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

The Reign of Christ A Service of Morning Prayer

November 23, 2025

Welcome to Worship this morning!
We invite you to participate fully in the service,
and to remain following the service for Soup and Sandwiches
during this week's 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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! (Mark 11:9, 10)

Opening Hymn CP383 Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoners leap to lose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest. Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honours to our King, angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen.

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.

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

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.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the words of the One whose coming is certain and whose day draws near:

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.

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 BB600 This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems
oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
the battle is not done,
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.

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 Jeremiah (23:1-6)

After the reading
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 19 (Luke 1:68-79)

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;

for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to quide our feet into the path of peace."

The Second Reading

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians (1:11-20)

After the reading
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (23:33-43)

The Gospel is proclaimed.

After the reading
The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn The Servant King

From heav'n you came, helpless babe, enter'd our world, Your glory veil'd, not to be served but to serve, and give Your life that we might live.

This is our God, the Servant King. He calls us now to follow Him, to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King. There in the garden of tears, my heavy load He chose to bear. His heart with sorrow was torn. "Yet not my will but Yours," He said.

> This is our God, the Servant King. He calls us now to follow Him, to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.

Come and see His hands and His feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice, hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.

Refrain:

So let us learn how to serve, and in our lives enthrone Him. Each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving.

Refrain:

The Sermon The Rev. Denise Byard

Following the sermon, there will be a moment for personal reflection accompanied by a meditative hymn.

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 CP378 Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing who died and rose on high who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou has died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

The Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

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.

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: **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 Teach Me to Dance

Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart. Teach me to move in the pow'r of Your Spirit. Teach me to walk in the light of Your presence. Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.

Teach me to love with Your heart of compassion.
Teach me to trust in the word of Your promise.
Teach me to hope in the day of Your coming.
Teach me to dance to the heat of Your heart.

You wrote the rhythm of life, created heaven and earth; in You is joy without measure. So like a child in Your sight I dance to see Your delight, for I was made for Your pleasure, pleasure.

Refrain:

Let all my movements express a heart that loves to say 'yes', a will that leaps to obey You. Let all my energy blaze to see the joy in Your face. Let my whole being praise You, praise You.

Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.
Teach me to move in the pow'r of Your Spirit.
Teach me to walk in the light of Your presence.
Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.

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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

Officiant
Preacher
Music Director & Pianist
Crucifer
Reader
Intercessor
Technical Team

The Rev. Deb Wilson
The Rev. Denise Byard
Linda Parsons
John Amesbury
Verbina Gonsalves
John Amesbury
Dalton George
and Jason Conrad

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