

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

## Service of Holy Communion

August 2, 2026

# Lammas Sunday

### ***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 and enjoy  
the children's quiet corner.*

*As we worship, at any time during the service, please assume whatever physical position is best  
for you.*

*During the prayers of the people, the intercessor will invite you to pray for people by name, either  
silently or aloud. You may also add names to the book at the back of the sanctuary, which will be  
shared with the congregation following the service, so that we can pray for them throughout the  
week.*

**Lammas Day** (1st August) is part of the tradition of celebrating milestones in the agricultural year.  
For centuries, new loaves made from the first wheat harvest have been brought to church to  
celebrate the beginning of the harvest. The word lammas derives from the ancient word meaning  
"loaf". It corresponds to the Hebrew Festival of Weeks when a sheaf of barley was offered  
(Leviticus 23:9 and Deuteronomy 16:10-16).

## The Gathering of the Community

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; those who come to me shall never be hungry and those who  
believe in me shall never thirst."

### **Opening Hymn CP 344 From All Who Dwell Below the Skies**

**From all that dwell below the skies  
let the Creator's praise arise: alleluia, alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
through every land, in every tongue:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord:  
eternal truth attends thy Word: alleluia, alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore  
till suns shall rise and set no more:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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.**

Dear friends in Christ, the people of God in ancient times presented to the Lord an offering of the first-fruits as a sign of their dependence upon God for their daily bread. At this Lammastide, we bring a newly baked loaf as our offering in thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness.

*The loaves are brought for blessing.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
You bring forth bread from the fields  
And give us the fruits of the earth in their seasons.  
Accept this loaf, which we bring before you,  
made from the harvest of your goodness.  
Let it be for us a sign of your fatherly care.  
Blessed are you Lord our God,  
Worthy of our thanksgiving and praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Kyrie Eleison** (*sung*)

**Lord have mercy upon us**  
**Christ have mercy upon us**  
**Lord have mercy upon us.**

As those who know the generosity of God,  
let us confess our sins,  
especially the ways in which we take  
his good gifts for granted.  
*A brief silence is kept.*

Lord, you give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this day our daily bread.  
Let us not be led into temptation.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this day our daily bread.  
Deliver us from evil.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, 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 Collect of the Day**

Almighty God,  
**your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom.  
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread,  
who lives 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 Isaiah (55:1-5)  
"Come, all you who are thirsty,  
    come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
    come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
    without money and without cost.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
    and your labour on what does not satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,  
    and you will delight in the richest of fare.  
Give ear and come to me;  
    listen, that you may live.  
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,  
    my faithful love promised to David.  
See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,  
    a ruler and commander of the peoples.  
Surely you will summon nations you know not,  
    and nations you do not know will come running to you,  
because of the Lord your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel,  
    for he has endowed you with splendor."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm (145:8-9, 14-21)**

**The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
    slow to anger and rich in love.  
The Lord is good to all;  
    he has compassion on all he has made.  
The Lord upholds all who fall  
    and lifts up all who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all look to you,  
    and you give them their food at the proper time.**

**You open your hand  
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.  
The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and faithful in all he does.  
The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.  
He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.  
The Lord watches over all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.  
My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.  
Let every creature praise his holy name  
for ever and ever.**

### **The Psalm Prayer**

God our Creator,  
**you have created us as your people, and you sustain us with your hand. Help us always to  
give you thanks,  
for you alone are worthy of thanksgiving and praise  
and honour, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Second Reading**

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 9:1-5

I speak the truth in Christ — I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit — I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Proclamation of the Gospel**

**Gospel Hymn CP 458 Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God**

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and God's righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew 14:13-21  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**(sung)**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you;**

**seek and you shall find;**

**knock and the door shall be opened unto you.**

**Allelu, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.**

**The Sermon**

*(A brief silence for reflection)*

**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.**

**Welcoming New Members of our Church Family**

In Christ we, though many, form one body,  
**and each member belongs to all the others.** *(Romans 12:5)*

Is not the bread that we break  
a participation in the body of Christ?

**Because there is one loaf,**

**we, who are many, are one body,**

**for we all share the one loaf.**

*(1 Cor.10:17)*

We are truly blessed to officially welcome  
you to our church family today.  
Your presence brings joy,  
and we look forward to growing in faith  
and serving together.

**We promise to walk beside you,  
support your in prayer,  
and love you as Christ loves us.**

**Let us pray.**

We give you thanks for [N] who have become a part of our church family. Today we acknowledge  
this officially, with joy.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are connected to this church family. May we always be united in service and  
love.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the 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 455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind**

**Dear God, compassionate and kind,  
forgive our foolish ways.  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise,  
in deeper reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee,  
rise up and follow thee!**

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love,  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace,  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm.

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness  
we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given  
and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness  
we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right in all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise, Creator of all,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image.  
Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,  
the lilies of the field,  
the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.  
Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to die upon the cross  
and to rise again for our salvation.  
Through him you begin your work of new creation,  
as we look for a new heaven  
and a new earth in which your righteousness dwells.  
Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,  
With all creation and every creature under heaven,  
in this song of praise:

**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.**

We give thanks to you for Jesus,  
whose first bed was a feed trough.  
He was baptized in the Jordan,  
tested in the wilderness,  
he traveled in fishing boats  
and told parables of famers and seeds,  
labour and wages, yeast and bread.  
On the night before he died,  
Jesus took bread, food of the poor,  
the work of field and hearth,  
he gave thanks, broke it  
and gave it to his friends saying:  
"Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me."

Again, after supper he took the cup of wine,  
fruit of the land, gave thanks,  
and gave it to his friends saying:  
"This is my blood, which is shed for you.  
When you do this, do it in memory of me."  
Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection  
and awaiting his coming kingdom,  
we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts  
so that we know Jesus in them  
and are gathered together with everyone

who shares this sacred meal.  
Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,  
that we may strive for justice and peace,  
respect the dignity of every human being,  
and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints  
to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily,  
child and beggar,  
which is both now and yet to come.  
All honor and glory are yours,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,  
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**

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.  
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;  
Whoever believes in me will never thirst."  
**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
Happy are they who trust in him!**

### **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.*

## **Invitation**

*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 at the back of the sanctuary for those who wish to be prayed for.*

## **Communion Hymns**

### **CP 63 Eat This Bread**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

## **CP 615 Just as I am**

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind.  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am-thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down-  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## **CP 65 (Tune 520) Here Lord, We Take the Broken Bread**

Here, Lord, we take the broken bread  
And drink the wine, believing  
That by your life our souls are fed,  
Your parting gifts receiving.

As thou hast given, so we would give  
ourselves for other's healing:  
As thou hast lived, so we would live,  
The Father's love revealing.

The Community is Sent Out

## **The Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray:

O God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread; open the eyes  
of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen

## **The Blessing**

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day; and the blessing of God the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn CP 460 Shine, Jesus Shine**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
shine on me, shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, shine;  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations  
with grace and mercy; send forth your word, Lord,  
and let there be light.***

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness;  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
shine on me, shine on me.**

***Refrain:***

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness;  
ever-changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,  
shine on me, shine on me**

***Refrain:***

## **Send Us Out (*sung*)**

**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**

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

## **Our Leaders Today**

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i> | The Rev. Canon Susan Spicer  |
| <i>Organist</i>                 | Sylvia Amesbury              |
| <i>Crucifer</i>                 | Hunter Thomas                |
| <i>Reader</i>                   | Tom Childs                   |
| <i>Intercessor</i>              | Verbina Gonsalves            |
| <i>Communion Assistants</i>     | Adrian Olley & Valerie Smith |
| <i>Technical Team</i>           | Ben Conrad & Hayley Bagg     |
| <i>Prayer Ministry Team</i>     | Ted & Nancy Hodgkinson       |

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