# Gathering Table

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Officiating and Preaching: Rev. Ann Camber Lay Reader: Brenda O'Neill

Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and GT Singers & Djembe

Lector: Carol Kostyniuk, Marilyn Chisholm

Eucharistic Assistants: Rose Jardine, Brenda O'Neill

**Greeters**: Connie Bryson, Mary Ripley **Altar Guild**: Erminie Reid

#### **Trinity Sunday**

May 26th, 2024

10:00 a.m.

# WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE +++++++++

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.

Holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. *Isaiah 6.3* 

Opening Music: CP 1

Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

**Gathering of the Community** 

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<u>Celebrant:</u> 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**

<u>Celebrant:</u> Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father,

Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *All:* Amen

**Glory to God** 

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Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,
All: and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

<u>Children's Time</u>: **Rev. Ann Camber** 

The Proclamation of the Word First Readings is from the Book of Isaiah Isaiah 6: 1 – 8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on

a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

#### **Psalm 29:**

Refrain: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Refrain: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

Refrain: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Refrain: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!" *Refrain: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.* 

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Refrain: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**The Psalm Prayer**God of mystery and power, open our eyes to the flame of

our love, and open our ears to the thunder of your justice, that we may receive your gifts of blessing and peace, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

# **Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Romans**

Romans 8: 12 – 17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual: Everything Cries Holy

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 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone

who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

# 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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<u>Celebrant:</u> 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 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, praying particularly for the Middle East, and Ukraine: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith.

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:** The Lorica

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

<u>Celebrant:</u> Living God, receive all we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. <u>All:</u> 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 BAS Page 196

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.

<u>Celebrant</u>: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise, because, in the mystery you disclose to us, you reveal your glory as the glory of your Son and the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory.

<u>Celebrant:</u> We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of his 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

<u>Celebrant</u>: 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 #2 BAS Page 212

<u>Celebrant:</u> We break this bread to share in the body of

Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we

all share in the one bread.

*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:**

**CP 637** Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

O Living Breath Of God

O Holy Spirit

#### **Prayer After Communion**

<u>Celebrant:</u> Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **All: Amen** 

## **The 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

Go now in the blessed presence of the Triune God who cleanses you, calls you, and empowers you to be messengers of God's love in this world even as you are surrounded by God's all-consuming presence wherever you go. Amen.

#### **Announcements:**

**Closing Music: Praise The Father** 

**<u>Dismissal</u>**: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 Second Sunday after Pentecost Camping Sunday and Sunday School Picnic

1 Samuel 3: 1 – 10, 11 – 20 Psalm 139: 1 – 5, 12 – 17 2 Corinthians 4: 5 – 12 Mark 2: 23 – 3:6 Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, Bishop Chip Edgar and his wife, Beth; and Bishop Emeritus Mark Lawrence and his wife, Allison.

# <u>Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer:</u> Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson, Suffragan Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw, Suffragan Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Toronto

**ELCIC:** The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute in Outlook Saskatchewan

**Diocese of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:** The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, Bishop Chip Edgar and his wife, Beth; and Bishop Emeritus Mark Lawrence and his wife, Allison.

#### 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 Kostecki, Bob and Carol Lee Kostyniuk, Richard and Adrianne 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

<u>Please Pray For:</u> 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

Celebrate the mystery of God.

**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 lifethreatening 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 <a href="mailto:prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca">prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca</a>. 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.

#### **Reminder about - Visitations Communions:**

Let Rev. Ann know if someone you know would like a visit. call 807-285-9446 or email at: <a href="mailto:rector@gatheringtable.ca">rector@gatheringtable.ca</a>

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.

Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church Pick up a copy today for *June, July August 2024*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. <a href="mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca">office@gatheringtable.ca</a> Or call 807-345-6898

#### **Calendar of Events**

May 26th	Coffee Hour – Everyone Welcome
May $28^{th} - 3$	o <sup>th</sup> Roberta will be at ACW Annual
May 28th	PAC (Parish Advisory Council) 7 p.m. Zoom
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	PWRDF Free Lunch – see Linda Rintamaki
May 31st	Gitchi Gathering –Details in bulletin
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Camping Sunday – Sunday School Picnic
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Altar Guild Meeting 3 p.m.
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Food Cupboard Prep
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Camp Gitchigomee Training 1 p.m.
Aug. 16 – 18	Family Camp Weekend at Camp G.

## **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.

#### **Looking for Mowers**

We need volunteers willing to be "mowers" for our lawns during the summer. All are welcome. If you know a high school teen who needs volunteer hours and you are willing to accompany them and do trimming that would be awesome as well. We have an easy start mower, a gas powered trimmer which needs coaxing and training is available. Typically, the lawns would need to be cut twice a week during June and then only once a week the rest of the summer. We will make up a schedule as we go. Please contact a Warden or the Property Team.

#### **Save The Date**

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



## **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 <a href="mailto:campgitchigomee@gmail.com">campgitchigomee@gmail.com</a> For more information.

This is targeted for this year's campers and staff, past campers and staff, potential campers and staff and anyone who loves camp and their families. No admission fee, Donations to help fund future Gitchi-gatherings are welcome. Come and Have Fun! Gathering Table 228 Pearl St. Thunder Bay. Logs are painted and ready to give out to all past, and new campers and staff.





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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