

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada



.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 and Ted Hamill and GT Singers & Djembe
Lector: Brenda O'Neill, David Reid
Eucharistic Assistants: Erminie Reid and Eleanor Bennett
Greeters: Marilyn and Al Chisholm
Altar Guild: Sarah Pyne

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7th, 2024

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.

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.

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.
John 20.29

Opening Music: **In Christ Alone**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**He gave us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.
We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

God has claimed us as his own.
**He called us from our darkness into the light of
his day.**

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The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Gathering of the Community

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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 and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive 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

First Readings is from the Book of Acts

Acts 4:32 - 35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid

it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 133

Refrain: *How good it for all is to live together
in unity.*

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live
together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the
beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar
of his robe.

Refrain: *How good it for all is to live together
in unity.*

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of
Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for
evermore.

Refrain: *How good it for all is to live together
in unity.*

The Psalm Prayer

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Creator of the universe, from whom all things come, to whom all things return, give your people such unity of heart and mind, that all the world may grow in the life of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

**Second Reading is from The First Letter of John
1 John 1: 1 – 2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we

have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **All Things New**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John 20: 19–31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the

mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**

A Time of 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

Let the voice of God's praise resound; he gives life to our souls.

Let the voice of God's praise resound; he gives life to our souls.

Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his name.

He gives life to our souls.

Come now and see the work of God, how wonderful he is toward all people.

He gives life to our souls.

He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot.

He gives life to our souls.

There we rejoiced in him. In his might he rules for ever.

He gives life to our souls.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
**Let the voice of God's praise resound; he gives
life to our souls.**

EASTER LITANY

In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,
"Hear us, Lord of glory!"

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy
and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
Hear us, Lord of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh
strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another
in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.
Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or
shelter, let us pray to the Lord.
Hear us, Lord of glory!

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all
the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the

weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

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: ***Spirit of the Living God***

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our 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 #3

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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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise 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

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us

from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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.” Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**
and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and

bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

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 #8

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Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

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:

Judas Song

CP 610 Before I Take The Body of My Lord

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen 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

Go now, sent by the one who was sent by God. Walk in the light; testify to the resurrection of Christ; forgive the sins of all, and live at peace with one another.

And may God bless you with life forever; May Christ Jesus breathe his Spirit and peace into you; And may the Holy Spirit lead you into the life and light of God. **Amen**

Announcements:

Closing Music: Across The Lands

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

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia !

(the dismissal ends with a single Alleluia until the last day of Easter – The Day of Pentecost – when it is doubled again.)

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 3rd Sunday Easter

Acts 3: 12 – 19.....

Psalm 4

1 John 3: 1 - 7.....

Luke 24: 36b - 48

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The Anglican Convocation or Europe, Bishop Andy Lines and his wife, Mandy; Bishop Tim Davies and his wife, Tanya; Bishop Lee McMunn and his wife, Vicky; and Bishop Stuart Bell and his wife, Prudence.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

ELCIC The congregations of the Central Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

Diocese of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for: All Saints South Grenville St. James, Maitland St. Paul's, Cardinal St. John the Evangelist, Prescott The Rev. Jon Lavelle

Our 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 Kostecky, 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

Jesus keeps showing up!

Baptism and Confirmation

Adult Confirmation classes are on going. See Rev. Ann if you are interested in Baptism or email. her 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

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| Apr. 9 th | Camp G Executive 5 p.m. in Parish Hall |
| Apr. 12 th | Camp Gitchigomee 2 Bit Auction- Tickets still Available from Camp Reps |
| Apr. 12 th | Food Prep for Food Cupboard |
| Apr. 14 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Apr. 16 th | Camp Gitchigomee General Board Meeting
St. Thomas Church 7 - Everyone Welcome |

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| Apr. 19 th | Mission to Seafarers Dinner, save the date |
| Apr. 20 th | Deanery Day at St. Michael's – everyone Welcome – see poster |
| Apr. 23 rd | Parish Advisory Council (PAC) 7 p.m. zoom |
| Apr. 26 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| Apr. 28 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |

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**

Don't miss our 2 Bit Auction – 40 baskets + 2 Bonus Baskets, and Door Prizes available to be won. For Tickets see Roberta Wolfe, Melanie Gottfred, Jim Sutton, Darlene Armstrong. *Tickets **may not be** available at the door.*

**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.

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

Current River Community Centre – 450 Dewe Ave., doors open at 5:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. dinner. Tickets: adults are \$45.00 (Income Tax Receipt if requested \$15.00) Children 6 – 12 are \$20.00. The guest speaker is The Most Rev'd Anne Germond, Metropolitan Bishop of Ontario and Bishop of Algoma. (For tickets see Marg Boone – Church Rep. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 12th .

Meat Sale Fund-Raiser 2024

Meat supplied by European Meats, a Thunder Bay company. The meat is gluten free and it has no additives or preservatives and European Meats makes the sausage using a mixture of beef and pork. The hamburger patties are gluten-free. Orders forms available on bulletin board in Parish Hall. A cheque is made payable to 'The Mission to Seafarers'. Or send an e-transfer request through your financial institution to mtstreasurer@tbaytel.net - write Meat Sale in the message. rep **Marg Boone**

April 20th, 2024- Deanery Afternoon

with Archbishop Anne

on the topic " Congregational Health and Vitality".

Meet and Greet at St Michael's parish hall around 12:30 for her presentation from 1-4. Registration to Janet Pike at jepike@tbaytel.net or Phone 807-6271112 is helpful for refreshment planning.



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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2024

"God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 11