

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Ann Camber
Lay Reader: Brenda O'Neill
Music: Donna and Ted Hamill; GT Singers & Djembe
Lectors: Al and Marilyn Chisholm
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Greeter: Connie Bryson, Mary Ripley
Altar Guild: Sarah Pyne

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16th, 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.

Quietly accept the message planted in your hearts;
it can bring you salvation. *James 1.24*

Opening Music: **Satisfy Us**

Gathering of the Community

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All please stand, if able.

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 God, without you we are not able to
please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all
things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. All: **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading from the First Book of Samuel 1 Samuel 15: 34 -16:13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the

heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 20

Refrain: ***The Lord gives victory to his
anointed.***

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, the Name
of the God of Jacob defend you;

Send you help from his holy place and strengthen you out
of Zion;

Refrain: ***The Lord gives victory to his
anointed.***

Remember all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice;

Grant you your heart's desire and prosper all your plans.

**Refrain: *The Lord gives victory to his
 anoointed.***

We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the name of our God; may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anoointed; he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

**Refrain: *The Lord gives victory to his
 anoointed.***

They collapse and fall down, but we will arise and stand upright.

O Lord, give victory to the king and answer us when we call.

Psalm Prayer:

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God, our hope and our defence, protect all those who call upon your name, that they may stand upright in the day of trouble, and share in the victory of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Second Reading is from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

2 Corinthians 5: 6 – 10, 11 – 13 14 – 17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.]

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new

creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Mark 4: 26 – 34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Sermon: Rev. Ann Camber
Time of Silent Reflection

The Apostles' Creed – *BAS Page 189*

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 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 his 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 to 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.

Let us pray 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.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,
All 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.

Celebrant: 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. ***All: Amen.***

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you

Offertory: **Blessed Jesus**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of reconciliation and forgiveness,
the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you.
May that work grow toward its perfection in all we offer
you this day. 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 #5

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.
All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

**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: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead

you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. 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

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Celebrant: 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: **The Cup Of Life Outpoured
Give Us Your Peace
O Holy Spirit**

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Holy and blessed God, as you give us the
body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy
Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips
but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Doxology

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Celebrant: Glory to God,
**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing: **Rev. Ann Camber**

We came to worship, we stayed in love and community,
we go in peace and faith; transformed and made new
in the grace and presence of our Saviour. **Amen**
(from the church of Scotland prayer book)

Announcements:

Closing Music: CP 457 Alleluia! Glory To God

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! 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 the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
National Indigenous Day of Prayer

Isaiah 40: 25 – 31 ..

Psalm 19

Philippians 4: 4 – 9

John 1: 1 - 18

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please Pray for: The GAFCON Branch in Ireland and the Rev. Tim Anderson, Chairman, and his wife, Lynn.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. David Parsons, Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Joey Royal, The Rt. Rev. Annie Ittoshat, The Rt. Rev. Lucy Netser, Suffragan Bishops, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of the Arctic

ELCIC: The congregations of the northern area of the Saskatchewan Synod

Diocese of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for: St. Peter the Apostle, Elliot Lake, Gowan Gillmor

Memorial Chapel, Sagamok, Spanish River, The Ven. Larry Armstrong, The Rev. Beth Topps Willems (Hon.)
The Ven. Roberta Wilson-Garrett (Hon.)

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Shirley Siipola, Mark Smith, Jay Smith, Laura-Lee Smith, Sharon Sparkes, Tom and Colleen Speer, Jon Stephens, James Stewart and Cassandra Dumontier, Eric and Ann Strand, Evelyn Strawson, Charles Suganaqueb, Jim Sutton and Frances Bennett-Sutton, Ellen Teahan, Bob and Marjorie Tutkaluk, Terry Wade, Dan and Val Walter, Jim Whalley, Carl and Roberta Wolfe, Michael Wolfe and Heidi Dreher-Wolfe, Makayla and Riley, Anne Zale

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.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

God's Word has incredible transformative power.

Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church
Pick up a copy today for ***June, July August 2024***

Baptism and Confirmation

Adult Confirmation classes today after the service.

Youth Confirmations classes today at St. Paul's Anglican Church at 3 p.m.

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.



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

June 20th World Refuge Day

June 21 st	Food Cupboard Prep
June 22 nd	Blessing of the Fleet –10:30 a.m. see poster
June 23 rd	Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour National Aboriginal Day of Prayer
June 25 th	Parish Advisory Council (PAC) 7 p.m. Zoom
June 28 th	Funeral for Robert Corston @ 11 a.m.
July 5 th	Funeral for Violet Thomson @ 11 a.m.
July 7 th	Start of Senior Camp
July 7 th	Coffee Hour
July 12 th	Food Cupboard Prep
July 14 th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard and Sea Sunday
July 14 th	Start of Junior Camp
July 21 st	Coffee Hour
July 21 st	Start of Intermediate Camp
July 26 th	Food Cupboard Prep
July 28 th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
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 twonie (*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!!



BLESSING OF THE FLEET SATURDAY

June 22, 2024

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY PIER –
PIER #3 PRINCE ARTHUR'S LANDING MARINA

10:30 am Macgillivray Pipe Band will perform
11:00 Service of Blessing with a parade of vessels

In the Blessing of the Fleet we ask God to give seafarers help to deal with dangers: good training; a clear mind; physical strength and courage; people who can be counted on; a well maintained vessel; well maintained aids to navigation; and favourable weather. Boaters are invited to take part for VESSEL INSTRUCTIONS VISIT
www.missiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay

For further Information contact:

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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