

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

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

Service of Holy Communion

*I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord.
Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.
John 15:5*

Hymn: CP318 – Rejoice Today with One Accord

**Rejoice today with one accord,
sing out with exultation;
rejoice and praise our mighty Lord,
whose arm hath brought salvation.
His works of love proclaim
the greatness of his name,
for he is God alone
who hath his mercy shown;
let all his saints adore him!**

**When in distress to him we cried,
he heard our sad complaining.
O trust in him, whate'er betide;
his love is all-sustaining.
Triumphant songs of praise
to him our hearts shall raise;
now every voice shall say,
"O praise our God alway";
let all his saints adore him!**

*Children leave for their Program and will return at the
Passing of the Peace.*

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.

All Glory to God

**All glory to God in the heights of the heavens,
and peace to his people, his people on earth.
We praise you, we bless you,
we give you our worship,
and for your great glory we sing out our thanks.
O Lord, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty,
Lord Jesus the Christ and the Father's dear Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, only Son of the Father
have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Lord, you take away all the sin of the world,
hear our prayer from your place
at the Father's right hand.
Have mercy upon us; you only are holy
and you, you alone, are our Lord and our God.
Lord Christ, Holy Spirit and Father Almighty,
Most High and most glorious, we give you our praise.
All glory to God in the heights of the heavens,
and peace to his people, his people on earth.**

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

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Word

The First Reading: Judges 4: 1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

**To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.**

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand
of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress.**

**So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he show us his mercy.**

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

**Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

Psalm Prayer

**King of love, rule in the hearts of all people on earth
through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become
one family and one kingdom serving you by serving
each other. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 25: 14-30

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn: CP94 – Wait for the Lord, Whose Day is Near

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

(Repeat)

The Sermon: Rev. Peter Mills

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the World, the Church and Ourselves

The response to the intercessions will be:
Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

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.)

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.

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 the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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

Offertory: CP508 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All who are baptized in any Christian Church are welcome to receive communion. If you are not yet baptized but are hungry for God, you are welcome. Rev. Peter would be glad to speak to you about being baptized.

If you prefer to receive the bread only, please cross your arms over your chest.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. We stand throughout the Eucharistic prayer as a joyful sign that we have been raised to the new life in Christ.

The Celebration of the Eucharist (2)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin
Mary and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in
suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in
you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body
which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in
the truth, that together we may praise you
and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the
Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

“I am the bread which has come down from
heaven,” says the Lord.

Give us this bread for ever.

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

**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.**

Hymn: CP73 – One Bread, One Body

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless—
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.**

Refrain:

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain:

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless—
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Hymn: CP649 – Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Hymn: CP 435 – Take My Life

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

**Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.**

**Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

Prayer after Communion

**Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the
body and blood of Christ. May we who have been
nourished by holy things bear witness to his light,
and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for
ever and ever. Amen.**

Please stand.

**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

**May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in your
hearts and fill your lives with his joy and peace.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

Closing – CP602 – Lift High the Cross

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!***

**Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout! If
we are silent, even stones cry out.**

Refrain:

**Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
teach us compassion for each human life.**

Refrain:

**Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.**

Refrain:

**Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.**

Refrain:

**Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity.**

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.**

Dismissal

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

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