

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

The Third Sunday of Easter A Service of Holy Communion

April 19, 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.*

The Gathering of the Community

*Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn
within us while you speak. See Luke (24:32)*

Opening Hymn CP220 *Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Risen*

**Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
tell it with a joyful voice;
Christ has burst his three days' prison:
let the whole wide earth rejoice!
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.**

**Come, ye sad and fearful hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow;
Lent's long shadows have departed,
all his woes are over now,
and the Passion that he bore;
sin and pain can vex no more.**

**Christ is risen, Christ is risen;
he hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!
May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy.

The Gloria

**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

**O God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread.**

**Open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Acts (2:14a, 46-41)

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (116:1-3, 10-17)

**I love the Lord
who has heard the voice of my supplication,
who has listened to me whenever I called.**

**The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
I believed, even when I said,
"I have been brought very low."**

**In my distress I said,
"No one can be trusted."**

**How shall I repay you, O Lord,
for all the good things you have done for me?**

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name.**

**I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all the people.**

**Precious in your sight, O Lord
is the death of your servants.**

**O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

The Psalm Prayer

**Eternal God,
faithful in your tender compassion, you give us hope for
our life here and hereafter through the victory of your only
Son. When we share his cup of salvation, revive in us the
joy of this everlasting gift. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

The Second Reading

A reading from Peter's First Letter (1:17-23)

**Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work
impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent
fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such
as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way**

of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Gospel Hymn *CP355 All Creatures of Our God and King*

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (24:13-35)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together

and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We sing:

**Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Homily

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The Congregation stands at the invitation of the Celebrant.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God; Light from Light;**

true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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:
Risen Lord,
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

May the peace of the risen Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We greet one another saying, "Peace be with you" or "The Peace of Christ".

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 *Above All*

**Above all powers, above all kings,
above all nature and all created things;
above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
you were here before the world began.
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
above all wonders the world has ever known;
above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
there's no way to measure what You're worth.**

*Crucified, laid behind the stone.
You lived to die, rejected and alone.
Like a rose, trampled on the ground.
You took the fall, and thought of me, above all.*

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
**Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

The Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb
who gave himself to take away our sin,
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and John
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of
the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through
the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus,
your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord’s passover
from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With the ever-blessed virgin Mary,
blessed Joseph, blessed John
and your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you,
O God, blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever. **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

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

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.

*Anointing with prayer for healing will be offered during
communion, and prayer for those who wish it
at the back of the sanctuary.*

Communion Hymns

Hymn *Before You I Kneel*

**Before You I kneel, my Master and Maker
to offer the work of my hands.
For this is the day You've given Your servant;
I will rejoice and be glad**

*for the strength I have to live and breathe;
for each skill Your grace has given me;
for the needs and opportunities
that will glorify Your great Name.*

**Before You I kneel and ask for Your goodness
to cover the work of my hands.
For patience and peace to shape all my labour,
Your grace for thorns in my path.**

*Flow within me like a living stream,
wear away the stones of pride and greed
'till Your ways are dwelling deep in me
and a harvest of life is grown.*

**Before You we kneel, our Master and Maker;
establish the work of our hands.
And order our steps to seek first Your kingdom
in every small and great task.**

*May we live the gospel of Your grace,
serve Your purpose in our fleeting days,
then our lives will bring eternal praise
and all glory to Your great name,
and all glory to Your great name.*

Hymn *Surely the Presence*

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.***

In the midst of His children, the Lord said He would be,
it doesn't take very many, it can be just two or three.
And I feel that same sweet Spirit that I've often felt before.
Surely I can say I have been with the Lord.

Refrain

There's a holy hush around us
as God's glory fills this place.
I've touched the hem of His garment
and I can almost see His face.
And my heart is over-flowing with the fullness of His joy,
I know without a doubt that I have been with the Lord.

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I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.***

Hymn *Faithful One*

Faithful One, so unchanging.
Ageless One, You're my Rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on You.
I call out to You again and again.
I call out to You again and again.

***You are my Rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm,
Your love is the anchor.
My hope is in You alone.***

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The Community is Sent Out

The Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

Life-giving God,
**in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
so that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

The Doxology

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn *I Cannot Tell*

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.

*But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethlehem's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so, the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.*

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the Cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.

*But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.*

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of East and West, of sinner and of sage.

*But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
for he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.*

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when, at his bidding, every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when all the hearts of men with love are filled.

***But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer,
at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!***

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

**Alleluia! Go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

A Warm Welcome to all

Are you new to St. John's? We are so glad you have joined us today for worship. We encourage you to stay for coffee hour and introduce yourself to one of the clergy.

Would you like a visit? We'd be happy to visit with you at your home, in a coffee shop or at the church for pastoral conversation and/or home communion at your request. Please call the office and one of the clergy will get back to you. 705.944.5350

If you experience a pastoral emergency (someone in the hospital or in urgent need) you can call our priest, The Rev. Canon Susan Spicer at 705.886.0057

Are you on the parish mailing and email list? If you would like to be, please let the office know.

Our Leaders Today

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Canon Susan Spicer
<i>Preacher</i>	Greg Kennedy
<i>Assistant Curate</i>	The Rev. Denise Byard
<i>Music Director & Pianist</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Organist</i>	Sylvia Amesbury
<i>Crucifer</i>	John Amesbury
<i>Reader</i>	Adrian Olley
<i>Intercessor</i>	Don Winslow
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Moyra Seabright/Valerie Smith
<i>Technical Team</i>	Ben Conrad/Jason Conrad
<i>Prayer Ministry Team</i>	Jean Lush/Phil Winslow
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