

**St. John's Anglican Church, Ida  
Parish of Ida and Omeme  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 1, 2024  
Service of Morning Prayer**

*The Father brought us forth by the word of truth that we  
should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.  
James 1: 18*

**Hymn: CP344 – From All That Dwell**

**From all that dwell below the skies  
let the Creator's praise arise:  
alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
through every land in every tongue:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord:  
eternal truth attends thy Word;  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
till suns shall rise and set no more:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
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 is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**  
therefore shall our hearts dance for you  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

**Blessed are you, gracious 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  
through 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: BB719 – Jesus Bids Us Shine**

**Jesus bids us shine with a pure clear light,  
like a little candle burning in the night;  
in this world of darkness so we must shine—  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

**Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;  
well he sees and knows it, if our light grows dim;  
he looks down from heaven to see us shine—  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

**Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around  
many kinds of darkness in the world abound—  
sin and want and sorrow; so we must shine—  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.**

**The Word of God**

First Reading: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 45: 1-2, 7-10**

**My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.**

**You are the fairest of men;  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.**

**Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever,  
a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre  
of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.**

**Therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.**

**All your garments are fragrant with myrrh,  
aloes, and cassia,  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces  
makes you glad.**

**Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court;  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

**Psalm Prayer**

**Gracious God,  
your love unites heaven and earth in a new festival of  
gladness. Lift our spirits to learn the way of joy that  
leads us to your banquet hall, where all is golden with  
praise. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord.  
Amen.**

Second Reading: James 1: 17-27

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.**

The Gospel of Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Hymn: CP398 – Let Us with a Gladsome Mind**

**Let us with a gladsome mind  
praise the Lord, forever kind:  
for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Who with all-commanding might  
filled the new-made world with light:  
for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Who the golden-tress-ed sun  
caused all day its course to run:  
for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**All things living God doth feed,  
with full hand supplies their need:  
for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Let us then with gladsome mind,  
praise the Lord, forever kind:  
for his mercies aye endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**The Sermon: Rev. Bill Montgomery**

## **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.**

### **Offertory: CP619 – Fairest Lord Jesus**

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou the God-head's human son:  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,  
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the troubled heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and fair the twinkling, starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,  
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;  
none can be nearer, fairer, or dearer  
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.**

### **Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray:

**Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day.  
Give us grace to love one another that your love may  
be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of  
Jesus Christ our 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 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.**

### **The Collect**

Let us pray:

**Author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy**

**keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. 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.**

**Holy and everliving God, by your power  
we are created and by your love we are redeemed.  
Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves in love and service  
to one another and to you this coming week;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Closing: CP532 – What A Friend**

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials or temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful**



**who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do our friends despise, forsake us?  
Are we tempted to despair?  
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,  
and we'll find new courage there.**

### **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!**

Dismissal

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Organ: Sylvia Amesbury  
Reader: Ray LaMarche  
Prayers: Don Winslow  
Preacher: Rev. Bill Montgomery  
Tech Team: Dalton George and Hayley Bagg  
Leader: Ted Hodgkinson

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