

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Officiating: Rev. Ann Camber
Preaching and Lay Reader: Brenda O'Neill
Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and GT Singers & Djembe
Lector: Sheila Chisholm, Frances Bennett-Sutton (Away)
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Greeters: Audrey and Neil Love
Altar Guild: Erminie Reid

Ascension Sunday, Mother's Day

May 12th, 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.

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, to the close of the age.
Matthew 28. 19, 20

Opening Music: **CP 29** *(V 1,3,5)*
The Day Thou Gavest

Canticle? 13 A Song of Praise

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise, glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendour of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Gathering of the Community *BAS page 185*

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: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

Children's Time: **Brenda O'Neill**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Readings is from the Book of Acts

Acts 1: 1 – 11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying

with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 47

Refrain: *God has gone up with a shout.*

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth.

Refrain: *God has gone up with a shout.*

He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

Refrain: God has gone up with a shout.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.

Refrain: God has gone up with a shout.

For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.

Refrain: God has gone up with a shout.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

Refrain: God has gone up with a shout.

The Psalm Prayer

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Blessed are you, God of all the earth; you have called us out of every people and nation to be a royal priesthood and citizens of your holy city. May our words of praise call the world to turn to

**the joy of fellowship with you, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. *All: Amen***

Second Reading is from Ephesians

Ephesians 1: 15 – 23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Gradual: We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**

**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 us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the peace of the world, praying especially
for those places suffering from war and violence: the Lord
grant that we may live together in justice and faith.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray particularly for peace in the Middle East as we
observe Jerusalem Sunday: the Lord grant us the wisdom
to see a way forward with love in a land torn apart by
violence and hate.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this country, and especially for King Charles, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development. We pray also for all those who work with children and young people as help them to find their way in a complicated world. Give them all wisdom and strength.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick, remembering today those in on our hearts (either silently or aloud): the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For deep and lasting reconciliation from the residential school legacy, and for justice and peace for families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who are aging: Lord, look with mercy on all whose increasing years bring them isolation, distress, or weakness. Provide for them homes of dignity

and peace; give them understanding helpers and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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: **All Around The World**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of 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 #2

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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 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn 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 and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread #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 *(General setting V 1,2,3)*

Mystery Of Faith

Take Up Your Cross And Follow Me

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son
Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the
gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and

help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our 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

May you who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell. Amen. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

Announcements:

Closing Music: **Across The Lands** *(V 1 & 2)*

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

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia !

(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 Day of Pentecost

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14 ...

Psalm 104: 25 – 35, 37b

Acts 2: 1 - 21

John 15: 26 – 27, 16: 4b - 15

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The Diocese of the Southwest, Bishop Steven Tighe and his wife, Patricia.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario

ELCIC The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod

Diocese of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for: Hospital/Institutional/Hospice Chaplains, The Rev. Anne Carr, The Rev. Rhonda Hirst, The Rev. Beth Hewson The Rev. Barb Fugelsang, The Rev. Diana Wilde, The Rev. Norm Blanchard

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Mary Browne and Jaclynn Marttunen, Connie Bryson, Murray Butler, Laura Byce, Anna and Grace Dosen, David L Bythell, Rev. Ann Camber, Alan and Marilyn Chisholm, Doug and Sheila Chisholm, Gail Pell, Bruno Coda, Darleah Kostyniuk-Coda, and Cosmo Coda, Lois Colpitts, Maureen

and Teresa Colpitts/Andreychuk, Brenda Coopman, Sharon Corston, Hellen Corston, Margaret Cousins

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

To keep God’s word is to believe and obey God’s word.

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 Communions:

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 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 24th Food Cupboard Prep
 May 26th Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
 May 28th – 30th *Roberta will be at ACW Annual*
 May 28th PAC (Parish Advisory Council) 7 p.m. Zoom
 May 31st Gitchi Gathering – Details in bulletin
 June 2nd Camping Sunday – Sunday School Picnic
 June 4th Altar Guild Meeting 3 p.m.
 June 7th Food Cupboard Prep
 June 9th Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
 June 15th 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 twoonie (*cash and cheques*) will make us that much closer to replacing our old one.

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

Don't Forget

to Pick up your Meat on May 15th - see Marg for times.



Gitchee-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 campgitcheegomee@gmail.com

For more information.

Save The Date

Aug. 16 – 18 Church Family Camp at Camp Gitchigomee
Details Soon!!



Enjoy the beautiful sunsets



Family and Food



Entertainment on the Outdoor Stage



Gathering Table

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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