

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

**The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Service of Morning Prayer**

**July 5th, 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.  
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.*

*Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who has revealed these things to  
the simple.*

**The Gathering of the Community**

**Opening Hymn CP 306 O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing**

**O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace.**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,  
and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of thy name.**

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.**

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 Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.  
    Yes, Jesus loves me—  
    Yes, Jesus loves me—  
    Yes, Jesus loves me.  
    The Bible tells me so.  
Jesus loves me, he who died  
heaven's gate to open wide.  
He will wash away my sin.  
Let his little child come in.

**Yes, Jesus loves me—  
Yes, Jesus loves me—  
Yes, Jesus loves me.  
The Bible tells me so.**

**Gentle Jesus, with me stay  
close beside me all the way.  
When at last I come to die  
take me home with thee on high.  
Refrain:**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67

So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. And my master made me swear an oath, and said, 'You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, but go to my father's family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son.'

"When I came to the spring today, I said, 'Lord, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, 'Please let me drink a little water from your jar,' and if she says to me, 'Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too,' let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master's son.'

"Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, 'Please give me a drink.'

"She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels also.

"I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?'

"She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him.'

“Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, and I bowed down and worshiped the Lord. I praised the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master’s brother for his son. Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn.”

So they called Rebekah and asked her, “Will you go with this man?”

“I will go,” she said.

So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

“Our sister, may you increase  
to thousands upon thousands;  
may your offspring possess  
the cities of their enemies.”

Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.

Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel and asked the servant, “Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?”

“He is my master,” the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself.

Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm (145:8-14)**

**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**The Lord is loving to everyone  
and his compassion is over all his works.**

**All your works praise you, O Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you.**

**They make known the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power;**

**That the peoples may know of your power  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.**

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

**The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and merciful in all his deeds.**

**The Psalm Prayer**

Almighty God,  
**give us grace to know you more and more, that  
knowing we may love and loving we may praise, that the  
whole world may hear your name and worship you, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**The Second Reading**

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? 25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## **The Gospel Reading**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew (11:16-19,25-30)

“To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

“‘We played the pipe for you,  
and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge,  
and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **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 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.**

### **The Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray.

**God of heaven and earth,**  
receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your  
service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### **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.

Almighty God,

**your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your  
children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the  
servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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 everliving 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 CP 362 Tell Out My Soul

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of His word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and forevermore!**

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

### **The Dismissal**

Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit,  
serve the world God loves.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Our Leaders Today**

<i>Preacher</i>	Ted Hodgkinson
<i>Officiant</i>	Don Winslow
<i>Organist</i>	Sylvia Amesbury
<i>Crucifer</i>	Hunter Thomas
<i>Reader</i>	Ola Lytwyn
<i>Intercessor</i>	Phil Winslow
<i>Technical Team</i>	Dalton George & Jason Conrad