

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

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion

August 30, 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

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us. Ephesians 1:17,18

Opening Hymn CP 348 *The Living God Be Praised*

**The living God be praised!
Give honour to God's name,
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same;
the one eternal God
ere all that now appears,
the First, the Last, beyond all thought
God's timeless years!**

**Without a form is God,
nor can we comprehend
the measure of God's love for us without an end.
For God is Lord of all,
creation speaks God's praise;
the human race and all that lives God's will obeys.**

**God's Spirit floweth free,
high surging where it will;
in prophet's word God spoke of old and speaketh still.
Established is God's law
and changeless it shall stand,
inscribed upon the human heart in every land.**

**Eternal life hath God
implanted in the soul;
God's love shall be our strength
and stay while ages roll.
The living one be praised!
Give honour to God's name,
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same.**

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.**

All Glory to God

**All glory to God in the heights of the heavens,
and peace to his people, his people on earth.
We praise you, we bless you, we give you our worship, and for your great glory we sing out
our thanks.
O Lord, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty,
Lord Jesus the Christ and the Father's dear Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, only Son of the Father
have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Lord, you take away all the sin of the world,
hear our prayer from your place at the Father's right
hand. Have mercy upon us; you only are holy and you,
you alone, are our Lord and our God.
Lord Christ, Holy Spirit and Father Almighty,
Most High and most glorious, we give you our praise.
All glory to God in the heights of the heavens,
and peace to his people, his people on earth.**

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray,

O God,
**Whose word burns like a fire within us:
Grant us a bold and faithful spirit,
so that, in your strength,
we may be unafraid to speak your word**

**and follow where you lead;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Exodus (3:1-15)

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

**"This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.**

**Listen for the leading of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm (105:1-6, 23-26)

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.**

**Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvellous works.**

**Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

**Search for the Lord and his strength;
continually seek his face.**

**Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,**

**O offspring of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

**Israel came into Egypt,
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.**

**The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;
he made them stronger than their enemies;
Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people,
and dealt unjustly with his servants.**

**He sent Moses his servant,
and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

The Psalm Prayer

**God of our salvation,
through the death and resurrection of
Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the
world from slavery and to lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the
rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you for
ever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

The Second Reading

A reading from Romans (12:9-21)

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Gospel Hymn *How Deep the Father's Love*

**How deep the Father's love for us.
How vast beyond all measure.
That He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross.
My sin upon His shoulder.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.**

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (16:21-28)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

"Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We sing:

**I will not boast in anything.
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ.
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart.
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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The Homily

(A brief silence for reflection)

The Affirmation of 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 CP 431 *Take Up Your Cross the Saviour Said*

**Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.**

**Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.**

**Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
your Lord for you endured to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.**

**Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
'twill guide you to a better home
and lead to victory o'er the grave.**

**Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray:

Holy God,
**accept all we offer you this day.
May we who are reconciled at this table
bring wholeness to our broken world.
We ask this in the name 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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word
through whom you have created all things.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
In fulfillment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we 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 and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,

took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.
All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
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

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

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.

*This is the table, not merely of the church, but of Christ.
It is made ready for those who love him,
and for those who want to love him more.*

*So come, whether you have much faith or little;
have tried to follow, or are afraid you’ve failed.*

Come, because it is He who invites us to receive his life.

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you are not receiving the bread and wine, please come for a blessing, indicating this by placing a hand on your heart.

After the distribution at the altar rail, communion will be brought to those who wish to receive it at their seats.

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

Communion Hymns

Hymn CP 73 *One Bread, One Body*

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless—
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.***

**Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.**

Refrain:

**Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.**

Refrain:

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.**

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless—
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.***

Hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

**Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

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.**

The Community is Sent Out

The Doxology

All your works praise you, O Lord.
And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God,
**we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we,
who share his body,
live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be
free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the grace of God uphold you,
the peace of God surround you,
the love of God flow from you
and the strength of God protect
and bring you safely through this day.
And may the blessing of God -
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
Be with you
Now and always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn *Lord of the Dance*

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

***Dance then wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he;
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.***

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on.**

Refrain:

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a cross to die.**

Refrain:

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
– it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone
– but I am the dance and I still go on.**

Refrain:

**They cut me down and I leapt up high:
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me
– I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.**

***Dance then wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he;
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.***

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.**

**Thank you for joining us today.
We hope you will stay for coffee hour, in the parish hall.**

*If you would like a visit with the priest, please do not hesitate to ask and we will arrange a time.
You can call Rev. Rev. Denise Byard at (416) 527-9104.*

Our Leaders Today

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<i>Preacher</i>	Ted Hodgkinson
<i>Pianist and Music Director</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Reader</i>	Marilyn Marshall
<i>Crucifer</i>	Hunter Thomas
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<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Valerie Smith & Moyra Seabright
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<i>Prayer Ministry Team</i>	Jean Lush & Phil Winslow
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