

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

**Transfiguration Sunday:
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Service of Holy Communion
honouring Black History**

February 15, 2026

*Welcome to Worship this morning!
We invite you to participate fully in the service,
and to remain following the service for our Coffee Hour.
We encourage you to view the displays relevant to Black
History in the Parish Hall. Notes regarding the liturgical
components of the service are included at the back of
the leaflet.*

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

The Gathering of the Community

He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.
(2 Peter 1:17)

Opening Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

**Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past
has taught us;
sing a song of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.**

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears
has been watered.
We have come, treading our path thru' the blood
of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,
Thou who hast by Thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
where we met Thee,
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world,
we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.**

**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.**

**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.**

Kyrie Eleison (*Sung*)

**Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

The Collect of the Day

God of the nations,
**you call us to share in the life and ministry of your church.
Enable us, though different in colour, custom and
heritage, to celebrate our oneness in you
and the shared inheritance of your kingdom.
Prosper our work as we endeavour to build bridges of
love, understanding and cooperation,
that transformed, and renewed by your Holy Spirit,
we will be no longer strangers to one another,
but together as members of your household,
always give you glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Exodus (24:12-18)

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (2)

**Why are the nations in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
Why do the rulers of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together,
against the Lord and the Lord's anointed?
"Let us break their yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their bonds from us."**

**The One enthroned in heaven is laughing;
the Lord has them in derision.
Then God speaks to them in wrath,
and the divine rage fills them with terror.
"I myself have set my anointed
upon my holy hill of Zion."**

**Let me announce the decree of the Lord,
who said to me, "You are my heir;
this day have I begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your
inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."**

**And now, you monarchs, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
Submit to the Lord with fear,
and bow with trembling before the presence of the Lord;
lest God be angry and you perish;
for the divine wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are they all
who take refuge in God!**

The Psalm Prayer

**Ruler of heaven and earth,
you sent your only Son into the world to be our
Redeemer, and by raising him from the dead you gave him
the victory over all his enemies. Show us the power of
your saving love and bring us to share in your eternal
kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

The Second Reading

A reading from Peter's Second Letter (1:16-21)

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Gospel Hymn *We Will Glorify*

We will glorify the King of kings

We will glorify the Lamb

We will glorify the Lord of lords

Who is the great I AM

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty

We will bow before His throne

We will worship Him in righteousness

We worship Him alone

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (17:1-9)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We sing:

**He is Lord of Heaven, Lord of Earth
He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe
All praise to Him we give**

**Hallelujah to the King of kings
Hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of Lords
Who is the great I AM!**

The Sermon

A silence for reflection is kept following the sermon.

The Congregation stands at the invitation of the Celebrant.

The Nicene Cree – A version used by the Masai

**We believe in the one High God,
who out of love created the beautiful world,
and everything good in it.
God created human beings,
and wants them to be happy in the world.
God loves the world and every nation
and tribe on the earth.
We have known this High God in darkness,
and now we know God in the light.
God promised in the book of God's word, the Bible,
to save the world and all the nations and tribes.
We believe that God made good his promise
by sending his son, Jesus Christ,
a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe,
born poor in a little village,
who left his home and was always on safari doing good,
curing people by the power of God,
teaching about God and man,
showing the meaning of religion is love.
He was rejected by his people,
tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died.
He lay buried in the grave,
but the hyenas did not touch him,
and on the third day, he rose from the grave.
He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.
We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him.
All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins,
be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God,
live the rules of love and share the bread together in love,
to announce the good news
to others until Jesus comes again.
We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives.
This we believe. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the world, the church and ourselves, assuming whatever physical position helps us to pray (remain standing, kneel, or sit).

The response to the intercessions will be:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Invitation to Confession

Confession lets us set down the heavy things we carry with us, putting us in right relationship with one another and with God.

A Responsive Litany of Confession

God, illuminate systems of exploitation and injustice, systems that dislocate and enslave.

Tear down the monuments we build to ourselves.

Cast down self-congratulatory privilege,
when we seek to pat ourselves on our back,
when we are only doing what we should,
or when we are doing nothing, and it is you at work.

In the midst of hatred that divides people of different nations,
ethnic groups, classes, religions and genders,

God, forgive us.

In the midst of our difficulty in accepting each other
and in respecting our differences,

God, forgive us.

In the midst of the covetous desires of people
and nations to possess what is not their own,

God, forgive us.

In the midst of the greed which exploits the
work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

God, forgive us.

In the midst of our envy of the welfare and
happiness of others,

God, forgive us.

In the midst of our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugees and the migrant workers,

God, forgive us.

In the midst of pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

God, forgive us.

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.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please turn to the people near you and offer a sign of God's peace.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

The offering of money is a sign of our gratitude for God's blessing of our lives, collected in the plates placed at the front and back of the church before the service. The offering plates will not be passed during the service.

Offertory Hymn

CP166 We Have Come

At Christ's Own Bidding (Tune CP374)

**We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.**

Light breaks in upon our darkness;
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word.
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the law and prophets meet;
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray:

Holy God,
receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that
radiant glory that we see in the transfigured face of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Is the Father with us?

He is.

Is Christ among us?

He is.

Is the Spirit here?

She is.

This is our God.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We are God's people.

We are redeemed.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our delight to give our thanks and praise, great
Father, living God, Supreme over the world,
Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver.
From a wandering nomad you created your family;
for a burdened People you raised up a leader;
for a confused nation you chose a king;
for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets.
In these last days you have sent us your Son,
your perfect image,
bringing your kingdom, revealing your will,
dying, rising, reigning, remaking your People for yourself.
Through him you have poured out your life-giving Spirit,
filling us with light and life.
And now we praise you for the glorious resurrection
of your Son,
the Lamb who was offered for us
and has taken away the sin of the world:
by his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising to new life he has restored to us eternal life.
Therefore, with angels and archangels,
faithful ancestors and all in heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
forever praising you and singing:

**Holy, most holy all holy the Lord,
in power and wisdom for ever adored.
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessèd, most blessèd, all blessèd is he
whose life makes us whole, and whose death sets us free:
who comes in the name of the Father of light,
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

Almighty God, owner of all things,
we thank you for giving up your only Son
to die on the cross for us who owe you everything.
Pour your refreshing Spirit on us
as we remember him in the way he commanded,
through these gifts of your creation.

On the same night that he was betrayed,
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
Amen. His body broken for us.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks:
he gave it to them, saying,
“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.”

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We are brothers and sisters and siblings through his blood.
We have died together,
we will rise together,
we will live together.
Therefore, heavenly Father,
hear us as we celebrate the covenant with joy,
and await the coming of our Brother, Jesus Christ.
He died in our place,
making full atonement for the sins of the whole world,
the perfect sacrifice, once and for all.
You accepted his offering by raising him from death,
and granting him great honour at your right hand on high.
Amen. Jesus is Lord.

This is the feast of victory.
The Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Hallelujah!

A brief silence is kept. You are invited to kneel or stay seated for the prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ is alive forever.
We are because he is.
We are one body.
We share one bread.
Draw near with faith.
Christ is the host and we are His guests.

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Spiritual Communion

For those who are worshipping with us online, we invite you to make your spiritual communion, by inviting Jesus into your heart, saying "Come, Lord Jesus."

A brief silence is kept.

Communion can be brought to you in your seat if that's easier for you. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine may indicate this to the bread administrator by placing a hand to your heart.

Prayer will be offered during communion at the back of the sanctuary for those who wish to be prayed for. All are welcome to be anointed before or after receiving communion at the pulpit side of the nave.

Communion Hymns

Hymn *Here is Bread, Here is Wine*

**Here is bread, here is wine.
Christ is with us, He is with us.
Break the bread, drink the wine.
Christ is with us here.**

**Here is grace, here is peace.
Christ is with us, He is with us.
Know His grace, find His peace.
Feast on Jesus here.**

**In this bread, there is healing.
In this cup there's life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit.
Christ is with us here.**

**Here we are joined in one.
Christ is with us, He is with us.
We'll proclaim, 'til He comes.
Jesus crucified.**

**In this bread, there is healing.
In this cup there's life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit.
Christ is with us here.**

Hymn *O How He Loves You and Me*

**Oh, how He loves you and me,
Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave His life,
what more could He give?
Oh, how He loves you;
Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me.**

Repeat

Hymn *Siyahamba*

**Siyahamba kukhanyeni kwenkos.
Siyahamba kukhanyeni kwenkos.**

Repeat

***Siyahamba, 'hamba.
Siyahamba, (ooh)
Siyahamba kukhanyeni kwenkos.***
Repeat

**We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.**

Repeat

***We are marching, marching.
We are marching, (ooh)
We are marching in the light of God.***
Repeat

Repeat hymn

Hymn *CP336 Masithi: Amen*

Leader Masithi:
All **Amen, siyakudumisa.**

Leader Masithi:
All **Amen, siyakudumisa.**

Leader Masithi:
All **Amen, Bawo, amen, Bawo,
amen, siyakudumisa.**

Leader Sing amen:
All **Amen, we praise your name, O Lord.**

Leader Sing amen:
All **Amen, we praise your name, O Lord.**

Leader Sing amen:
All **Amen, amen, amen, amen,
amen, we praise your name, O Lord.**

Repeat hymn

Hymn *This Little Light of Mine*

**This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine all the time, let it shine.**

**All around the neighbourhood, I'm going to let it shine.
All around the neighbourhood, I'm going to let it shine.
All around the neighbourhood, I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine all the time, let it shine.**

**Hide it under a bushel? ---NO! I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? ---NO! I'm going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? ---NO! I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine all the time, let it shine.**

The Community is Sent Out

As you are able, please stand.

Prayer after Communion

All our problems

We send to the cross of Christ.

All our difficulties

We send to the cross of Christ.

All the devil's works

We send to the cross of Christ.

All our hopes

We set on the risen Christ.

The Doxology

Glory to God,

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

Christ the Sun of Righteousness

shine upon you

and scatter the darkness from before your path:

and the blessing of God Almighty,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Closing Hymn *CP460 Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Lord, the light of your love is shining,

in the midst of the darkness shining;

Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;

set us free by the truth you now bring us,

shine on me, shine on me.

***Shine, Jesus, shine;
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze:
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow;
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.***

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness;
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
shine on me, shine on me.**

Refrain:

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness;
ever-changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
shine on me, shine on me.**

Refrain:

Send Us Out

**Send us out in the power of Your Spirit, Lord.
May our lives show Jesus to the world.
May each thought and word bring glory to Your name.
Send us out in Your Spirit, Lord, we pray.**

The Dismissal

**Go into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.**

Following the worship service, you are invited to come and see the Black History in Canada exhibit in the Hall which includes an article on Why a Black History Month, A Year of Firsts, Canadian Blacks in Music, On the Road North: The Journey to Freedom, The First Black Postman, The Legacy of Leaders, Coloured Hockey Championship, Nelson Mandela, Chloe Cooley, Viola Desmond, and A Story of Courage.

It would be great to hear your experiences. Are there any names or faces that you are already familiar with? What is new and interesting for you? What would you like to hear or learn more about?

There is also a quiz to find information on the posters. There might be a prize for the first ones completed in each age group.

We are so glad you have joined us today for worship.

Are you new to St. John's? We encourage you to stay for coffee hour and introduce yourself to one of the clergy.

Would you like a visit? We'd be happy to visit with you at your home, in a coffee shop or at the church for pastoral conversation and/or home communion at your request. Please call the office and one of the clergy will get back to you. 705.944.5350

If you experience a pastoral emergency (someone in the hospital or in urgent need) you can call our priest, The Rev. Canon Susan Spicer at 705.886.0057

Are you on the parish mailing and email list? If you would like to be, please let the office know.

Our Leaders Today

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Canon Susan Spicer
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Denise Byard
<i>Music Director & Pianist</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Organist</i>	Sylvia Amesbury
<i>Crucifer</i>	Adrian Olley
<i>Reader</i>	Ray LaMarche
<i>Intercessor</i>	Phil Winslow
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Valerie Smith/Adrian Olley
<i>Technical Team</i>	Dalton George/Jason Conrad
<i>Prayer Ministry Team</i>	Ted & Nancy Hodgkinson
<i>Anointer</i>	Cathy Olley

Notes on liturgical texts used today:

Collect of the Day

(Diocesan multicultural prayer written by the Reverend Canon Doctor Stephen Fields)

The Masai Nicene Creed *is adapted from Christianity Rediscovered*, by Vincent J. Donovan, who was a missionary from the Congregation of the Holy Ghost and who taught the church about the importance of contextualized understanding of Christianity. An early version of this creed appears in his book.

The Eucharistic Prayer

JLS 50 Offerings from Kenya to Anglicanism: Liturgical Texts and Contexts including “A Kenyan Service of Holy Communion” (This is not a modern translation or even adaptation of the old, not an importation of liturgical revision from the West, but rather a new liturgy which has grown out of recent developments in African Christian theology and liturgical research. It is both thoroughly biblical and authentically African, both faithful to Anglican tradition and refreshingly creative).

The Sending Litany

“This blessing is based on an ancient litany of the nomadic Turkana ethnic group, from the north of Kenya. Its foundation as a curse on their enemies has been transformed into a blessing. Traditionally the Turkana, with a dramatic sweep of their arms to the west, would send all their problems, difficulties, and works of evil to the Karamajong, a nomadic ethnic group in what is now Uganda. When a group of Turkana who had migrated southwards became Christians, their Kenyan evangelist stressed Jesus’ call to love our enemies and suggested that instead of sending those things to the Karamajong they should send them to the setting sun [though still westward] ...During the Provincial Liturgical Conference theologians from the dioceses in the west of Kenya complained, ‘Well, no wonder we are having problems; you are sending them all to us.’ A revision was called for. Since it began as a curse, curses in the New Testament were considered. In Galatians 3:13 Paul, writing about the cross, stated that ‘Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us.’ Therefore, the revised blessing replaced the phrase ‘to the setting sun’ with ‘to the cross of Christ’ and the phrase ‘on the risen sun’ with ‘on the risen Christ.’ This has proved to be a very powerful end to the services as the people three times sweep their arms towards the cross, the only place in heaven and on earth which can cope with all our problems, difficulties, and the devil’s works. The physical sensation of movement, and the whole congregation joining in with it, are finally very moving.”

—Graham Kings, *Offerings*, p. 25.

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