

**St. John's Anglican Church, Ida
Parish of Ida and Omemee
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023
Service of Morning Prayer**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. John 11: 25, 26

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!**

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 Father 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, Sovereign 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
in 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, Father, Son and Holy 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: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

**Lord, I lift Your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life.
I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky.
Lord, I lift Your name on high!**

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The Word of God

First Reading: Ezekiel 27: 1-14

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

**Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;**

**let your ears consider well the voice
of my supplication.**

**If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?**

**For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.**

**I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.**

**My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for
the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.**

**O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;**

**With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

Psalm Prayer

**Rescue us, O God for whom we wait, from the depths
of depression and despair. May we trust in your
mercy, know the fullness of your redemption, and
share in the glory of your kingdom; through our
Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Second Reading: Romans 8: 6-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation,

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you I hope all the day long.

O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust.

Third Reading: John 11: 1-45

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Holy Spirit (Townend)

**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.**

**Let the presence of the risen Lord
come renew my heart and make me whole.**

Cause Your word to come alive in me.

Give me faith for what I cannot see.

Give me passion for Your purity.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

**Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may Your joy be seen in all I do.**

**Love enough to cover ev'ry sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.**

**Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.**

**Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth.
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.**

The Sermon: Rev. Bill Montgomery

The Apostles' Creed

**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: CP532 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials or temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.**

Offertory Prayer

**God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and
make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.

Prayers

(Time of silence for personal prayer and reflection)

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.

The Collect

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.**

The Blessing:

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. And the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: Teach Me to Dance

**Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.
Teach me to move in the pow'r of Your Spirit.
Teach me to walk in the light of Your presence.
Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.**

**Teach me to love with Your heart of compassion.
Teach me to trust in the word of Your promise.
Teach me to hope in the day of Your coming.
Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.**

**You wrote the rhythm of life,
created heaven and earth;
in You is joy without measure.
So like a child in Your sight.
I dance to see Your delight,
for I was made for Your pleasure, pleasure.**

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**Let all my movements express
A heart that loves to say 'yes',
A will that leaps to obey You.
Let all my energy blaze to see the joy in Your face.
Let my whole being praise You, praise You.**

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Dismissal

**Let us go forth to follow Jesus in the way of his Cross.
Thanks be to God.**

**Organ: Sylvia Amesbury
Piano: Linda Parsons
Reader: Nancy Hodgkinson
Prayers: Don Winslow
Preacher: Rev. Bill Montgomery
Tech Team: Jason and Ben Conrad**

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