

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

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany
A Service of Morning Prayer**

January 25th, 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.*

The Gathering of the Community

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. (See Mathew 4:23)

Opening Hymn Come, Now is the Time to Worship

*Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God.*

One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.

Refrain:

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength.
We gladly choose You now.

**Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come. Come.**

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.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

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.

Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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 forever.**

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.**

**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.**

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 Isaiah (9:1-4)

After the reading

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (27:1, 5-13)

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?**

**For in the day of trouble, O God,
you shall keep me safe in your shelter;
you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

**Even now you lift up my head
above my enemies round about me.
Therefore I will offer in your dwelling
an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

**Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.**

**You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

**Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

**Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will sustain me.**

**Show me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.**

**Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.**

**What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!**

The Psalm Prayer

Faithful God, the shelter of all who hope in you,
**may those who seek your face be set free from fear and
distress, and come to see your goodness in the land of
the living; through Jesus Christ, our Light and our
Salvation. Amen.**

The Second Reading

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1:10-18)

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 Matthew (4:12-23)

The gospel is proclaimed.

After the reading
The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn CP432 Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult

**Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying: "Christian, follow me!"**

**As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.**

**Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying: "Christian, love me more."**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."**

**Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Denise Byard

A brief silence for reflection.

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 CP430 Will You Come and Follow Me

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you
and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God,
before the world began you called us. Make holy all we
offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

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.**

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:
...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 *Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

**Hear the call of the kingdom,
lift your eyes to the King:
let His song rise within you as a
fragrant offering
of how God, rich in mercy,
came in Christ to redeem
all who trust in His unfailing grace.**

**Hear the call of the kingdom
to be children of light,
with the mercy of heaven,
the humility of Christ;
walking justly before Him,
loving all that is right,
that the life of Christ
may shine through us.**

**King of heaven, we will answer the call;
we will follow,
bringing hope to the world,
filled with passion,
filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.**

**Hear the call of the kingdom
to reach out to the lost
with the Father's compassion
in the wonder of the cross,
bringing peace and forgiveness
and a hope yet to come:
let the nations put their trust in Him.**

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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

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

Our Leaders Today

<i>Officiant</i>	The Rev. Deb Wilson
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Denise Byard
<i>Music Director & Pianist</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Organist</i>	Sylvia Amesbury
<i>Crucifer</i>	John Amesbury
<i>Reader</i>	Rob McCamus
<i>Intercessor</i>	John Amesbury
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A Warm Welcome to all

Are you new to St. John's? We are so glad you have joined us today for worship. We encourage you to stay for coffee hour and introduce yourself to one of the clergy.

Would you like a visit? We'd be happy to visit with you at your home, in a coffee shop or at the church for pastoral conversation and/or home communion at your request. Please call the office and one of the clergy will get back to you. 705.944.5350

If you experience a pastoral emergency (someone in the hospital or in urgent need) you can call our priest, The Rev. Canon Susan Spicer at 705.886.0057

Are you on the parish mailing and email list? If you would like to be, please let the office know.

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