

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

Rogation Sunday
Service of Holy Communion
June 7, 2026

The Gathering of the Community

Hymn CP355 – All Creatures of Our God and King

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

All creation sings to the glory of its Creator.

We gather today acknowledging that we worship on the sacred land of the Michi Saagiig Anishnabeg, the first peoples of this land. This sacred land is part of the Rice Lake Purchase. We give thanks for our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit siblings and for their care of this land we are standing and worshipping on. All things come from God, and we give thanks to God for them. Amen.

Creating God, you set the whole creation in motion.
**The beauty you have created and are creating still
is all around us.**

Open our hearts and minds to the splendour
in the landscape outside our doors.
**May we see with new eyes
the wondrous things you have created.**

The Collect of the Day

Creator of the fruitful earth,
you made us stewards of all things.
**Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,
and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,
that the whole human family,
today and in generations to come,
may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.**
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Prayers for Creation and Abundant Harvest

Station One

Water and Soil

Hymn **Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!**

A reading from Joel (2:21-27;NRSVA)

Do not fear, O soil;
 be glad and rejoice,
 for the Lord has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field,
 for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit;
 the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
O children of Zion, be glad,
 and rejoice in the Lord your God,
for he has given the early rain for your vindication;
 he has poured down for you abundant rain,
 the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain;
 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
 that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
 my great army that I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied
 and praise the name of the Lord your God,
 who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel
 and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People for Water and Soil

For soil from which humans were made in the beginning,
For all that grows in it to sustain all creatures of the earth,
let us pray to our Creator.

We pray to you, O God.

For the waters that flow in streams and rivers,
Lakes and wetlands,
And for all life that depends on them,
let us pray to our Creator.

We pray to you, O God.

For human habitation in cities, towns and villages,
For the common good and the cessation of need,
let us pray to our Creator.

We pray to you, O God.

For the rural economy and for its regeneration,
let us pray to our Creator.

We pray to you, O God.

For those who care for land, soil and water,
let us pray to our Creator.

We pray to you, O God.

For all farms, and those who work them;
And for the protection of farmland,
let us pray to our Creator.

We pray to you, O God.

For those who make farming policy,
and for all with authority in government,
let us pray to our Creator.

We pray to you, O God.

The Blessing on Water and Soil

God our Creator,

**We give you thanks for dark rich soil
that brings forth fruit in the valleys, the fields and the forests
that surround us.**

**We praise you for the smell of freshly tilled earth,
the beauty of orchards filled with blossom**

and of fields green with winter wheat.
We give you thanks for the gift of water
that sustains all life,
For the smell of the earth after rain,
for its welcome cooling,
and its necessary hydration for the land.
We ask that the rain come as often as it is needed
so that crops may flourish and the harvest bountiful.
Amen.

Station Two Seed

**Hymn Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!**

The Psalm (65:5b-13)

**O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
You make fast the mountains by your power;
they are girded about with might.
You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamour of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous
signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain,
for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and
bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.**

Prayers of the People for Seed

For the miracle of seed and the abundance of life,
We give our humble thanks O Great Creator.
We give you thanks, O God.

For a good growing season and an abundant harvest, we pray:
Hear us, O God, giver of life.

For protection from blight, pestilence, and disease, we pray,
Hear us, O God, giver of life.

For parts of the world where the harvests have failed, we pray,
Hear us, O God, giver of life.

For the equitable distribution of food in our region and in our world, so none go
hungry, we pray,
Hear us, O God, giver of life.

For the ministry of your Church in rural areas,
Sowing the seed of the word, we pray,
Hear us, O God, giver of life.

For Alongside Hope, and all who help farmers and communities grow food, seeding
communities of hope, we pray,
Hear us, O God, giver of life.

The Prayer of Blessing on Seed

Creating God,
**we give you thanks for seeds – the ones that are carried on the wind, the ones
we plant, that they may provide a harvest for all to share.
Nourish, protect, and bless the seeds
which your people have sown in hope.
We know that you give the growth;
may they bring forth their fruit in due season,
in the name of God the Creator, the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Station Three Farm Machinery and Farm Workers

Hymn CP355 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (verse 4)

**Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (3:4-11)

For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings?

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of the People for Farm Machinery and Farm Workers

God our creator, you placed humans in a garden and commanded them to cultivate, till and keep the land. Help us to do this faithfully, tending to creation as we the gift you entrust to us.

We pray to you, O Lord.

For all who work on the land to bring us our communities food
in due season:

We pray to you, O Lord.

Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Prayers of the People for Farm Animals
and Those Who Care for Them*

For all cattle and poultry, for all livestock and all working animals, that they may experience a peaceful, pain-free life:

Hear us, good Lord.

For all who care for animals and for their welfare:
Hear us, good Lord.

For the world of work in all its diversity:
Hear us, good Lord.

For the industry and workplaces of this community:
Hear us, good Lord.

For the right ordering of work in time of technological change:
Hear us, good Lord.

For communities that have lost traditional industries
and for their regeneration:
Hear us, good Lord.

For all expanding industries and for the promise of new jobs:
Hear us, good Lord.

For local trade and commerce:
Hear us, good Lord.

For all service industries that provide for our daily needs:
Hear us, good Lord.

For the unemployed and for those living in poverty:
Hear us, good Lord.

For all who are seeking to enter employment:
Hear us, good Lord.

For the retired and those unable to work:
Hear us, good Lord.

For migrant workers who labour to make our fields, orchards and greenhouses
fruitful:
Hear us, good Lord.

For all those who work as volunteers:
Hear us, good Lord.

Blessing of Farm Animals and Those Who Care for Them

God of glorious diversity in creation,
**we ask your blessing on all creatures,
and especially your farm animals.**

**Some work for their living, every day in every season. Others supply us with
the food we eat to sustain our lives, often at the expense of their own lives.**

Let them know that we deeply appreciate them.

**Make their time here as comfortable as possible
and help them to know that they enjoy great significance in the hearts and
minds of human beings.**

**We give you thanks for them,
and ask your blessing on them. Amen.**

Station Five Gardens and Gardeners

Hymn

**And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath,
O sing now, alleluia!**

**You lead back home the child of God,
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (4:26-29)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed
on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts
and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces
grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon
as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”**

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the People for Gardens and Gardeners

We thank you Creator, for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, for the mystery of love.

Here us O God, and have mercy.

We thank you for the abundance of gardens and all who tend them.

Here us O God, and have mercy.

We pray for the protection of the diversity of seed and for an end to the use of harmful chemicals.

Here us O God, and have mercy.

Help us to become instruments of a new creation,
Founded on the covenant of your love.

Here us O God, and have mercy.

God of blessing, the universe sings of your glory.
Deepen our gratitude for creation and all creaturely life.
Awaken in us a renewed commitment
to care for the earth and each other.

Here us O God, and have mercy.

Give to the whole human family an ability to hear the cries of those most affected by climate change.

Help us who are privileged to act wisely and urgently,
so that our common home may be healed and restored
and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it.

Here us O God, and have mercy.

Blessing of Garden Implements and Those Who Tend Gardens

Creating God,

**You made the first humans from the dust of the earth,
Filled them with your breath and placed them in a garden.**

**Equip us to tend and keep the earth,
so that all the creatures of the earth may flourish.**

**Bless these garden implements and their use,
That through the work of our hands with your blessing we may produce crops
to be shared by all, for your honour and glory. Amen**

God our creator
Have mercy upon us.

God the Son, through whom all things were made.
Have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth.
Have mercy upon us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, creating and saving God.
Have mercy upon us.

Remember, Lord, your mercy and loving kindness towards us.
Bless this good earth, and make it fruitful.
Bless our labour, and give us all things needed
for our daily lives.
Bless the homes of this parish and all who live within them.
Bless our common life and our care for our neighbour.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn CP355 *All Creatures of Our God and King (verse 7)*

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Homily

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The Profession of Our Faith

Together, let us profess our faith as we say:

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one,
the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.
Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Invitation to Confession

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Confession

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The offering plate will not be passed during the service, but it is available on a nearby table.

Offertory Hymn CP416 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

***All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.***

**Each radiant flower that opens,
each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their lively wings.**

Refrain:

**The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruit in the garden,
God made them every one.**

Refrain:

**The rocky mountain splendour,
the loon's wild, haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall.**

Refrain:

**God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator,
who has made all things well.**

Refrain:

The Prayer over the Gifts

**Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours,
yet you have given us dominion over all things.
Receive the symbols of our labour and love
which we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Prayer of Consecration

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right in all times and in all places
to thank and praise you Creator of all.

We praise you here in the rolling hills,
amid streams and wetlands, where city and farm,
wilderness and industry are side by side.

We praise you at a time

when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.

Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration.

They depended on the land, were displaced from the land
and displaced others from their lands.

They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in
dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to
ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, Heron and Trout,

Sumac and Sugar Maple, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour
song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you for Jesus,
whose first deed was a feed trough.
He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness,
he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
food of the poor, the work of field and hearth,
he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying:
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you,
do this to remember me.

Again, after supper he took the cup of wine,
fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood,
which is shed for you.
When you do this, do it in memory of me.
Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection
and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts
so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together
with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community. Fill us with the
courage and love of Jesus,
that we may strive for justice and peace,
respect the dignity of every human being,
and safeguard the integrity of creation.
Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and
beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honour and glory are yours,
Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.
Amen

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Breaking of the Bread

“I am the bread which has come down from heaven,”
says the Lord.

Give us this bread for ever.

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Spiritual Communion

For those who are worshipping with us online, we invite you to make your spiritual communion, by inviting Jesus into your heart, saying “Come, Lord Jesus.”

For those who are present in person, all baptized persons may receive Communion. If you prefer, Communion can be brought to you in your seat. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion may place a hand on their heart when they come forward.

Communion Hymns

Hymn *CP 56 I am The Bread*

**I am the bread, the bread of life;
who comes to me will never hunger.
I am the bread, the bread of heaven;
who feeds on me will never die.
And as you eat, remember me—
my body broken on the tree:
my life was given to set you free,
and I'm alive forever more.**

**I am the vine, the living vine;
apart from me you can do nothing.
I am the vine, the real vine;
abide in me and I in you.
And as you drink, remember me—
my blood was shed upon the tree:
my life was given to set you free,
and I'm alive forever more.**

**So eat this bread, and drink this wine,
and as you do, receive this life of mine.
All that I am, I give to you,
that you may live forever more.**

Hymn *Holy Ground*

**This is holy ground—
we're standing on holy ground—
for the Lord is here and where He is is holy.
This is holy ground—
we're standing on holy ground—
for the Lord is here—
and where He is is holy.**

**These are holy hands—
He's given us holy hands—
He works through these hands
and so these hands are holy.
These are holy hands—
He's given us holy hands—
He works through these hands,
and so these hands are holy.**

Hymn *In the Garden*

I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear
the Son of God discloses.

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
and He tells me I am His own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.*

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that He gave to me
within my heart is ringing.

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
and He tells me I am His own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.*

I'd stay in the garden with Him,
though the night around me be falling,
but He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.

Refrain:

We Are Sent Out to Share God's Abundance

Remember, Lord, your mercy and loving-kindness towards us. Bless this good earth, and make it fruitful.

Bless our labour,

and give us all things needful for our daily lives.

Bless our homes and all who live within them.

Bless our common life and our care for our neighbour.

Hear us, good Lord.

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. 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!
Then sings my soul,
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!”

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

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of the Christ.
Thanks be to God.

OUR LEADERS TODAY

<i>Celebrant & Homilist</i>	Rev. Canon Susan Spicer
<i>Music Director & Pianist</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Organist</i>	Sylvia Amesbury
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