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

Resurrection Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

Welcome to this Celebration of the Resurrection! We invite you to participate fully in the service, and to remain after the service for Coffee Hour. Children are welcome to attend our Children's program or to remain with their families.

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

The Gathering of the Community

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. 1 Corinthians (5:7-8)

Opening Hymn CP203 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia! our triumphant holy day, alleluia! who did once, upon the cross, alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia! unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, alleluia! our salvation have procured; alleluia! now above the sky he's king, alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! May his grace and peace be with you. **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Anthem Alleluia! Christ Has Triumphed!

Children's Gathering

Children are invited to join Rev. Susan at the chancel steps for a moment. They are invited to attend a special program and will return at the sharing of the peace.

The Gloria

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.

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray: Lord of Life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from Isaiah (65:17-25) The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm (118:14-24)

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm Prayer

Holy and mighty God,

your Son's triumph over sin and death has opened us the gate of eternal life. Purify our hearts that we may follow where he has gone and share in the radiance of his glory. We ask this for the sake of our risen Lord. Amen.

The Second Reading

A reading from Acts (10:34-43) The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Gospel Hymn CP205 The Day of Resurrection

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the passover of gladness, the passover of God! From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:1-18) **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel is proclaimed.

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We sing:

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth her song begin; the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

The Sermon The Rev. Susan Spicer

A silence for reflection follows the sermon. The Congregation stands at the invitation of the Celebrant.

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

A brief 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 risen Lord be always with you. And also with you.

We greet one another saying, "Peace be with you" or "The Peace of Christ".

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 CP206 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, alleluia! earth and heaven in chorus say, alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high; alleluia! sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia! fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, alleluia! Lives again our glorious King, alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia! following our exalted head, alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven, alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, alleluia!

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray:

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the World. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, and out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command, we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord, of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable to him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; though Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit; all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A brief silence is kept.

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

Lord, we died with you on the cross. Now we are raised to new life. We were buried in your tomb. Now we share in your resurrection. Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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.

The Communion

For those who are present in person, all baptized persons may receive Communion. If you prefer, Communion can be brought to you in your seat. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion may place a hand on their heart when they come forward.

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.

Anointing with prayer for healing will be offered during communion, and special prayer for those who wish it at the back of the sanctuary.

Communion Hymns

Hymn CP192 Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble: were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble: were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble: were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble: were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble; were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when he burst the bonds of death? Were you there when he burst the bonds of death? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble: were you there when he burst the bonds of death?

Hymn CP647 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing— Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; break me, melt me, mould me, fill me spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

Hymn CP405 Alleluia No.1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation. Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and is risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name. We have been crucified with Christ: now we shall live forever.

> Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our saviour.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Hymn He is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord. Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

The Community is Sent Out

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

All your works praise you, O Lord. And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, ring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn CP212 Alleluia! The Strive is O'er

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, now is the victor's triumph won; O let the song of praise be sung: alleluia! Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath his foes dispersed: let shouts of praise and joy outburst: alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell; the bars from heaven's high portals fell. Let songs of praise his triumphs tell: alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again, glorious in majesty to reign. O let us swell the joyful strain: alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live and sing to thee: alleluia!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit, serve the world God loves. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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