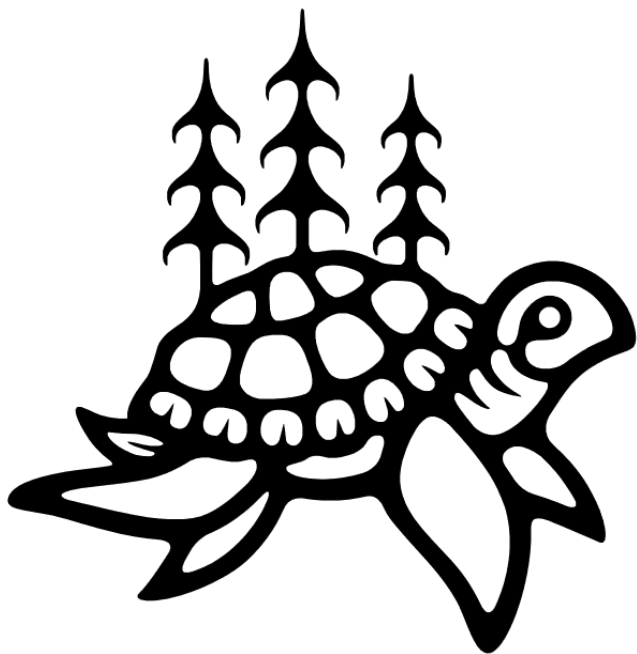


St. John's Anglican Church, Ida
Parish of Ida and Omemee

Holy Communion
Sunday, June 21st, at 10 o'clock



National Indigenous Day of Prayer

*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

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We gratefully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe, the original inhabitants and stewards of this part of creation. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We are thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced.

With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn: CP 434 *The Love of Jesus Calls Us*

**The love of Jesus calls us
our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings
we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings,
unasked yet still received,
and for the generations
who faithfully believed.**

**The love of Jesus calls us,
that we may always be
companions on a journey,
where all the world may see
that serving Christ is freedom
which time does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty,
and every duty joy.**

**The love of Jesus calls us
to go where he would go,
to challenge all that limits,
to change, to learn, to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us,
that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom,
Christ opens every door.**

**The love of Jesus calls us
in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators
in new and wondrous ways;
that God with men and women
may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice
may give God's kingdom birth.**

Honouring the Four Directions

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

Reader 1 - We face East:

To your symbol colour Red, the hue of revelation;
To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing;
To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit
in Harmony with siblings, brothers and sisters;

To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages,
we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Reader 2 - We turn to face South:

To your symbol colour Gold for the morning star.

To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly;

To your lessons calling us to balance of Mind in the Spirit of humility;

To invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision;

Help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul, we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Reader 3 - We turn to face West:

To your symbol colour Black, still and quiet.

To your animal symbol the Thunderbird;

To your symbol the Thunder mighty and purposeful;

To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of Gentleness and Honesty;

To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within;

Give us your strength and the courage to endure, we pray: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Reader 4 - We turn to face North:

To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness.

To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things;

To your lessons calling us to balance of our Body in the spirit of a good sense of humor;

To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love;

Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing, we pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Reader 5 - We turn to complete the circle and to look:

To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth
with snow, wind and rain;

To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and Lovingly embraces
all,

and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action:

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

Let us pray.

Creator God,

from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah (40:25-31 NIV)

“To whom will you compare me?
Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.
Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.
Why do you complain, Jacob?
Why do you say, Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord;
my cause is disregarded by my God”?
Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Reader Holy word, holy wisdom.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 19

**The heavens declare your glory, O God,
and the firmament shows your handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

**Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.**

**In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber,
and rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

**The law of God is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of our God is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of our God are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of God is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

**The fear of God is clean and endures for ever;
the judgments of our God are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

**By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
How can I tell how often I offend?
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

**Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offence.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O God, my strength and my redeemer.**

The Second Reading

A reading from the book of 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader Holy word, holy wisdom.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Proclamation of the Gospel

The Gospel Hymn *CP 402 Confitemini Domino*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

Gospeller God be with you.

All And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Jesus our Saviour, according to John. (1:1-18; *First Nations Version*)

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create.

Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out.

Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of this world.

He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honor him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born in a new way, not from a human father's plans or desires, but born from above—by the Great Spirit.

Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father—full of his great kindness and truth.

Gift of Goodwill (John) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice, "The one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater—my elder! He has more honor, for even though he is thought to be younger, he existed before I was born."

From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (Moses) gave us our tribal laws, but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the Chosen One.

No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We sing:

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

Teaching

A time of silence for reflection.

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 (*Please take a position of prayer comfortable for you*)

Please respond to the petition "Creator of all" with: Hear our prayer.

For the gift of life, the wellbeing of Mother Earth, the waters that sustain us, and for all creation.
For all land and water protectors, for all children and new life being born, for a spirit of respect to
grow within us,

Creator of all,

Hear our prayer.

For the gifts of all cultures and languages, for the flourishing of Indigenous Nations on whose
Territory our Church gathers to worship, for the Chippewas of Rama First
Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First
Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and the Mississaugas
of Scugog Island First Nation. With gratitude for their governance and leadership on these lands
and waters since time immemorial,

Creator of all,

Hear our prayer.

For the responsibility to honour our sacred obligations as Treaty People. For us to embody the
teachings of gratitude, respect, humility, of not taking more than we need, of living in balance and
right relationship with one another and all life,

Creator of all,

Hear our prayer.

For our continued renewal, for true repentance when we have acted in domination and violence, for restitution, healing, and your Church to truly follow your selfless servant,
Creator of all,
Hear our prayer.

For the courageous witness of Elders and Residential School legacy Survivors, whose truths broke through the sin of genocide denial and call us all to participate in paths of healing and reconciliation. For all whose precious lives have been taken by colonial and Church violence. For our commitment to remember, learn, speak out, and practice solidarity,
Creator of all,
Hear our prayer.

For all who are sick or suffering in body, mind, or spirit. For the incarcerated, the hungry, the persecuted, the missing, and the oppressed. For all we name now either silently or aloud. For justice and the living waters of your Spirit to flow through this land,
Creator of all,
Hear our prayer.

Turn us from selfishness to mutuality, from arrogance to openness, from domination to relationships of respectful reciprocity. Help us to live into your hope and vision for us held in our sacred obligations, our covenants, commitments spoken, and our Treaties. Fill us with your love and lead us to paths of harmony and respect.
Creator of all,
Hear our prayer. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

We were created from God's loving heart, and that same love embraces us with forgiveness. God's healing and reconciling love helps us to see our brokenness for what it is, in the same moment that grace and forgiveness are offered to us.

Let us welcome the gift of God's love, and confess before God and each other the sins that keep us from true friendship with God and with one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Creator and Loving God,
you have searched us out and known us
And all that we are is open to you.
We confess that we have sinned:
We have put up walls between ourselves and you,
closing our hearts to your gifts.
We have failed to respect and honour
the gifts that you have given to us in creation,
mother earth and all living things.
We squander the inheritance of generations to come.
We have sinned against each other:
we have put up walls
between ourselves and our neighbours,
giving in to the fear, ignorance and arrogance
that make racism.**

**We have failed to respect the gifts of all your peoples.
We have failed to respect the gifts of the four directions.
We have used our power to dominate
and our weakness to manipulate;
we have evaded responsibility
and failed to confront evil;
we have trusted false gods
and listened to their promises;
we have denied dignity
to ourselves and to each other;
we have fallen into despair.
In our despair we have forgotten you,
and have gone astray from your path.
Forgive us for what we have done;
and forgive those who have hurt us.
Give us your blessing and help.
Let us walk in your great love;
through the great peace maker, your Son, Jesus.
Amen.**

Absolution

God our Creator, enrich us with your grace, and nourish us with many blessings; defend us in trouble and keep us from all evil; accept our prayers, and absolve us from our offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen**

The Peace

The peace of God be always with you.
And also with you.

*The offering plates will not be passed during the service.
The offering plates are available at the back and front of the church.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn *CP 407 Many and Great*

**Many and great, O God, are your works,
maker of earth and sky;
Your hands have set the heavens with stars;
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your Word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey your voice.**

**Grant unto us communion with thee,
O star-abiding one;
Come unto us and dwell with us;
with you are found the gifts of life.**

**Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life in you.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray.

Creator,

you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Creator is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

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.

God the Creator, our Great Spirit,
from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks.

We say thank you, now and forever.

From the place of the rising sun in the East,
to the South where the warm winds blow,
from the West where the soft rain comes,
to the coldness of the North.

We unite with all creation from the four directions
to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise
for the gift of Jesus Christ.

Together with angels and ancestors,
hills and streams,
deer and heron, sumac and sugar Maple,
we join our voices with all of creation as we sing:

**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.**

O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at your creation. You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction.

Sharing our living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator. Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; gave thanks, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Remembering, we make our offering. By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food

and drink. Make us holy, so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other. Surrounded now by our ancestor saints, and all saints and all angels, with the heavenly community which gives you worship forever. May we also live in unity and live as relatives to all. United in Christ with all who stand before you on earth and heaven, we worship you, God the Creator, our Great Spirit, in songs and dance of infinite praise. Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(From the New Zealand Book of Prayer)

As Jesus taught, so we pray.

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe; the way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; your heavenly will be done by all created beings; your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trial too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered

and made into this one bread.

**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

The Communion

Come beloved, come to receive this bread and wine which are God's gifts for the people of God.
May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

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.**

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."

For those who are present in person, all baptized persons may receive Communion. 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.

Communion Hymns

Hymn *CP 64 Author of the Life Divine*

**Author of life divine,
who hast a table spread,
furnished with mystic wine
and everlasting bread,
preserve the life thyself hast given,
preserve the life thyself hast given,
and feed and train us up for heaven.**

**Our needy souls sustain
with fresh supplies of love,
till all thy life we gain,
and all thy fullness prove,
and, strengthened by thy perfect grace,
and, strengthened by thy perfect grace,
behold without a veil thy face.**

Hymn *Be Still and Know*

**Be Still and Know
Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God.**

I am the Lord that healeth thee,
I am the Lord that healeth thee,
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In You, O Lord, I put my trust,
In You, O Lord, I put my trust,
In You, O Lord, I put my trust.

Hymn *Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain.
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

The Prayer after Communion

Jesus Christ, our leader,
you are the Son of the Creator, our sibling in the family of God. We will follow your commandments. Watch over us. Speak to us from the trees, from the grass and herbs, from the breeze, from the passing rain, from the passing thunder and the deep waters. Before us there is beauty, behind us there is beauty. Allow us to walk a long life in happiness completed in beauty. Amen.

The Blessing

Send us anywhere you would have us go,
only go there with us.
Place upon us any burdens you desire,
only stand by us to sustain us.
Break any tie that binds us,
except the tie that binds us to you.
And the blessing of God; the Creator,
who made and knows us; the Saviour,
who redeems and befriends us;
and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us,
be with you this day and always. + **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *CP418 Draw the Circle Wide*

We will form a circle joining our hands

Refrain:

Draw the circle wide.

Draw it wider still.

***Let this be our song,
no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.***

***God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms.***

Refrain:

***Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call.***

Refrain:

***Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.***

***Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song,
no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.***

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.**

Dismissal

**In the name of the Light that has come into the world, go in peace.
Thanks be to God.**

We hope you will come to coffee hour in the parish hall

OUR LEADERS TODAY

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<i>Music Director & Pianist</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Organist</i>	Sylvia Amesbury
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