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

# Reign of Christ

## Service of Morning Prayer

### November 22, 2026

*Welcome to Worship this morning!*
*We invite you to participate fully in the service, and to remain following the service. Children are welcome to attend our Children's Program or to remain with their families and there is a special area in the sanctuary for them to use at any time.*

*As we worship, at any time during the service, please assume whatever physical position is best for you.*

*Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the community of our ancestor David that is coming! Mark 11.9, 10*

## The Gathering of the Community

**Opening Hymn** *CP425 Joyful, Joyful*

**Joyful, joyful we adore thee,**
**God of glory, Lord of love;**
**hearts unfold like flowers before thee,**
**opening to the sun above.**
**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,**
**drive the dark of doubt away;**
**giver of immortal gladness,**
**fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee,**
**earth and heaven reflect thy rays;**
**stars and angels sing around thee,**
**centre of unbroken praise.**
**Field and forest, vale and mountain,**
**flowery meadow, flashing sea,**
**chanting bird and flowing fountain**
**call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving,**
**ever blessing, ever blest,**
**well-spring of the joy of living,**
**ocean depth of happy rest!**
**Thou our Father and our Mother,**
**all who live in love are thine;**
**teach us how to love each other,**
**lift us to the joy divine.**

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word,to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Let us confess our sins against God and neighbour.

Lord God,
**we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing**

**and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us**
**and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

May the God of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image to the praise and glory
of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

Blessed are you,
**gracious God, creator of all,**
**to you be glory and praise for ever.**
**You founded the earth in the beginning**
**and the heavens are the work of your hands.**

**In the fullness of time you made us in your image,**
**and in these last days you have spoken to us**
**through your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.**

**As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us,**
**let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,**
**your Spirit ever renew our lives and your praises ever be on our lips. Blessed be God, Eternal Glory, Incarnate Word and Abiding Spirit. Blessed be God 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 *His Banner Over Me is Love*

**Jesus is the rock of my salvation,**
**His banner over me is love.**
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**His banner over me is love.**
**Jesus is the rock of my salvation,**
**His banner over me is love. His banner over me is love!**

**He feeds me at His banqueting table,**
**His banner over me is love.**
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**His banner over me is love.**
**He feeds me at His banqueting table,**
**His banner over me is love. His banner over me is love!**

**There's one way to peace**
**through the power of the cross,**
**His banner over me is love,**
**There's one way to peace**
**through the power of the cross,**
**His banner over me is love,**

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**through the power of the cross,**
**His banner over me is love. His banner over me is love!**

**He makes strait paths before my feet,**
**His banner over me is love.**
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**His banner over me is love. His banner over me is Love!**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel (34:11-16, 20-24)

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm (100)

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;**
**serve the Lord with gladness**
**and come before his presence with a song.**
**Know this: The Lord himself is God;**
**he himself has made us, and we are his;**
**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;**
**go into his courts with praise;**
**give thanks to him and call upon his name.**
**For the Lord is good;**
**his mercy is everlasting;**
**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## The Psalm Prayer

God our Father**, you have created us as your people, and you sustain us with your hand. Help us always to give you thanks, for you alone are worthy of thanksgiving and praise and honour, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Second Reading

A reading from Ephesians (1:15-23)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God**.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
**O my God, in you I trust.**

You are the God of my salvation,
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

In you I hope all the day long.
**O my God, in you I trust.**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;**
**O my God, in you I trust.**

## The Third Reading

A reading from Matthew (25:31-46)

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when

was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

The word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God**.

**Hymn** *CP 520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

**The King of love my shepherd is,**
**whose goodness faileth never.**
**I nothing lack if I am his,**
**and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,**
**my ransomed soul he leadeth;**
**and where the verdant pastures grow,**
**with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,**
**but yet in love he sought me;**
**and on his shoulder gently laid,**
**and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill,**
**with thee, dear Lord, beside me;**
**thy rod and staff my comfort still,**
**thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;**
**thy unction grace bestoweth;**
**and oh, what transport of delight**
**from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days,**
**thy goodness faileth never;**
**Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise**
**within thy house forever!**

## The Sermon

*A brief silence for reflection.*

## The Apostles' Creed

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.**
**Amen.**

## Offertory Hymn *Above All*

**Above all powers, above all kings,**
**above all nature and created things;**
**above all wisdom and all the ways of man,**
**you were here before the world began.**
**Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,**
**above all wonders the world has ever known;**
**above all wealth and treasures of the earth,**
**there's no way to measure what You're worth.**
***Crucified, laid behind the stone.***
***You lived to die, rejected and alone.***
***Like a rose, trampled on the ground.***
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## The Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
**by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

## The 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.

*After each Intercession the response is:*
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.**

## The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Destitute king,
**one with the hungry, the naked, and the scorned: may our faith be proved not in dogma and piety but in serving you in the last and the least; through Jesus Christ, the stranger's Lord. Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the words of the One whose coming is certain and whose day draws near,

**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 forever.**
**Amen.**

Holy and ever-living God,
**by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed. Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,**
**that we may give ourselves in love and service to one another and to you this coming week;**
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**.

## Closing Hymn *I Cannot Tell*

**I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,**
**should set his love upon the sons of men,**
**or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers, to bring them back,**
**they know not how or when.**
**But this I know, that he was born of Mary**
**when Bethlehem's manger was his only home,**
**and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,**
**and so, the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.**

**I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the Cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.**

**I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of East and West, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.**

**I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer,
at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!**

## The 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.
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## The Dismissal

Awaiting the day when the sun of righteousness shall dawn with its healing rays, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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