



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

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

**Lay Reader:** Rose Jardine

**Lectors:** Frances Bennett-Sutton, Marilyn Chisholm

**Music:** Donna & Ted Hamill, GT Singers & Percussion

**Eucharistic Assistants:**

Erminie and David Reid, Lisa Long

**Greeters:** John Kirchen, Audrey Love

**Altar Guild:** Lisa Long

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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 and Opening Remarks**

Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers we're glad



Children's Time:   **Rev. Ann Camber**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **First Reading is from the Book of Acts**

#### **Acts 2: 14a, 22 – 32**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience

corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

### **Psalm 16**

***Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.***

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

***Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.***

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

***Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.***

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a  
***Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.***

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart  
***Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.***

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my  
body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy  
one see the Pit.

***Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.***

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is  
fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for  
evermore.

***Refrain: God will not abandon me to the grave.***

**Psalm Prayer:** *BAS page 720*

**Gracious God, we bless your holy name for the  
heritage you have given us. Show us the path of  
life, that we may follow it in hope, and come to  
know the joy of the resurrection of your Son,  
Jesus Christ. All: Amen.**

**Second Reading is from The First Letter of Paul to  
Peter**

**1 Peter 1: 3 – 9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living  
hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the  
dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are  
being protected by the power of God through faith for a

salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Gradual:      **Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**John**

**ALL:** **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**John 20: 19 - 31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain

the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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,

**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  
Litany 15**

*Lay Reader  
BAS page 122*

*In joy and hope, let us pray to the source of all life, saying: 'hear us, Lord of glory'.*

Leader: We ask your blessing on Archbishop Anne, and on Rev. Ann. We ask Holy Spirit to also strengthen the laity of Gathering Table, that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. Our Lord and risen Saviour, fill us with the joy of your holy and life-giving resurrection. We pray to you,

***ALL: hear us, Lord of glory***

Enemies of the church continue to attack your people,

both physically and spiritually. Holy Spirit protect and heal us and also heal our enemies. Holy Spirit, help us to forgive.

We lift before you the isolated and persecuted churches in this world, refresh and strengthen them in the Easter gospel. We pray to you,

***ALL: hear us, Lord of glory***

We pray for King Charles, Prime Minister Carney, Chief Solomon, and Chief Hardy. We ask you to surround these, and the leaders of all the nations, with wise advisors. Help them to serve this people according to your holy will.

Grant us all the humility to be subject to one another in Christian love. We pray to you,

***ALL: hear us, Lord of glory***

Lord, guide us to the best way to provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, and give us the courage and ability to make a difference in their lives.

We continue to pray for those who serve far from home, and for their families, and ask that you show your favour to all who work to make and keep the peace. We pray to you,

***ALL: hear us, Lord of glory***

We pray now for the sick, distressed and bereaved.

*Aloud or silently, bring before God those who are on your mind this morning.*

*Leader will read the names of those who have asked for our prayer.*

Reveal the light of your presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened.

We pray to you,

***ALL: hear us, Lord of glory***

Heavenly Father, in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, you gave us the remedy for sin and the source of strength and power to live in purity and in truth. Help us to silence the evil word, forbid the evil deed, banish evil thoughts and resist evil desires so that our lives become a light in the darkness of this world. Help us to live so that our words, deeds, thoughts and desires may be welcomed and approved by you. Help us to seek, know, love and obey truth. For the sake of Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life. Amen.

Send the fire of your Holy Spirit upon your people, that we may bear faithful witness to your resurrection. We pray to you,

***ALL: hear us, Lord of glory. AMEN.***

### **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:* **My God**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant:* God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through 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 #5** *BAS Page 204*

*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),

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, Holy Lord God of hosts**

**Heav-en- and earth**

**are full of Your glo-ry**

***Ho-san-na in the high-est***

**Bless-ed is He**

**who comes in the name of the Lord**

***Ho-san-na in the high-est***

***Sarah Hart***

*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 #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.**

## **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world  
have mercy, mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world  
have mercy, mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away  
the sin of the world  
grant us, grant us peace.

*Sarah Hart*

## **Communion Music:**

**CP 402      Come And Fill Our Hearts  
Open May Eyes  
Enter In**

## **Prayer After Communion**

**Celebrant:** Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **All: Amen.**

## **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**

**All: Christ is alive**

May the risen Christ be with you

**All: Love is alive**

May you walk in the love of the risen Christ.

**All: Hope is alive**

May you walk in the hope of the risen Christ.

in the peace of the risen Christ.

**All: We are alive**

May we know the new life of the risen Christ within us

And the blessing of God Almighty; Creator, Christ and Spirit Be upon you and remain with you always.

**Closing Music:** **Give Us Your Peace**

**Dismissal:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !**

## **Announcements:**

**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 Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2: 14a – 36 – 41

Psalm 116: 1 – 3, 10 – 17

1 Peter 1: 17 – 23

Luke 24: 13 - 35

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:** Clergy serving in hospice, hospital, and other chaplaincy settings and all pastoral care workers. ***The Rev. Anne Carr; The Rev. Rhonda Hirst; The Rev. Beth Hewson; The Rev. Barb Fugesang; The Rev. Diana Wilde; The Re. Normand Blanchard.***

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer : Please Pray for:**

**ACC:** The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

**ELCIC** The congregations of the Central Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

**MOR** The Rt. Rev. Amy Gohdes-Luhman, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province

**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 Byce, Rev.

Ann Camber, Alan and Marilyn Chisholm, Doug and Sheila Chisholm, Dennis Clark and Ashley Stoney, Bruno Coda, Darleah Kostyniuk-Coda, and Cosmo Coda, Lois Colpitts, Maureen Colpitts and Teresa Andreychuk, Brenda Coopman, Sharon Corston, Hellen Corston

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

*Do not be unbelieving, believe!*

### **Camp Gitchigomee Camp Dates for 2026**

July 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, Senior Camp ( Ages 13 – 16 )

July 12 – 18<sup>th</sup> , Junior Camp ( Ages 7 – 9 )

July 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> , Intermediate Camp (Ages 10 – 12 )

Bursaries are available through the generous donations from the Anglican Foundation, and Salvation Army Send a Kid to Camp . Talk to Melanie Gottfred, Roberta Wolfe, Jim Sutton for more information on the camp and bursaries.

### **Meat Sale Fund-raiser**

We are pleased to supports European Meats, a Thunder Bay business, and people have spoken well of its quality. The Mission to Seafarers Annual Meat Sale is here again. The meat is of excellent quality and gluten free. Prices are on [www.missiontoseafarersthunderbay.ca](http://www.missiontoseafarersthunderbay.ca). Orders must be placed by Wednesday, April 30 and will be delivered on Wednesday, May 14. Contact your MTS Congregation Rep or the Mission at 807-344-8241 or [flyingangel@tbaytel.net](mailto:flyingangel@tbaytel.net) for further information. Please help support our ministry to the seafarers.

## **COFFEE HOURS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Let us know, if you might like to help out. Maybe you would like to provide a brick of cheese, or some boxes of cookies or crackers. Just leave them in the kitchen, Cheese in the frig marked for Coffee Hour.

**Coffee Hour Hosts today –**  
Darlene, Kerri, Melanie, Roberta

### **April 19<sup>th</sup> - We need Volunteers for coffee hour**

#### **Available from the Office**

2026 Parishioner parking passes (\$10.00)

#### **Available at the back of the church on the shelf**

Our Daily Bread for March, April and May 2026

2026 Offering Envelopes are available

#### **Prayer Requests**

#### ***Prayer is important at Gathering Table:***

*Personal prayer is available after each Sunday service. Contact Rev. Ann, Frances Bennett-Sutton or the office if you would like to add prayers to the Intercessory prayers during the service.*

#### **SUNDAY PRAYER**

Personal prayer is available after each Sunday Service, let Rev. Ann or one of the Lay Readers know that you would like *Intercessory prayer* that day, and come to one of the front pews after the service ends. Each Sunday, you can add prayer request to the list at the back of the church. Look for the blue bowl and the iron cross. The Lay Reader will add those prayers during the prayers of the people. If

you wish, you can put a glass pebble into the basket to represent a prayer for yourself, or some else or the world.

**Reminder about Nut Allergies** - This is a reminder to make sure all Coffee Hour items you bring or donate are **“Nut Free Please”**. Our Sunday School has started, and we want to keep our children “Safe”.

### **Calendar of Events**

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| Apr. 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard                     |
| Apr. 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Mission to Seafarers Dinner – See Marg            |
| Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Coffee Hour                                       |
| Apr. 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Camp Gitchigomee Meeting Gathering Table          |
| Apr. 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Food Prep   |
| Apr. 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard                     |
| Apr. 28 <sup>th</sup>  | Parish Advisory Council (PC) 7 P.M.               |
| April 30 <sup>th</sup> | MTS Meat Sales due Today                          |
| May 1 <sup>st</sup>    | Camp Gitchigomee Log Painting                     |
| May 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | Card Making Workshop – See Ellen for information. |
| May 4 – 8              | Rev. Ann away at Clergy School                    |
| May 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Food Cupboard Prep                                |
| May 8 <sup>th</sup>    | Gitchi-Gathering 6 p.m. @ Gathering Table         |
| May 9 <sup>th</sup>    | Felting Class – see Frances Bennett-Sutton        |
| May 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard                     |
| May 14 <sup>th</sup>   | MTS Meat Sales Pick Up – See Marg. Boone          |
| May 16 <sup>th</sup>   | Men’s Breakfast                                   |
| May 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Camp Gitchigomee Mtg. 7 p.m.                      |
| May 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Food Prep   |
| May 24 <sup>th</sup>   | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard                     |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup>   | Parish Advisory Council (PAC) 7 p.m.              |

**Hilldale Lutheran Church Pancake Brunch -  
Monday Morning from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. See Poster.**



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**Deputy Rector's Warden:** Audrey Love

**People's Warden:** Brenda O'Neill

**Deputy People's Warden:** Murray Butler

Music Director: Donna Hamill

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**Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2026**

Ephesians 3: 17

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith  
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.”