

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



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE RISEN LORD

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The Lord's Supper Book of Common Prayer Pg 67**

August 16th, 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 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.

The Lord's Supper

Please kneel or take a position of prayer.

Presider: 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Gathering - Collect of Preparation

All: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first

commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets.

People:

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Presider: The Lord be with you:

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Presider: Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant Charles, our King and Governor, that he, knowing whose minister he is, may above all things seek thy honour and glory: and that we and all his subjects, duly considering whose authority he hath, may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey him, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Priest: 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 forever. ***Amen***

The Liturgy of the Word

Lector: The First Lesson is written in the 45th chapter of Genesis beginning at the first verse. (Genesis 45: 1 – 15)

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me

lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Lector:

Our Psalm is Psalm 133, the refrain is:

How good it is for all to live together in unity.

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

How good it is for all to live together in unity.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

How good it is for all to live together in unity.

Lector:

The Epistle is written in the 11th chapter of Romans beginning at the first verse.

(Romans 11: 1 – 2a, 29 – 32)

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Lay Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the fifteenth chapter of Matthew beginning at the tenth verse.

All: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Matthew 15: 10 - 28

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the

crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

All : Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily: Brenda O'Neill

*Lay Reader
A time for silent reflection*

The Creed

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***All : I believe in one God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, and of all
things visible and invisible:***

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver

of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offertory

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Not everyone that saith unto me; Lord, Lord shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven. Matthew 17:21

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. 1 Chronicles 29: 10,11, 14

Biddings to Intercession

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Lay Reader:

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people

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Let us pray for our missionaries at home and abroad.

Let us remember before God those of our brethren who have departed this life and are at rest.

Let us pray for the whole state o Christ's Church militant

here in earth.

The Intercession

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Lay Reader:

ALMIGHTY and ever living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Charles our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to thy servant Anne our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word;

truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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Priest:

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All:

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Maker of all things, Judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest:

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest:

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. (St Matthew 11. 28).

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-

begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. (St John 3. 16).

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all people to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1. 15)

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. (1 St John 2. 1, 2)

Thanksgiving and Consecration p.78 BCP

Priest: THE Lord be with you;
People : **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts;
People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,

we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee and *saying*:

***All : Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Priest: BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for

the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen**

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

People: **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the**

same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The Lamb of God
(Priest and EA's receive)

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**LAMB of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

(All who wish to receive the sacraments or a blessing come forward.)

**Songs during Communion Taize hymns:
Common Praise 360
Common Praise 94**

Prayers after Communion

All:
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.

The Lord's Prayer

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Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All: 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.

**All: Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily
thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in
these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the
most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy
favour and goodness towards us; and that we are
living members of his mystical body, which is the
blessed company of all faithful people; and are
also heirs through hope
of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and
present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves,
our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and
living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are**

unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Benediction

Priest:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1: 8 – 2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12: 1 – 8

Matthew 16: 13 – 20

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Please Pray for: The Church in Wales

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Naboth Manzongo Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Rupert's Land

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

MOR Remembering August 21 – in 1732, just five years after finding their common purpose in Christ, the community in Herrnhut sent out its first two missionaries to St. Thomas, where they bore witness to the gospel among enslaved Africans working on plantations.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Richard and Adrienne Lambert, and Kaylee, Lisa Long, Audrey Love, Paul Love. Julia MacDougall, Monica MacKay, Jessica and Murray MacRae, Gabriel, Ellie, Gavin and Isobel, Collette Makinen, Jeanne McAlpine-Marler, Ian and Virginia McEwen, Rory and Toby, Gloria McKay, Donald and Elaine McKinnon, Joanne McMahon, Carl and Elizabeth Michelson.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Be persistent. God's mercy is not limited to the few.

Upcoming Dates for your calendar

Aug 16th Coffee Hour
Aug 21st Food Prep

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| Aug 23rd | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Aug 30th | Coffee hour |
| Sept. 11 th | Food Prep |
| Sept. 13 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Sept. 15 th | Camp Gitchigomee Mtg., St. Thomas Church
7 p.m. |
| Sept. 19 th | Celebration of Life Carol Flatt 2 p.m. Parish
Hall |

Food Prep Friday

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.

Alongside Hope - As communities across Northwestern Ontario continue to face the devastating impacts of wildfires, Alongside Hope, is working with diocesan and Indigenous leaders to support communities affected by the emergency. Alongside Hope confirmed that its Canada Emergency Response Fund is available to support dioceses as needs continue to emerge in the days, weeks, and months ahead. To donate go to www.alongsidehope.org , call 1-866-308-797-380 or send a cheque to Alongside Hope, Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, ON, M4Y 3G2 and write NWOntario wildfires in the memo line.

(Linda Rintamaki rep)



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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.”