

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

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Morning Prayer

July 26, 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.

During July and August, we will be praying for people in a new way during the intercessions. The intercessor will invite you to pray for people by name, either silently or aloud. The list of names will not be read out from the book at the back. Names added there will be sent to all parishioners shortly after the Sunday service so that they may be included in private prayers. Canon Susan is appreciative of any feedback from parishioners as we try this out.

The Gathering of the Community

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. (John 6:68)

Opening Hymn CP388 *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
See! The streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.**

**Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering—
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they pray.**

**Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world's best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show:
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.**

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.

Let us pray:
We thank you, O God,
**that you have again brought us together
on the Lord's Day
to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to
see your hand in the week that is past and your purpose in the week to come,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

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.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray:
O God,
**the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal,
that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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 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 *This is the Day*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Open to us, open to us the gates of God, the gates of God;
We will go in, we will go in and praise the Lord, and praise the Lord.
Open to us the gates of God, we will go in and praise the Lord.
Open to us, open to us the gates of God.

You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name, we will praise your name.
We will give thanks, we will give thanks, for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name, we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name.

The Proclamation of the Word

We learn 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 (29:15-28)

Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be."

Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."

Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her."

So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.

When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?"

Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work."

And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (105:1-11)

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.**

**Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvellous works.**

**Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

**Search for the Lord and his strength;
continually seek his face.**

**Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,**

**O offspring of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.
He is the Lord our God;
his judgements prevail in all the world.**

**He has always been mindful of his covenant,
the promise he made for a thousand generations:**

**The covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath that he swore to Isaac,**

**Which he established as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel,**

**Saying," To you will I give the land of Canaan
to be your allotted inheritance.**

The Psalm Prayer

**God of our salvation,
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your
promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the world from slavery and to
lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and
bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you
for ever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

The Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:26-39)

**In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we
ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.
And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit
intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.**

**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who
have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also
predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those
he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.**

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (13:31-33,44-52)

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the

wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Hymn *CP628 O Love, How Deep,
How Broad, How High***

**O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.**

**God sent no angel to our race,
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
for us, and to this lost world came.**

**For us he was baptized, and bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter over-threw.
For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought;
by words and signs, and actions, thus
still seeking not himself but us.**

**For us by wickedness betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up his breath.**

**For us he rose from death again,
for us he went on high to reign,
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.**

**To God whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through the Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.**

The Sermon

A brief silence for reflection.

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 *How Great are You, Lord*

**How great are you, Lord,
How great is your mercy,
How great are the things that you have done for me.
How great are you, Lord,
Your loving kindness
is filling my heart as I sing,
“How great are you, Lord.”**

**How great is Your love,
it reaches to the heavens.
How great is the heart
that sought and rescued me.**

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Musical Interlude

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that you have done for me.
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“How great are you, Lord.”**

The Offertory Prayer

**God of grace,
accept all we offer you this day,
as we look toward the glory you have promised.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Apostle’s 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 *Shout to the Lord*

**My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like You;
all of my days I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
nothing compares to the promise I have in You.
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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.
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The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

OUR LEADERS TODAY

<i>Officiant</i>	Ted Hodgkison
<i>Preacher</i>	Phil Winslow
<i>Pianist & Music Director</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Crucifer</i>	Hunter Thomas
<i>Reader</i>	Bette Holder
<i>Intercessor</i>	Don Winslow
<i>Technical Team</i>	Ben Conrad and Jason Conrad