

St. John's Anglican Church, Ida Parish of Ida and Omemee

**Sunday, September 24, 2023
17th Sunday after Pentecost
First Responder's Sunday
Service of Morning Prayer**

*Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said
by your Son.*

Opening Hymn – CP312 – Sing a New Song

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.*

**Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord
and play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.**

Refrain:

**Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.**

Refrain:

**Glad my soul, for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives.**

Refrain:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.**

Let us pray:

**We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us
together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness
and to ask your blessing.**

Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past and your purpose in the week to come, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,

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.

Absolution

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. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Loving God, thank you for life. Thank you for making us and loving us. Thank you for bringing us together to learn about you. Please bless our Sunday School teachers and children and help us all to know you better. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Children's Hymn: BB600 – This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world,
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world;
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
He shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
the battle is not done,
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.

WE LEARN AND REFLECT TOGETHER

**God of the living word, give us the faith to receive your message, the wisdom to know what it means, and the courage to put it into practice.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

The Word

First reading: Isaiah 40: 25-31

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

**God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.**

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;**

**Though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.**

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day.

**The nations make much ado,
and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.**

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

**Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,
what awesome things he has done on earth.
It is he who makes wars to cease in all the world;**

**he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.”**

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Psalm Prayer

**God our strength, your power is for peace, and the pride of
your mighty acts secures the city of the humble. Teach us to
put our trust in your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Second Reading: Matthew 8: 23-27

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Laying of the Wreath

Remembering those who have died in the line of duty

Laying of the wreath

Flowers of the Forest

Hymn: CP532 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials or temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;**

take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.

THE REFLECTION – Rev. Peter Mills

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The offering plate will not be passed during the service but will be available on the table at the front and back of the church.

Offertory: Psalm 23 (Townend)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
*And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone.
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil.
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

Refrain:

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one.
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.
*And I will trust in You alone,
and I will trust in You alone.
For Your endless mercy follows me,*

Your goodness will lead me home.

***For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.***

Offertory Prayer

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. Amen.

Let us confess the faith of our baptism:
**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Either kneeling or sitting, let us pray. In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness; we pray for others as well as for ourselves; and we offer our lives in Christ's service. All this we do because we believe in the presence among us of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayers

(Time of silence for personal prayer and reflection)

After each Intercession:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people. You know our needs before we ask and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO PRAISE AND SERVE GOD

Please stand.

Almighty God, with longing in our hearts for your reign of Peace, make us eager to obey you, until your purpose is accomplished and the earth is filled with your glory.

Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness.

God's own for the world.

Look at your feet, see the path and the direction.

God's own for the world.

Look at your heart, see the fire and the love.

God's own for the world.

Look at the cross, see God's Son and our Saviour.

God's own for the world.

This is God's world.

And we will serve God in it.

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being. Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life, we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Closing: CP352 – Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found:
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Benediction

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit
keep our hearts and minds within His love.
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal, the King of kings!

May this peace which passes understanding,
and this grace which makes us what we are,
and this fellowship of His communion
make us one in spirit and in heart.
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.

**We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal, the King of kings!**

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

Organ: Sylvia Amesbury

Piano: Linda Parsons

1st Lesson: Adrian Olley

**2nd Lesson: Peterborough Police Chaplain
Scott Couper**

Laying of the Wreath: Chad Laperle

Prayers: John Amesbury

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