

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

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Service of Morning Prayer**

**May 18, 2025**

*Welcome to Worship today.*

*As we worship, at any time during the service, please assume  
whatever physical position is best for you.*

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another  
as I have loved you. (John 13:34)*

**The Gathering of the Community**

**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.**

***Refrain  
Come, Come.***

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 joy  
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's Hymn    *Jesus Bids Us Shine***

**Jesus bids us shine, with a clear, pure light,  
like a little candle burning in the night;  
in this world of darkness 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 Proclamation of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

A reading from the Book of Acts (11:1-18)

*After the reading*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm (148)**

**Hallelujah!**

**Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.**

**Praise him, all you angels of his;  
praise him, all his host.**

**Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.**

**Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

**Let them praise the name of the Lord;  
for he commanded, and they were created.**

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law that shall not pass away.**

**Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

**Fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

**Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars.**

**Wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and winged birds;**

**King of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world.**

**Young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**

**Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name only is exalted,  
his splendour is over earth and heaven.**

**He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!**

### **The Psalm Prayer**

**Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
you open our eyes to see the wonders around us,  
and our hearts and mouths to praise you.  
Now give us strength for loving service,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Second Reading**

**A reading from the Revelation of John (21:1-6)**

*After the reading*

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

# Christ our Passover

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
**therefore let us keep the feast,**

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,  
**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**  
**Alleluia!**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
**death no longer has dominion over him.**

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

So also consider yourselves dead to sin,  
**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!**

Christ has been raised from the dead,  
**the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**  
 For since by a man came death,  
**by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**  
 For as in Adam all die,  
**so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!**

**Gospel Hymn**    *CP553 Ubi Caritas et Amor*  
                                   *(McCausland)*

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

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

## The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John (13:31-35)

*The Gospel is proclaimed.*

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 Sermon**                      *Ted Hodgkinson*

*A brief silence for reflection.*

## **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 Hymn**    *CP508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*  
*(McCausland)*

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I’ll walk  
till travelling days are done.**

**The Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray.

Gracious God,  
**you show us your way  
and give us your divine life.  
May everything we do  
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
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 the response is:*

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 of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
**your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.**  
**Give us grace to love one another**  
**and walk in the way of his commandments,**  
**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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 Hymn**    *My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness*

**"My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who bore my pain;  
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
and gave me life again;  
who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
and clothed me in His light  
and wrote His law of righteousness  
with pow'r upon my heart.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who walks beside;  
who floods my weaknesses with strength  
and causes fears to fly;  
Whose ev'ry promise is enough  
for ev'ry step I take,  
sustaining me with arms of love  
and crowning me with grace.**

**My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to Him who reigns above,  
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,**

**Whose ev'ry thought is love.  
For ev'ry day I have on earth  
is given by the King;  
so I will give my life, my all,  
to love and follow Him.**

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is given by the King;  
so I will give my life, my all,  
to love and follow Him.**

### **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**

**Go forth to follow the Light  
that has come into the world. Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Our Leaders Today

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