

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

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Good Shepherd Sunday Service of Morning Prayer

May 11, 2025

*Welcome to Worship today.*

*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 good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and  
my own know me. John 10:14*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Opening Hymn** CP520 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

**The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
and food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spead'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace besotweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever!**

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.**

## **Absolution**

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 of peace,

**who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,  
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**    *Pass It On*

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around  
can warm up to its glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
You spread His love to ev'ry-one,  
you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring  
when all the trees are budding.  
The birds begin to sing,  
the flowers start their blooming.  
That's how it is with God's love,  
once you've experienced it:  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,  
you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend,  
this happiness that I've found.  
You can depend on Him,  
it matters not where you're bound.  
I'll shout it from the mountain-top,  
I want my world to know:  
The Lord of love has come to me,  
I want to pass it on.

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## 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 Acts (9:36-43)

*After the reading*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm (23)**

**The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

**He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the  
days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## **The Psalm Prayer**

Glory to you, Jesus Christ,  
**our good shepherd.**

**In the waters of baptism  
you give us new birth,  
at your table you nourish us with heavenly food,  
and in your goodness and mercy,  
you guide us beyond the terrors of evil and death  
to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light.**

**Glory to you for ever.**

**Amen.**

## **The Second Reading**

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

*After the reading*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Proclamation of the Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John (10:22-30)

*After the reading*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Gospel Hymn** *Psalm 23 (Townend)*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,  
and I will trust in You alone,  
for Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and He anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

*Refrain*

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

*Refrain*

## 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**    *Good Shepherd of My Soul*

Good Shepherd of my soul,  
come dwell within me;  
take all I am and mould  
Your likeness in me.  
Before the cross of Christ,  
this is my sacrifice:  
a life laid down and ready to follow.

The troubled find their peace  
in true surrender;  
the prisoners their release  
from chains of anger.  
In springs of living grace  
I find a resting place  
to rise refreshed and ready to follow.

I'll walk this narrow road  
with Christ before me,  
where thorns and thistles grow  
and cords ensnare me.  
Though doubted and denied,  
He never leaves my side,  
but lifts my head and calls me to follow.

And when my days are gone,  
my strength is failing,  
He'll carry me along  
through death's unveiling.  
Earth's struggles overcome,  
heaven's journey just begun  
to search Christ's depths and ever to follow.

## **Offertory Prayer**

God of loving care,  
**you spread before us the table of life,  
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.  
Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and our shepherd. 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** CP423 *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God,  
when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars,  
I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power through-out the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul,  
my Saviour God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
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my Saviour God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When through the woods  
and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down  
from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

*Refrain*

But when I think that God,  
his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross,  
my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin;

*Refrain*

When Christ shall come,  
with shout of acclamation  
and claim his own,  
what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim,  
“My God, how great thou art!”

*Refrain*

## **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,  
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## **Dismissal**

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

## OUR LEADERS TODAY

<i>Preacher</i>	Don Winslow
<i>Officiant</i>	Ted Hodgkinson
<i>Pianist</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Organist</i>	Sylvia Amesbury
<i>Crucifer</i>	Adrian Olley
<i>Reader</i>	Elaine Laliberte
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