

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

.Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Officiating and Preaching: Rev. Ann Camber
Lay Reader: Kim Bienvenue
Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and GT Singers & Djembe
Lector: Jim Bolt and Julia MacDougall
Eucharistic Assistants: Erminie and David Reid
Greeters: Marilyn and Al Chisholm
Altar Guild: Erminie Reid

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May 5th, 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.

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. *John 14.23*

Opening Music: **CP 618** *(all 3 verses)*
Glorious In Majesty

Canticle 19a Song of Zechariah *BAS Page 88*
Luke 1.68–79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet
of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death, *and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen.

Gathering of the Community

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: Let us pray

Collect Of The Day

Celebrant: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 10: 44 - 48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 98

Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous

things.

With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.

Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.

The Psalm Prayer

BAS Page 836

Lord God, we see your righteous rule in all your works, and we join our voices with the song of your whole creation in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *All: Amen*

Second Reading is from The First Letter of John

1 John 5: 1 – 6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: CP 569 *(all 3 verses)*
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

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 15: 9 - 17

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**
A Time of Silent Reflection

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
18 A Responsive Intercession**

Lay Reader

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 the 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 bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For our own needs and those of others.
Silence. 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.

We will exalt you, O God our king;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all 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.

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: **My God**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. 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 #4

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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: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy

of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, “Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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.”

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and

drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

BAS page 211

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.

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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:

Bread Of Life

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Take Up Your Cross

Prayer After Communion

**Celebrant: Father, you restored us to life by raising your
Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament
always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of
Jesus Christ the risen Lord.**

All: Amen

The Doxology

BAS page 214

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**

Beloved, may God bless you with the strength to love one another as God loves each and every one of you, that you may find the complete, total, and everlasting joy that comes when we abide together with God who is Love.

Amen.

Announcements:

Closing Music: **CP 177** *(all 3 verses)*
A Spendthrift Lover Is The Lord

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 Ascension Sunday

Acts 1: 1 – 11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1: 15 – 23

Luke 24: 44 - 53

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

GAFCON Australia, Bishop Richard Condie, Chair, and his wife, Helen.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop, The Most Rev. Colin Johnson, Assistant Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Niagara

ELCIC Bishop Sid Haugen, the people and rostered ministers of the Saskatchewan Synod

Diocese of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for: Christ Church, Windermere, The Rev. Judie Cooper ***Thursday, May 9th – Ascension Day***, Church of the Ascension, Sudbury, The Rev. Jeffery Hooper

Our 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 Bernardi, 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

What the Lord has given us is meant to be shared with others.”

Baptism and Confirmation

Adult Confirmation classes have begun if you are interested in ***Baptism or Confirmation***, 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 **June, July August 2024**

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

May 5 th	Coffee Hour and Confirmation class
May 6 th – 10 th	<u>Rev. Ann away at Clergy Retreat</u>
May 10 th	Food Cupboard Prep
May 11 th	Camp Gitchigomee – Log Painting See Roberta for details
May 12 th	Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour

May 15 th	Pick up Meat from Marg Boone
May 19 th	Coffee Hour and Confirmation
May 21 st	Camp Gitchigomee General Meeting 7 p.m. at Gathering Table
May 24 th	Food Cupboard Prep
May 26 th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
May 28 th – 30 th	<i>Roberta will be at ACW Annual</i>
May 28 th	PAC (Parish Advisory Council) 7 p.m. Zoom
May 31 st	Gitchi Gathering –Details in bulletin
June 2 nd	Camping Sunday – Sunday School Picnic
June 4 th	Altar Guild Meeting 3 p.m.
June 7 th	Food Cupboard Prep
June 9 th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
June 15 th	Camp Gitchigomee Training 1 p.m.
Aug. 16 – 18	Family Camp Weekend at Camp Gitchigomee – 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, or get information on the bursaries please talk to Jim Sutton, or Roberta Wolfe.

Camp Gitchigomee *(on going fundraiser)*

Help Kick Start our Generator Fundraiser

Grab a white sock from one of our Camp Reps and start

saving your change. Every nickel, dime, quarter, loonie or toonie (*cash and cheques*) will make us that much closer to replacing our old one.

Meat Sale Fund-Raiser 2024

Pick up will be on May 15th from Marg Boone.

Call for Stamps

Please bring in any stamps you have been saving during the year, **by May 22nd** so that they can be taken down to the ACW Annual in Huntsville. Thank you. Roberta

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

For providing Chili, Hot Dogs, Buns, Cake, and for everyone who helped set up, serve, clean up for our Chili Lunch last week, as part of Homelessness Week.



Gitchi-Gathering

Pre Camp Fun Night at Gathering Table

Friday May 31 - 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

New campers, past campers, staff and families are all welcome to attend.

Email: gatheringtable.ca or campgitchigomee@gmail.com

For more information.

Save The Date

Aug. 16 – 18 Church Family Camp at Camp Gitchigomee

Details Soon!!



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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: Brenda O’Neill

Deputy People’s Warden: Sheila Chisholm

Music Director: Pianist Donna Hamill

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Archbishop Anne’s Motto for 2024

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:7-8