

Gathering Table

a Faith Community

in the Anglican Church of Canada



Season of Creation 4 Harvest Thanksgiving

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

National Police and Peace Officer's Day



Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord
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Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber
Lay Reader: Rose Jardine
Lectors: Eleanor Bennett, David Reid
Music: Donna & Ted Hamill, GT Singers & Percussion
Eucharistic Assistants:
Erminie Reid, David Reid, Kim Bienvenue (choir)
Greeters: Connie Bryson, Mary Ripley
Altar Guild: Erminie Reid

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September 27th, 2026

10 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.

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.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. *John 10.27*

A Four Direction Prayer

Note: please remain FACING the front, to view the screens as we pray together:

Let us turn our hearts to the West
From there the Thunders bring us cleansing rain
Creator God, heal us and our relatives

Let us turn our hearts to the North
Winter comes to us from there and calls us to rest
Creator God, restore our strength

Let us turn our hearts to the East
The morning Sun begins each day there
Creator God awaken us and help us to walk with a renewed life

Let us turn our hearts to the South
Where the warm winds come from to give us comfort and joy
Creator God soothe our aching souls

Let us turn our hearts to the Sky

From there our Creator sees all around us
Creator God help us to trust you to lead us

Let us turn our hearts to the Earth
From there quiet wisdom comes to teach us
Creator God hear us as we pray
*(Adapted from Diocese of Western North Carolina -
Anglican Indigenous Ministries)*

Opening Music: **Longing For Light**
 #2 from Sing A New Creation

Gathering of the Community *BAS page 185*
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 for The National Day for
Truth and Reconciliation**

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and on earth

takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **Amen.**

(from *Indigenous Ministries*, written to accompany [the Covenant of 1994](#))

Collect Of The Day

Celebrant: Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; 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 The Book of Exodus

Exodus 17: 1 – 7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do

with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

Psalm 78: 1 – 4, 12 - 16

Refrain: The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

Refrain: The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praise-worthy

deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.

Refrain: The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls.

Refrain: The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.

He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Psalm Prayer:

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God of pilgrims, strengthen our faith, we pray.

Guide us through the uncertainties of our journey, and hold before us the vision of your eternal kingdom, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. All Amen

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to The Philippians

Philippians 2: 1 - 13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Gradual: **Everything Cries Holy**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 21: 23 – 32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

Anglican Healing Fund Prayer

Merciful God, you call us to loving relationship with one another. Be with us now as we seek to heal old wounds and find joy again in this relationship. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts of flesh. Give us the gifts of honesty and openness, and fill us with your healing power and grace. We ask this in Jesus's name. **Amen.**

Lay Reader: Thank you Father for the blessing of harvests across this land, and for the harvest in our own gardens, for the inevitable change of seasons and the excitement of new colours and cooler weather, rain and wind and migrating birds and butterflies, and the many beautiful and wonderful bits of your creation. We give thanks for the Indigenous Guardians who have protected this land for millennia.

ALL: We thank you Lord.

Help us to improve our stewardship of the wealth and bounty you have given. Help us to see where that wealth lies: in our hands, on the table, in our surroundings, our homes and in this humble and holy place. Help us to open the door wider, open our arms and our hearts wider, to invite in those who are burdened and battered, and those who are whole and well. You are the source of all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing Your image.

ALL: Lord, grant us a generous spirit.

We are blessed to live in Canada, and privileged to gather here safely to worship you. You provide the abundance that gives us access to education and employment for all men and women, and gives us social nets for help in less fortunate times. We pray for the restoration of our economy, our daily food, for our homes and families and friends. We pray for the restoration of the Indigenous cultures in this region, that reconciliation and peace will follow closely.

ALL: Your blessings are many, Lord.

You have created us in your own image, reveal through us your beauty and holiness. Help us to be salt and light that attracts others. Be the foundation of all our relationships. Give us minds to think and hearts to love.

ALL: Help us to grow into Your likeness.

For each day we are able to care for ourselves and for others, that we are able to attend work or attend to a hobby, and especially for each day we can choose to step back from all of that and to pursue you. For health, strength and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play.

ALL: We thank you Lord.

I invite you to lift before our Heavenly Father the names of those who are on your heart today; those who are sick, suffering, bereaved, those who struggle and those who fail.

I will read our list as you speak yours.....

Toward those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, for King Charles, Prime Minister Carney, National Chief Woodhouse-Nepinak, Chief Solomon, for Mayor Boshcoff. We pray that you will guide us to select the best candidates in the municipal election. Holy Spirit, build in them a heart for your people, so that their governance will favour peace, justice and truth.

ALL: Be the light on their path.

We give thanks for the life of each person who has joined, and each person who departed from the families of this

congregation. Thank you for the inspiration and tender blessing of every fulfilled life. Build us into the body that you want us to be, so that we may in turn bless you as we worship in unity of spirit. For all the saints, whose lives have reflected the light of Christ.

ALL: Thank you, Lord. 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: **For The Beauty Of The Earth**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same 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

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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: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are
full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest**

***Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest***

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.

People: **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.”

People: **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.

People: **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.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever. All: 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 #3

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Celebrant: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All: **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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: **Mystery Of Faith**
 CP 414 God Of The Sparrow
 Trust In God

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of
your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy
things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the
name of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***All: Amen.***

Doxology

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Celebrant: Glory to God,

***All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely
more 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

Leader: Go now from this place with open minds,
open hearts, and ready hands. Do not leave the work of
reconciliation behind in these pews. Walk softly upon this
earth. Honor the truth. Comfort those who mourn.
And let your prayers be translated into daily compassion.

May the Creator bless your coming in and your going out,
this day and always. **All: Amen.**

Closing Music: **Across The Lands**

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

Announcements:

Readings for The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation 5

Exodus 20: 1 – 4, 7 - 9

Psalm 19

Philippian 3: 4b - 14

Matthew 21: 33 - 46

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: Season of
Creation, The Church of Bangladesh

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :
Please Pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Clara Plamondon, Bishop, and
the clergy, and people of The Territory of the
People

MOR The people and ministries of the Mission
Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

TOGETHER Every child matters! Remember the
Indigenous children who did not return
home from residential school; for survivors
and their families; for truth, healing, and
reconciliation

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Margaret Cousins, Joe and Nancy Crane, Ivy and Tim, Suzy and Leigh Crocker, Scot and Kerri Dawson, Cole and Nathan, Grace Dawson, Roberta Derbouka, Christopher and Amanda Edmunds, Mackenzie and Maija Edmunds, Emil and Margot Engler, Steven and Abby, Vicky Kosny, Elisabeth Gesch, Allan and Sharon Gilbert, Joyce Gill

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

Reflect on your actions, not your words.

Alongside Hope's Wild Ride Deanery 2026

This year we're raising funds to provide solar panels at St. Luke's Hospital in the West Bank, in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. The hospital serves a population of about 455,000 people, including 57 marginalized villages and four nearby refugee camps. But unreliable and costly power sources make health care a challenge during the best of times or a crisis during the worst of times. In 2026, we're focusing on St. Luke's Hospital and its transition to a reliable source of energy – solar power. This will help ensure quality health care can continue despite frequent power outages and expensive diesel fuel. The Wild Ride fundraising goal is \$60,000,

enough to purchase and install 70 of the 407 solar panels that are part of this project. Each panel will cost roughly \$865, which includes delivery, installation and training. **Every gift will be matched by a generous donor, doubling the impact!** As a supporter of Alongside Hope, you can participate in the deanery wild ride this fall. **Our deanery team name is “Thunder Bay-North Shore Deanery Suncatchers” and our goal is 5,000 dollars.** We are about half way towards our goal. Donations can be made the following ways: Go **online to [alongside hope.org/wild-ride/](https://alongsidehope.org/wild-ride/)** Then scroll down to **Join a team.** Then select the **team name.** **Cheques can also be made to Alongside Hope with the team name in the memo line** and place in the treasure chest at the back of the church. Please consider making a donation to this worthwhile cause. Donations are accepted until Oct.18th. ***Linda Rintamaki (rep)***

Upcoming Dates for your calendar

Sept 27 th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
Sept. 27 th	National Police and Peace Officer's Day
Sept. 27 th	Farewell Potluck Lunch for Rev. Elizabeth At St. Michael's after the 10 a.m. service
Sept. 29 th	Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m.
Sept. 29 th	Movie Study start up 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Not to late to join in. See Rev. Ann
Oct. 4 th	Blessing of our Pets, past and present
Oct. 4 th	Coffee Hour
Oct. 9 th	Food Prep
Oct. 11 th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
Oct. 14 th	Sleepy G Farm Member Shares 2 – 6 p.m.

Oct. 17 th	Deanery Council Mtg. St. Paul's 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 18 th	Seafarers' Centre Open House 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 18 th	Coffee Hour
Oct. 20 th	Camp G Mtg. – Gathering Table 7 p.m.
Oct. 23 rd	Food Prep
Oct. 25 th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
Oct. 27 th	Parish Advisory Board
Oct. 28 th	Sleepy G Farm Member Shares 2 – 6 p.m.
Nov. 21 st	Camp Gitchigomee Camp Day
Dec. 11 th	Deanery Council Dinner
Dec. 12 th	Deanery Day

Coffee Hour Requests

A big thank you to the many members of Gathering Table who have been involved in the important ministry of hospitality. Especially thanks go out to those who make us coffee, tea, and snacks on Sunday mornings! We are looking for more members to help out during this time. Are you available to help with setting up? Maybe you're free after church to help with clean up? Or, would you be willing to join a team that does it all once a month? Please reach out to Roberta in person on a Sunday or email her at office@gatheringtable.ca. Any and all assistance is appreciated. You can also help by providing cookies, crackers, cheese, or other goodies to share. Any donation would be most useful.



Ellen is looking forward to welcoming back our young people to Sunday School on Sunday, October 4th , 2026

Sunday, October 4th, 2026 Saint Francis Day

Bring a photo of your Pet, past or present to put on the board at the front of the church. Rev. Ann will offer a blessing for all pets, past and present during the service.



Bless our Pets!!



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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.”