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

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion

November 15, 2026

Welcome to Worship this morning!
We invite you to participate fully in the service, and to remain following the service. Children are welcome to attend our Children's Program or to remain with their families and there is a special area in the sanctuary for them to use at any time.

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

The Gathering of the Community

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.
(John 15.5)

Opening Hymn *10000 Reasons*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness,
I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.
(Repeat)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forever more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name.
God, I'll worship Your holy name.

INTERLUDE

Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.
I'll worship Your holy name.
God, I'll worship Your holy name.

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.

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.

Kyrie Eleison *(Sung)*

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of the world.
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,
and bring us to eternal light and joy;
through the power of him
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Judges (4:1-7)

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (123)

To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he show us his mercy.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

The Psalm Prayer

King of love,
rule in the hearts of all people on earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become one family and one kingdom serving you by serving each other. We ask this in his name. Amen

The Second Reading

A reading from 1 Thessalonians (5:1-11)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Gospel Hymn *CP 508 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.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (25:14-30)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

We sing:

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 Sermon

(A brief silence for reflection)

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say:
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 the response is:
Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Invitation to Confession

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.

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 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 Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Please turn to the people near you and offer a sign of God's peace.

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 *CP 318 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 always";
let all his saints adore him!

The Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray:

Holy God,
in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant.
Help us, through our offering this day,
to renounce all things that draw us from your love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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,
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 in 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;
through 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

Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.
So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.

The Communion

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.

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.

Everyone is welcome to receive communion. Communion can be brought to you in your seat if that's easier for you. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine may indicate this by placing a hand to your heart.

Prayer will be offered during communion at the back of the sanctuary for those who wish to be prayed for.
All are welcome to be anointed before or after receiving communion at the pulpit side of the nave.

Communion Hymns

Hymn *CP 64 Author of Life Divine*

Author of life divine,
who hast a table spread,
furnished with mystic wine
and everlasting bread,
preserve the life Thyself hast giv'n,
preserve the life Thyself hast given,
and feed and train us up for heav'n.

Our needy souls sustain
with fresh supplies of love,
till all Thy life we gain
and all Thy fullness prove,
and strengthened by Thy perfect grace,
and strengthened by Thy perfect grace,
behold without a veil Thy face.

Hymn *Oh Lord, You're Beautiful*

O Lord, You're beautiful,
Your face is all I seek.
For when Your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds to me.

O Lord, please light the fire
That once burned bright and clear,
Replace the lamp of my first love
That burns with holy fear!

I want to take your word and shine it all around,
But first help me just to live it, Lord!
And when I'm doing well,
help me to never seek a crown,
for my reward is giving glory to You.

O Lord, You're beautiful,
Your face is all I seek,
For when Your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds to me.

Hymn *Here I Am Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain.
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

The Community is Sent Out

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

Gracious God,
in this sacrament
we have shared the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
bear witness to his light,
and share in his eternal priesthood;
for he is Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Doxology

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

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.
Refrain:

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.
Refrain:

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.

The Dismissal

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

Our Leaders Today

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Canon Susan Spicer
Music Director & Pianist	Linda Parsons
Crucifer	Hunter Thomas
Reader	Ray LaMarche
Intercessor	Don Winslow
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