

Gathering Table
Anglican Church of Canada



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - July 26, 2026

Emancipation Sunday

Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Rose Jardine

Lectors: Julia MacDougall, Audrey Love

Music: Donna & Ted Hamill, GT Singers & Percussion

Eucharistic Assistants: Erminie Reid, David Reid,
Lisa Long.

Greeter: Connie Bryson, Mary Ripley

Altar Guild: Lisa Long

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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 center 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 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.

Emancipation Sunday is an opportunity to lift up and celebrate the experiences, voices, history and leadership of Black Anglicans in Canada. Newly developed liturgical resources are available to support Anglicans in marking well the last Sunday in July, formally designated by the General Synod in 2025 as Emancipation Sunday

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the Words of eternal life. (John 6:68)

Opening Music: CP177 A Spendthrift Lover Is The Lord

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 for Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *All: Amen.*

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

The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading is from the book of Genesis
Genesis 29:15-28**

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the

people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country - giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalms 105: 1-11

Psalms refrain: The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.

The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the Lord our God; his judgements prevail in all the world.

The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant

He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise he made for a thousand generations:

The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac,

Which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel, Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance."

Hallelujah!

The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant

Psalm Prayer: God of our salvation, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven. That we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. BAS page 848
All: Amen.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else

in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: CP100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and

throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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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Lay Reader: 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: God of freedom and justice, you brought your people out of bondage and have called us to live as instruments of your liberating love. As we mark Emancipation Sunday, we lift our prayers to you for the Church, the nation, and all your children saying, “Liberating God,” and with Congregational response being, “hear our prayer.”

LR: Liberating God, ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

For the Church in Canada and across the world, that we may be a real voice for truth and reconciliation, a place of refuge for the marginalized, and a faithful witness against racism and injustice in all its forms. *(Silence)*

L R: Liberating God ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

For our bishops, clergy, and all leaders in the Church, that they may guide your people with courage, humility, and a deep commitment to dismantling colonial and racist legacies within and beyond the Church. *(Silence)*

LR: Liberating God, ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

For the government and people of Canada, that we may confront the truth of our history, including the enslavement and oppression of Indigenous and African peoples, the poor and the destitute who seek refuge here, that we may work toward a just and inclusive future for all. *(Silence)*

LR: Liberating God, ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

For lawmakers and civic leaders across this land, that they

may enact policies of equity, reparation, and reconciliation, particularly for Indigenous, Black, and other racialized communities. *(Silence)*

LR: Liberating God, ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

For descendants of enslaved Africans in Canada, and for all members of the African diaspora, that their stories may be honoured, their contributions celebrated, and their lives filled with justice and joy. *(Silence)*

LR: Liberating God, ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer under the weight of racism, poverty, or systemic inequality in our society, that they may find hope, allies, and the strength to persevere. *(Silence)*

LR: Liberating God, ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

For the sick everywhere, especially in communities where access to care is limited or outcomes are unjustly unequal. *(The names of those in need of prayer may be named aloud here.)*

May they receive healing, comfort, and dignity in body, mind, and spirit. *(Silence)*

LR: Liberating God, ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

For the departed: The names of the recently departed in the community may be named aloud here.

For the ancestors and all who have gone before us in the long road to justice, those who resisted slavery, fought for civil rights, and built communities of faith and resistance. May we walk in their courage *(Silence)*

LR: Liberating God, ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, you raised Jesus Christ to free us from sin, fear, and oppression. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may live as your liberated people, seeking justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with you.

ALL: 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: CP 29 The Day Thou Gavest (V 1,3,5)

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask 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 *BAS Page 201*

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: 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:

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

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 #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.**

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.

Communion Music:

CP 334 Holy God, We Praise Your Name
CP 621 Before The World Began

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

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

*Celebrant: As you go, carry the kingdom of God with you Like mustard seeds, ready to be planted along your journey. Like the greatest treasure, that may be shared without limit. Like a net of love. Cast widely and deeply. And the blessing of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit be with you. **Amen***

Announcements:

Closing Music: CP505 Be Thou My Vision

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 as leave the church.

Readings for Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32: 22-31;

Psalm 17: 1-7

Romans 9:1-5;

Matthew 14:13-21

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer : Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Edmonton

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the East Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Christ Church, Ilfracombe – 140th Anniversary The Rev.

James Decker Christ Church, Port Sydney- The Rev. Owen

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A Grace note from www.tbnsanglican.ca

Scatter the seeds of love, joy and peace.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Bruce and Georgina Adderley; Roberta Adderley; Angela-Jean Alberta, and Ava and Elizabeth; Margaret Aris; Darlene Armstrong; Errol Atkinson; Sabata Baya; Ellen Beaudry, and Clint; Wendy Bell; Eleanor Bennett, and Axel Alton; Kerri and Shane Bernardi, and Samuel; Sydney Bernardi; Kim Bienvenue; Adrian Boissoneau; Jim Bolt; Margaret Boone; Bougie Bougie; Mary Browne, and Jaclynn Marttunen; Connie Bryson; Murray Butler; Laura Byce, and Anna and Grace Dosen.

Upcoming Dates for your calendar

Jul 26th Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard

Aug 7th Food Prep

Aug 9th Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard

Aug 14th Church Retreat – Information Soon

Aug 16th Service of the Word at GT; Coffee Hour

Aug 16th Holy Eucharist Service at Camp Gitchigomee

Aug 21st Food Prep

Aug 23rd Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard

Please note: This summer we are very short of volunteers for food cupboard especially on Friday. If you have time between 9:30am–1:30pm lunch included. Please inform Sharon Sparkes if you are able to come.

Parish Camping Weekend at Gitchigomee August 14-16

Come for a day or the whole weekend. We have invited our sister churches in the deanery. For more information please speak to Jim Sutton. Registration forms are available so we can get numbers.



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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.”