

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

The Second Sunday in Lent A Service of Morning Prayer

March 1, 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.*

The Gathering of the Community

*The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in
him may have eternal life. (John 3:14, 15)*

Opening Hymn CP347 *The God of Abraham Praise*

**The God of Abraham praise who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting Days, and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.**

**The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace for evermore.**

**The goodly land I see with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.**

**Triumphant hosts on high give thanks eternally
and “Holy, holy, holy” cry, “great Trinity!”
Hail Abraham’s God and ours!
One mighty hymn we raise:
all power and majesty be yours and endless praise!**

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.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures for ever.

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.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear Friends in Christ, as we prepare for the Paschal Feast, continuing in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers, let us make our hearts ready to renew the covenant of our baptism. Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

Please kneel as you are able or be seated.

Let us ask God to bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts. And most especially, let us remember the covenant of our baptism and test our hearts and conscience to know how faithfully we have proclaimed by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

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.**

Absolution

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us
from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus 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

Let us pray.
Almighty God,
**whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered
death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed
into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

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, let us 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 forever.
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 *BB713 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.**

Refrain:

**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.**

Yes, Jesus loves me—

Yes, Jesus loves me—

Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

The Proclamation of the Word

We listen and reflect on God's word.

God of the living word,
**give us the faith to receive your message,
the wisdom to know what it means,
and the courage to put it into practice.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis (12:1-4a)

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

"I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

So, Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (121)

**I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?**

**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

**The Lord will not let your foot be moved
and the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

**Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

**The Lord, the Lord, watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your side,
so that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

**The Lord shall preserve you from all evil
and shall keep you safe.**

**The Lord shall watch over your going out and your
coming in, from this time forth for evermore.**

The Psalm Prayer

**Be present, Merciful God, and protect us in times of
danger, so that we who are wearied by the changes and
chances of this life may rest in your eternal
changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (4:1-5, 13-17)

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does Scripture say?

“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Gospel Hymn *CP568 Nothing Can Trouble*
(Nada Te Turbe)

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

Repeat

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (3:1-17)

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who

has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We sing:

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.**

Repeat

The Sermon *Rev. Deb Wilson*

A silence is held for reflection following the sermon.

We Respond to God's Word

*The offering plates will not be passed during the service.
They will be available on the tables at the front and back
of the church.*

Offertory Hymn *Every Promise*

**From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.**

**Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away;
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.**

**For Your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure:
I can stand on ev'ry promise from Your word.**

**When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.**

**You are faithful to forgive, that in freedom I might live.
So, I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.**

**Guilt to innocence restored, You remember sins no more.
So, I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.**

Musical Interlude

**When I'm faced with anguished choice,
I will listen for Your voice,
and I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.**

**Through this dark and troubled land,
You will guide me with Your hand,
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.**

**And You've promised to complete
ev'ry work begun in me.
So, I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.**

**Hope that lifts me from despair;
love that casts out ev'ry fear,
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.**

**Not forsaken, not alone,
for the Comforter has come;
and I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.**

**Grace sufficient, grace for me;
grace for all who will believe.
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.
*Repeat***

As you are able, please remain standing.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.
God of wisdom,
**may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his
name. Amen.**

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.**

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:

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.**

We Go into the World to Praise and Serve God

Please stand as you are able.

Almighty God, with longing in our hearts for your Reign of Peace, make us eager to obey you, until your purpose is accomplished and the earth is filled with your glory.

Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness.
God's own for the world.

Look at your feet, see the path and the direction.
God's own for the world.

Look at your heart, see the fire and the love.
God's own for the world.

Look at the cross, see God's Son and our Saviour.
God's own for the world.

This is God's world.
And we will serve God in it.

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being. Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life, we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

***Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

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

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

A Warm Welcome to all

Are you new to St. John's? We are so glad you have joined us today for worship. 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

Officiant & Preacher
Music Director & Pianist
Organist
Crucifer
Reader
Intercessor
Technical Team

The Rev. Deb Wilson
Linda Parsons
Sylvia Amesbury
John Amesbury
Ola Lytwyn
Don Winslow
Dalton George
and Jason Conrad

*Copyright 1985 by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. Published by the Anglican Book Centre. Hymns used with permission under copyright License #11294851 by Christian Copyright Licensing International, Inc. (CCLI)
Music Licenses: CCLI License #2987132, One License A-722138*

St. John's Anglican Church, Ida
"To know Christ, and make Him Known"
A community church in the Anglican Tradition.

Visit our website: www.stjohnsida.com

Like us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsida>