

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

**All Saints Day
Service of Morning Prayer**

November 1, 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.

They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. Revelation 7.15

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn CP 276 For All the Saints

**For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day—
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl, streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! 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.**

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.

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 *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!
(Repeat)**

**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!**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Revelation (7:9-17)

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:
"Amen!"

Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!"

Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

'Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,'
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;

'he will lead them to springs of living water.'

'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (34:1-10,22)

**I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

**I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

**Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his name together.**

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

**Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.**

**I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**

**The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.**

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

**Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.**

**The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

**The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

The Psalm Prayer

Hear us, Lord, **when we cry to you. Calm our bodies and minds with the peace which passes understanding, and make us radiant with the knowledge of your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen**

The Second Reading

A reading from 1 John (3:1-3)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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.**

Hymn CP439 *Blest Are the Pure in Heart*

**Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.**

**The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King,**

**still to the lowly soul
his presence doth impart,
and for a dwelling and a throne
chooseth the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for thee.**

The Third Reading

A reading from Matthew (5:1-12)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

A brief silence for reflection.

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

Offertory Hymn *Ancient Words*

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart;

Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where e'er we roam,
ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith
handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice;
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.
Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, changing you;

We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

INTERLUDE

Martyr's blood stains each page,
they have died for this faith;
Hear them cry through the years;
Hear these words and hold them dear.

Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.
Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, changing you;

**We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.
O let the ancient words impart**

The Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy and mighty God,
**we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ
in the lives of all his saints.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and help us, like them, to run our course with faith,
that we may come to your eternal kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
**whose people are knit together in one holy Church,
the mystical Body of your Son,
grant us grace to follow your blessed saints
in lives of faith and commitment,
and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared
for those who love you;**

**through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

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.**

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.**

Closing Hymn *O When the Saints*

Oh when the Saints go marching in

When the Saints go marching in
Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Saints go marching in

... And when the sun no longer shines

When the sun no longer shines
Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Saints go marching in

... Oh, when the Saints go marching in

When the Saints go marching in
Oh, I want to be there on that morning
When the Saints go marching in

... And when the trumpet sounds its call

When the trumpet sounds its call
Oh, I want be in that number
When the trumpet sounds its call

... Oh, when the Saints go marching in

When the Saints go marching in
Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Saints go marching in

... Oh, when the new world is revealed

When the new world is revealed
Lord, I want to be there on that morning
When the new world is revealed

... Oh, when the Saints (oh, when the Saints)

Go marching in (go marching in)
When the Saints go marching in
Lord, I want be in that number
When the Saints go marching in

... Lord, I want to

To be in that number
When the Saints go marching in

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

Go forth to follow the Light
that has come into the world.
Thanks be to God.

Our Leaders Today

<i>Officiant & Preacher</i>	Rev Deb Wilson
<i>Music Director & Pianist</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Organist</i>	Sylvia Amesbury
<i>Crucifer</i>	Hunter Thomas
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