner. Tickets:
adults \$45.00(\$15.00 *Income Tax Receipt if
requested*) children 6 to 12 \$20.00. The guest speaker
is The Most Rev'd Anne Germond, Metropolitan
Bishop of Ontario and Bishop of Algoma. This dinner
is one of the main fund-raisers for the Mission, so
please come out and support this worthy cause. [**For
tickets see Marg Boone Congregational Rep.**]
Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 12. For
ticket information contact Janet Pike at 807-627-1112
or the Seafarers Centre at 807-344-8241. Please
support our ministry to the seafarers.

www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay.

**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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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