

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

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion

July 12, 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.

During July and August, we will be praying for people in a new way during the intercessions. The intercessor will invite you to pray for people by name, either silently or aloud. The list of names will not be read out from the book at the back. Names added there will be sent to all parishioners shortly after the Sunday service so that they may be included in private prayers. Canon Susan is appreciative of any feedback from parishioners as we try this out.

The Gathering of the Community

The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. Deuteronomy 30.14

Opening: CP384 Praise to the Lord (v1,2,5,6)

**Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord,
who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who when the godless do triumph,
all virtue confounding,
sheddeth his light,
chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.**

**Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath
come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.**

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.

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison *(Sung)*

**Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
**you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you.
May we find peace in your service,
and in the world to come, see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from Genesis (25:19-34)

This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean.

Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord.

The Lord said to her,
"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you will be separated;
one people will be stronger than the other,
and the older will serve the younger."

When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom).

Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

"Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?"

But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left.

So Esau despised his birthright.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (119:105-112)

**Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path.**

**I have sworn and am determined
to keep your righteous judgements.**

**I am deeply troubled;
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.**

**Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips,
and teach me your judgements.**

**My life is always in my hand,
yet I do not forget your law.**

**The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

**Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;
truly, they are the joy of my heart.**

**I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes
for ever and to the end.**

The Psalm Prayer

**God, as your only Son revealed you still at work in your creation, so through
Christ your living Word enable us to know your love and to share it with
others. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

The Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:1-11)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Gospel Hymn CP553 Ubi Caritas

**Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**

**Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (13:1-9,18-23)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We sing:

**Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**

**Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

The Homily

(A brief silence for reflection)

Hymn Take, O Take Me as I am

**Take, O take me as I am,
summon out what I shall be,
set your seal upon my heart,
and live in me.**

Affirmation of our Faith

Let us declare our faith:

**We believe in God the Creator,
from whom every creature in heaven and on earth
is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with divine love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Creator, Child and Eternal Spirit. 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:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Invitation to Confession

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table.

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

A brief silence is kept.

Prayer of Confession

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 you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please turn to the people near you and offer a sign of God's peace.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

The offering of money is a sign of our gratitude for God's blessing of our lives, collected in the plates placed at the front and back of the church before the service. The offering plates will not be passed during the service.

Offertory Hymn CP645 Come Down, O Love Divine

**Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own short-comings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far out-pass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray:

Father,
**your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you
this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord
Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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 indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,

and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people
from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, most holy all holy the Lord,
in power and wisdom for ever adored.
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessèd, most blessèd, all blessèd is he
whose life makes us whole, and whose death sets us free:
who comes in the name of the Father of light,
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

Holy God, source of all life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.
On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life
you give us life for evermore.
Therefore, we proclaim our hope:

**Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever. Amen.

A brief silence is kept.
The Lord's Prayer

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

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."
**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

The Communion

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."

A brief silence is kept.

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.

Special prayer will be offered during communion for those who wish it at the back of the sanctuary.

Communion Hymns

Hymn CP49 Draw Near and Take

**Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
and drink with faith the blood for you outpoured.**

**Saved by his body, hallowed by his blood,
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.**

**Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.
Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.**

**The Lord in this world rules his saints, and shields;
to all believers life eternal yields;**

**with heavenly bread makes those who hunger whole; gives living waters to
the thirsting soul.**

**Before your presence, Lord, all people bow.
In this your feast of love be with us now.**

Hymn Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now,
with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire,**

**with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
in faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

Hymn His Name is Wonderful

**His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.**

**He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages.
Almighty God is He;
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him.
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
(Repeat)**

The Community is Sent Out

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

**Living God,
in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal
kingdom. May we who taste this mystery
forever serve you in faith, hope, and love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Doxology

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn CP502 You are Salt for the Earth

You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!
 Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
 bring forth the kingdom of peace;
 bring forth the kingdom of justice,
 bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the kingdom of God!
 Refrain:

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice
grow in the kingdom of God!
 Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
 bring forth the kingdom of peace;
 bring forth the kingdom of justice,
 bring forth the city of God!

We are a blest and a pilgrim people
bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the kingdom of God!
 Refrain:

Send Us Out

Send us out in the power of Your Spirit, Lord.
May our lives show Jesus to the world.
May each thought and word bring glory to Your name.
Send us out in Your Spirit, Lord, we pray.

The Dismissal

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

Our Leaders Today

<i>Celebrant & Homilist</i>	The Rev. Canon Susan Spicer
<i>Pianist & Music Director</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Crucifer</i>	
<i>Reader</i>	Bette Holder
<i>Intercessor</i>	Kim Bagg
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Adrian Olley and Moyra Seabright
<i>Technical Team</i>	Ben Conrad and Hayley Bagg
<i>Prayer Ministry Team</i>	Ted and Nancy Hodgkinson
<i>Anointer</i>	Cathy Olley