



**Gathering Table  
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada**

**Officiant and Preacher:** Rev. Ann Camber

**Lay Reader:**

**Music:**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

9:00 a.m.

**WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE**

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Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. We're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitors Book at the back of the church. Mask are no longer required but we are mask friendly, if you are more comfortable wearing it.

*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.*

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me  
and I in them, says the Lord. *John 6.56*

Opening Music:

**Gathering of the Community**

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*All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community*

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, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

**First Reading is from**

**1 Kings 2: 10 – 12, 3: 3- 14**

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for

that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

This is the Word of The Lord

## Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 111

***Refrain: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.***

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them.

***Refrain: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.***

His work is full of majesty and splendour, and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvellous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

***Refrain: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.***

He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations.

***Refrain: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.***

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his

commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

***Refrain: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.***

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

**Psalm Prayer:**

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**Generous and bountiful God, give us grace always to thank you and share your gifts with others, that the world may be filled with the joy of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Second Reading is from**

**Ephesians 5: 15 – 20**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Gradual:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**John 6: 51 – 58**

Jesus said to the people, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**

## *Time of Silent Reflection*

### **The Apostles Creed**

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*Celebrant:* Let us confess the faith of our baptism,  
as we say,

**All: 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*

Litany #2

(Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear  
our prayer.")

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity,  
service, and praise.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human  
family.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us



to hunger and thirst for what is right.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

**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:

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

*Celebrant:* Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name 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 4**

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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: 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**

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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 #1** *BAS Page 212*

**Celebrant:** “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord.  
“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**All:** **Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

**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:**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Celebrant:** Eternal God, we have received a token of your

promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## **Doxology**

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*Celebrant:* Glory to God,

***All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask of 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**

## **Announcements:**

Closing Music:

**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 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10 – 11, 22 - 30

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6: 10 – 20

John 6: 56 - 69

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:** The Most Rev. Hosam Naoum, President Bishop of Jerusalem and the Middle East and Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem,

and his wife, Rafa.

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

**Please Pray for:**

**ACC**           The Rt. Rev Adam Halkett, Bishop of  
Mississippi, and the clergy and people of the  
Diocese of Saskatchewan

**ELCIC**        The dean, council, and congregations of the  
South West Area of the Synod of Alberta and  
the Territories

**Diocese Of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray  
for:** St. John's Sunbury, The Ven. Bill Clarke, Priest in  
Charge.

**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.

A grace note from [www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)

Jesus – The bread of life!



**Our Daily Bread** is available at the back of the church  
Pick up a copy today for **Sept., Oct., Nov., 2024**

### **Baptism and Confirmation**

**Adult Confirmation** classes date to be announced.  
**Youth Confirmations** not till after youth retreat in  
August. If you are interested in **Baptism or  
Confirmation**, please let Rev. Ann know.  
[rector@gatheringtable.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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 to 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca)  
Or call 807-345-6898

### **Calendar of Events**

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| Aug. 18               | Family Camp Weekend at Camp G. – not to<br>Late to take a drive out for the afternoon   |
| Aug. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Funeral for Dorothy Nesbitt 11 a.m.   |
| Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Food Cupboard Prep  |
| Aug. 24 <sup>th</sup> | Confirmation Service – 7 p.m.   |
| Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour   |
| Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard Prep  |
| Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour   |
| Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup> | <b><i>Save the date:</i></b> Deanery Afternoon at<br>St. Thomas Church from 1–4:30 p.m. |

### **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.

### **PWRDF'S WIDE RIDE FOR REGUGEES**

It is the third annual Wild Ride for Refugees campaign with a goal of raising \$65,000 to celebrate PWRDF's 65 years of supporting displaced families globally. The deanery plans to support this campaign on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 am to noon. It will have a cycling and walking component with refreshments at St. Paul's Church. There will be a brief bike safety talk at St. Paul's before the cyclers go to Vickers Park to join up with the walkers. Last year the deanery raised \$5,035 in support of refugees and internally displaced persons. Save the date. More information will be coming about how donations can be made. *Linda Rintamaki rep (linjrin@tbaytel.net)*

The third annual Wild Ride launched on June 20. Our goal is to raise \$65,000 to mark PWRDF's 65 years of accompanying displaced families around the world. The campaign runs until October 9 (Thanksgiving Day). Turn your favourite activity into a fundraiser! Whether you love cycling, baking, walking, or reading, you're invited to participate and support our partners working with refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Join our PWRDF community of nine teams and 23 participants who have signed up and already raised \$5,265 for the cause. Let's make a world of difference together!



To David and Erminie for the clean up in the flower beds,  
and to David for staining the front doors, and the  
bathroom paint job.



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**Lay Readers:**

Frances Bennett-Sutton, Rose Jardine, Brenda O’Neill,

Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,

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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