

**St. John's Anglican Church, Ida
Parish of Ida and Omeme
Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024
Service of Morning Prayer**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**He gave us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.
We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

God has claimed us as his own.
**He called us from our darkness
into the light of his day.**

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Hymn: CP220 – Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen!

**Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
tell it with a joyful voice;
Christ has burst his three days' prison:
let the whole wide earth rejoice!
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.**

**Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow;
Lent's long shadows have departed,
all his woes are over now,
and the Passion that he bore;
sin and pain can vex no more.**

**Christ is risen, Christ is risen;
he hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.**

We have come together in the name of the Christ of God
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 are you, loving 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
in 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: Thy Word

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.*

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and a light unto my path.*

**When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me;
and nothing will I fear as long as You are near,
please be near me to the end.**

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.*

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and a light unto my path.*

**I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
and I will love You to the end.**

Refrain:

The Word of God

First Reading: Acts 3: 12-19

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

**Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

**“You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?”**

**Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**

**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

**Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.**

**Many are saying,
“Oh, that we might see better times!”
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

**You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increased.**

**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

Psalm Prayer

**Loving God, do not let your hearts be troubled, but fill
us with such confidence and joy that we may sleep in
peace and rise in your light;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-7
This is 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.

Third Reading: Luke 24: 36b-48
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: CP405 – Alleluia #1

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the king of creation.**
Refrain:

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus has died and is risen.**
Refrain:

**We have been crucified with Christ:
now we shall live for ever.**
Refrain:

**Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.**

***Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.***

The Sermon: Canon Ric

The Apostles' Creed

**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: The Servant King

**From heav'n you came, helpless babe,
enter'd our world, Your glory veil'd,
not to be served but to serve,
and give Your life that we might live.**

***This is our God, the Servant King.
He calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.***

**There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load He chose to bear.
His heart with sorrow was torn.
“Yet not my will but Yours,” He said.**

Refrain:

**Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.**

Refrain:

**So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone Him.
Each other’s needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we’re serving.**

***This is our God, the Servant King.
He calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.***

Offertory Prayer

Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water and give us new birth by the Spirit. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

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 wondrous power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayers

(Time of silence for personal prayer and reflection)

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.

The Collect

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread.

Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

Closing Hymn: Christ Arose

Low in the grave He lay – Jesus, my Saviour!

Waiting the coming day – Jesus, my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose,

With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.

He arose a victor from the dark domain,

And He lives forever with His saints to reign.

He arose! He arose!

Hallelujah! Christ arose!

**Vainly they watch His bed – Jesus, my Saviour!
Vainly they seal the dead – Jesus, my Lord!**

Refrain:

**Death cannot keep his prey – Jesus, my Saviour.
He tore the bars away – Jesus, my Lord.**

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

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!**

Dismissal

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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