

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

## **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### **A service of Morning Prayer**

**May 10, 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**

*If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love  
you, and we will come to you. John 14:23*

**Opening Hymn** 312 *Sing a New Song Unto the Lord*

*Refrain*

**Sing a new song unto the Lord  
Let your song be sung from mountains high  
Sing a new song unto the Lord  
Singing 'alleluia**

**Yahweh's people dance for joy.  
O' come before the Lord  
And play for Him on glad tambourines.  
And let your trumpet sound.**

**Sing a new song unto the Lord  
Let your song be sung from mountains high  
Sing a new song unto the Lord  
Singing 'alleluia**

**Rise, o' children, from your sleep;  
Your Savior now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
And filled your soul with song.**

**Sing a new song unto the Lord  
Let your song be sung from mountains high  
Sing a new song unto the Lord  
Singing 'alleluia**

**Glad my soul for I have seen  
The glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.  
I know my Savior lives.**

**Sing a new song unto the Lord  
Let your song be sung from mountains high  
Sing a new song unto the Lord  
Singing 'alleluia**

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.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

May the God 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.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Let us pray.

Merciful God,  
**you have prepared for those who love you  
riches beyond imagination.  
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,  
that we, loving you above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

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,  
**gracious 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**  
**through 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, Eternal Glory,**  
**Incarnate Word and Abiding 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** *Joy, Joy, Joy*

**I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,**  
**down in my heart, down in my heart.**  
**I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,**  
**down in my heart to stay.**

**And I'm so happy, so very happy.  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!  
Yes, I'm so happy, so very happy,  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!**

**I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart,  
down in my heart, down in my heart.  
I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart,  
down in my heart to stay.**

**And I'm so happy, so very happy.  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!  
Yes, I'm so happy, so very happy,  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!**

**I've got that wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer way down in the depths of my heart,  
down in the depths of my heart, down in the depths of my heart.**

**I've got that wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer way down in the depths of my heart,  
down in the depths of my heart to stay.**

**And I'm so happy, so very happy.  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!  
Yes, I'm so happy, so very happy,  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

A reading from the Book of Acts (17:22-31)

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you

worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring. “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm (66:7-18)**

**Bless our God, you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;**

**Who holds our souls in life,  
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

**For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

**You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

**You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

**I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows,  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

**I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

**Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

**I called out to him with my mouth,  
and his praise was on my tongue.**

**If I had found evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;**

**But in truth God has heard me;  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his love from me**

### **The Psalm Prayer**

**God of power and might,  
You bring your people out of darkness and slavery into  
light and freedom through the waters of salvation.  
Receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and  
keep us always in your steadfast love, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.**

## The Second Reading

A reading from Peter's First Letter (3:13-22)

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Christ our Passover

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
**therefore let us keep the feast,**

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,  
**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**  
**Alleluia!**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
**death no longer has dominion over him.**

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

So also consider yourselves dead to sin,  
**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!**

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
**the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

For since by a man came death,  
**by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

For as in Adam all die,  
**so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!**

**Gospel Hymn**    *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*

**I am weak but thou art strong.  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong.  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
    Just a closer walk with thee.  
    Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.  
    Daily walking close to thee.  
    Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.**

**Refrain:**

## **The Gospel Reading**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John (14:15-21)

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

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

*We sing:*

**When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more.  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.  
    Just a closer walk with thee.  
    Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.  
    Daily walking close to thee.  
    Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**The Sermon**                      *Phil Winslow*

*A brief silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The congregation stands at the invitation of the officiant.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God; Light from Light;**

**true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn**    *CP 527 How Firm a Foundation*

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not - I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake."**

### **The Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray.

**God of Glory,  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
And bring us to the eternal city of love and light,**

**Where Christ is King.  
We ask this in his name. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*We pray for the world, the church and ourselves, assuming whatever physical position helps us to pray (remain standing, kneel, or sit).*

*The response to the intercessions will be:*  
Risen Lord,  
**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.**

Holy and ever-living 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.**

## **Closing Hymn    *I Will Walk***

**And I will walk with You, and I will find a way  
to show Your Word is truth.  
And none shall fear, but all will know  
the measure of our Father's endless love.**

**And I will walk with You, and I will find a way  
to show Your Word is truth.  
And none shall fear, but all will know  
the measure of our Father's endless love.**

**Consider all the works Your hands have made,  
the great and small from sea to mountain range,  
the passion of our great Creator King  
whose glory shines in all created things.**

**And on the earth for nation, tribe and tongue,  
amazing grace extends to ev'ry one.  
You love them all.  
It was for these You died,  
that all who call will find eternal life.**

**And I will walk with You, and I will find a way  
to show Your Word is truth.  
And none shall fear, but all will know  
the measure of our Father's endless love.**

**Give me the faith that makes a mountain move,  
and to believe the Gospel's pow'r to save.  
To run the race, to run and not grow faint,  
and some to save in Jesus mighty name.**

**And I will walk with You, and I will find a way  
to show Your Word is truth.  
And none shall fear, but all will know  
the measure of our Father's endless love.**

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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.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:  
Christ eternal, the King of kings!**

### **The Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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*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**

<i>Officiant</i>	The Rev. Denise Byard
<i>Preacher</i>	Phil Winslow
<i>Music Director &amp; Pianist</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Organist</i>	Sylvia Amesbury
<i>Crucifer</i>	Hunter Thomas
<i>Reader</i>	Rob McCamus
<i>Intercessor</i>	Elaine Laliberte
<i>Technical Team</i>	Jason Conrad and Dalton George

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