

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

**The 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Morning Prayer
October 18, 2026**

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 and there is a special area in the sanctuary for them to use at any time.

The Gathering of the Community

Shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life. (Philippians 2:15, 16)

Opening Hymn CP381 *Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven*

**Praise my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him, still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia, glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
alleluia, alleluia, widely as his mercy flows.**

**Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
alleluia, alleluia, praise the high eternal one.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.**

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.

Almighty and everliving God,
**increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the way of your commandments**

**and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 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 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

**I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back!**

**Though none will join me, still I will follow
Though none will join me, still I will follow
Though none will join me, still I will follow
No turning back, no turning back!**

**The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
No turning back, no turning back!**

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 Exodus (33:12-23)

Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name. "Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (99)

**The Lord is king;
let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the Cherubim;
let the earth shake.**

**The Lord is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.
Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.**

**“O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.**

**Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**

**“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”**

**Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

The Psalm Prayer

**Lord our God,
ruler of the universe, you love what is right. Lead us in your righteousness,
that we may live to praise you, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Second Reading

A reading from 1 Thessalonians (1: 1-10)

Paul, Silas and Timothy,

**To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace and peace to you.**

**We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We
remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor
prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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 (22:15-22)

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn *CP350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

**Stand up and bless the Lord,
you people of God's choice;
stand up and bless the Lord of hosts
with heart and soul and voice.**

Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God's holy name,
and laud and magnify?

O for the living flame
from God's own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

God is our strength and song,
who makes salvation ours;
then be God's love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless the glorious name
henceforth for evermore.

The Sermon

A brief silence for reflection.

We Respond to God's Word

*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 *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious Blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!**

The Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

**Eternal God,
your word inspires our faith.
May we who offer you our praise
trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
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 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.**

We Go into the World to Praise and Serve God

**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 *Promise of the Ages*

God's saints of old through history told of the One who was to come:

A Son, a King, a Lamb to be slain for the sins of all the world.

He's the promise of the ages, lifted up to save us, Jesus Christ, our sacrifice.

He's the fount of living water,

King and friend forever, bow before the promise of the ages.

In flesh He came, yet chose to remain with the outcast and the poor.

He bled, He died, was raised, glorified, now He lives for evermore!

He's the promise of the ages, lifted up to save us, Jesus Christ, our sacrifice.

He's the fount of living water,

King and friend forever, bow before the promise of the ages.

Lift your hands and sing hallelujah to the King of all the earth.

Raise your voice and sing hallelujah to the king of all the earth.

He's the promise of the ages, lifted up to save us, Jesus Christ, our sacrifice.

He's the fount of living water,

King and friend forever, bow before the promise of the ages.

**How long until the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord;
When He shall come, when nations and tongues will be joined in glorious
song?**

**He's the promise of the ages, lifted up to save us, Jesus Christ, our sacrifice.
He's the fount of living water,
King and friend forever, bow before the promise of the ages.**

**Bow before the promise of the ages.
Bow before the promise of the ages.**

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.**

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