

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

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Morning Prayer

September 27, 2026

Welcome to Worship this morning!

We invite you to participate fully in the service, and to remain following the service for a delicious variety of soups and sandwiches. 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.**

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn CP429 For the Beauty of the Earth

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise**

**this our sacrifice of praise.
For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

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.**

We were created from God's loving heart, and that same love embraces us with forgiveness. God's healing and reconciling love holds together the truth of our brokenness and the gift of grace and forgiveness.

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.

Silence is kept.

Creator God,
**in our sin we have avoided Your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
Like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Assurance of Forgiveness

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 Collect of the Day

O God,

You show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good:

Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; Through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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 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 *This is the Day*

**This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.**

**We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

**Open to us, open to us
the gates of God, the gates of God;
We will go in, we will go in
and praise the Lord, and praise the Lord.
Open to us the gates of God,
we will go in and praise the Lord.
Open to us, open to us the gates of God.**

**You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name.
We will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.**

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 Exodus (17:1-7)

The Israelites left the desert and moved from one place to another each time the Lord ordered them to. Once they camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for them to drink.

The people started complaining to Moses, "Give us some water!"

Moses replied, "Why are you complaining to me and trying to put the Lord to the test?"

But the people were thirsty and kept on complaining, "Moses, did you bring us out of Egypt just to let us and our families and our animals die of thirst?"

Then Moses prayed to the Lord, "What am I going to do with these people? They are about to stone me to death!"

The Lord answered, "Take some of the leaders with you and go ahead of the rest of the people. Also take along the walking stick with which you struck the Nile River.

When you get to the rock at Mount Sinai, I will be there with you. Strike the rock with the stick, and water will pour out for the people to drink.” Moses did this while the leaders watched.

The people had complained and tested the Lord by asking, “Is the Lord really with us?” So Moses named that place Massah, which means “testing” and Meribah, which means “complaining.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (78: 1-4, 12-16)

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

**We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works he has done.**

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

**He split open the sea and let them pass through;
he made the waters stand up like walls.**

He led them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

**He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

He brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The Psalm Prayer

God of pilgrims,
**strengthen our faith, we pray. Guide us
through the uncertainties of our journey, and hold before us the vision of your
eternal kingdom, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Second Reading

A reading from Paul's First Letter to Philippians (2:1-13)

Christ encourages you, and his love comforts you. God's Spirit unites you, and you are concerned for others. Now make me completely happy! Live in harmony by showing love for each other. Be united in what you think, as if you were only one person. Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. Care about them as much as you care about yourselves and think the same way that Christ Jesus thought: Christ was truly God. But he did not try to remain equal with God. Instead he gave up everything and became a slave, when he became like one of us. Christ was humble. He obeyed God and even died on a cross. Then God gave Christ the highest place and honored his name above all others. So at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down, those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. And to the glory of God the Father everyone will openly agree, "Jesus Christ is Lord!" My dear friends, you always obeyed when I was with you. Now that I am away, you should obey even more. So work with fear and trembling to discover what it really means to be saved. God is working in you to make you willing and able to obey him.

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 (21:23-32)

Jesus had gone into the temple and was teaching when the chief priests and the leaders of the people came up to him. They asked, "What right do you have to do these things? Who gave you this authority?"

Jesus answered, "I have just one question to ask you. If you answer it, I will tell you where I got the right to do these things. Who gave John the right to baptize? Was it God in heaven or merely some human being?"

They thought it over and said to each other, "We can't say God gave John this right. Jesus will ask us why we didn't believe John. On the other hand, these people think John was a prophet, and we are afraid of what they might do to us. That's why we

can't say it was merely some human who gave John the right to baptize." So they told Jesus, "We don't know."

Jesus said, "Then I won't tell you who gave me the right to do what I do."

Jesus said: I will tell you a story about a man who had two sons. Then you can tell me what you think. The father went to the older son and said, "Go work in the vineyard today!" His son told him he would not do it, but later he changed his mind and went. The man then told his younger son to go work in the vineyard. The boy said he would, but he didn't go. Which one of the sons obeyed his father?

"The older one," the chief priests and leaders answered.

Then Jesus told them: You can be sure tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you ever will! When John the Baptist showed you how to do right, you would not believe him. But these evil people did believe. And even when you saw what they did, you still would not change your minds and believe.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn *CP407 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 Sermon

Silence is kept.

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 *CP 576 For the Healing*

**For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us, Father, into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.
All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice,
may we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness,
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.**

The Offertory Prayer

**Eternal God,
in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.
Receive the offering of your people gathered before you,
and open our hearts and mouths
to praise your great salvation,
the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Apostle's 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

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:

God of Creation and reconciliation
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 *Shout to the Lord*

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like You;
all of my days I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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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. Denise Byard
<i>Preacher</i>	Phil Winslow
<i>Pianist & Music Director</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Organist</i>	Sylvia Amesbury
<i>Crucifer</i>	Adrian Olley
<i>Reader</i>	Maureen Harjula
<i>Intercessor</i>	Elaine Laliberte
<i>Technical Team</i>	Dalton George & Jason Conrad

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