

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

Good Shepherd Sunday

A Service of Morning Prayer

April 26, 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

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and
my own know me. (John 10.4)*

Opening Hymn CP520 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.**

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever!

The Greeting

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.

O God of peace,

who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 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 *This Little Light of Mine*

**This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine,
Let it shine all the time, let it shine.**

**All around the neighbourhood, I'm going to let it shine.
All around the neighbourhood, I'm going to let it shine.
All around the neighbourhood, I'm going to let it shine.
Let it shine all the time, let it shine.**

**Hide it under a bushel? --- NO! I'm going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? --- NO! I'm going to let it shine
Hide it under a bushel? ----NO! I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine all the time, let it shine.**

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 Acts (2:42-47)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (23)

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me

in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy

shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Psalm Prayer

Glory to you, Jesus Christ,
our good shepherd. In the waters of baptism you give us new birth, at your table you nourish us with heavenly food, and in your goodness and mercy, you guide us beyond the terrors of evil and death to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light. Glory to you for ever. Amen

The Second Reading

A reading from The First Letter of Peter (2:19-25)

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (10:1-10)

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a

thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.**

**Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.**

**Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.**

The Sermon *Ted Hodgkinson*

A brief silence for reflection.

We Respond to God's Word

Offering plates are not passed during the table, but can be found on the tables at the front and back of the church. We are grateful for all gifts in support of the ministry and outreach of the church. If you are visiting with us, your presence is a gift to us and we do not expect you to make an offering.

Offertory Hymn *Psalm 23*

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.**

**He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.**

**And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.**

**And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.**

The Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.
God of loving care,
**you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup
of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your
Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. 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:

Lord, in your mercy.

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 Are Sent into the World
to Proclaim the Gospel

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 *CP 598 Go to the World*

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia!**

**Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia!**

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray,
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.**

As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry, "Amen!" Alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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>Officiant</i>	The Rev. Deb Wilson
<i>Preacher</i>	Ted Hodgkinson
<i>Pianist</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Organist</i>	Sylvia Amesbury
<i>Crucifer</i>	John Amesbury
<i>Reader</i>	Seanagh Murdoch
<i>Intercessor</i>	Philip Winslow
<i>Technical Team</i>	Hayley Bagg Dalton George

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