

**St. John's Anglican Church, Ida
Parish of Ida and Omemee
First Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion
December 1, 2024 at 10 o'clock**

Welcome to Worship today.

We invite you to stay for refreshments in the parish hall following the service. During the service we invite you to assume whatever physical position is comfortable for you.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21:28

Opening: CP114 – Lo, He Comes

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him,
robed in dreadful majesty;
all who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.**

**Now redemption, long expected,
see in solemn pomp appear;
all his saints, on earth rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear.**

Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly! Hallelujah!
Come, Lord, come!

The children are invited to gather by the Advent wreath as the hymn ends.

The Lighting of the First Candle in Advent

Reader The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined. *Isaiah 9:2*

Our hope is in God, and in his Son Jesus the Christ, who was appointed by God to be judge over all things. He is the one through whom God has promised to save and redeem the people.

People **We light this candle today to remind us that Jesus is our hope – and the hope of the world. We give thanks for the promises God has made to us and for the light he has brought into the world.**

Light the First Candle.

Celebrant Let us pray.
 O God of Hope, Emmanuel,

People **we pray that you will send your light into our hearts during this season of Advent. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's final appearing. Live in us that we may live in you. Amen.**

Hymn - Hope is a Star

**Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.**

***When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.***

Children leave for their program after the singing of the hymn, and will return at the passing of the peace.

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us
in great humility,
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. 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.

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no
secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

A reading from Jeremiah (33: 14-16)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (25: 1-9)

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor
let my enemies triumph over me.**

**Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

**Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.**

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

**Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

**He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

**All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Psalm Prayer

God of compassion and love, **forgive our sins, relieve our misery, satisfy our longing, and fulfil all our hopes for peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

The Second Reading

A reading from 1 Thessalonians (33: 9-13)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

Gospel Hymn – CP88 – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (21: 25-36)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is proclaimed.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Hymn – CP88 – Come, Thou Long-Expected
Jesus**

**Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us forever:
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Susan Spicer

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.
The Congregation stands at the invitation of the Celebrant.*

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

**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 love,
Come quickly.

Confession and Absolution

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.

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.

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

The peace of Christ be always 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: CP98 (T306) – Hark, the Glad Sound

**Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.**

**Christ comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst;
the iron fetters yield.**

**Christ comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and from the treasuries of grace
to bless the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray:
God of love and power,
**your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of
your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us
with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Blessed are you, Holy One, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Saviour
and Redeemer who in the fullness of time came among us in our
flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for
the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to
judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to
behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and
archangels, with the church on earth, and the company of heaven,
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.**

Holy One, the beginning and the end,

The giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for the promise to your people.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

The Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us.

Bless this meal. +

May your Word take flesh in us. +

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God Incarnate, Power of the Most High, One God, now and for ever.

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

God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

For those who are present in person, all baptized persons may receive Communion. If you prefer, Communion can be brought to you in your seat. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion may place a hand on their heart when they come forward.

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.

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.

Communion Hymns

Hymn CP94 – Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

(Repeat)

Hymn – Here is Bread, Here is Wine

Here is bread, here is wine
Christ is with us, He is with us
Break the bread, drink the wine
Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace.
Christ is with us, He is with us.
Know His grace, find His peace.
Feast on Jesus here

*In this bread, there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here.*

Here we are joined in one
Christ is with us, He is with us
We'll proclaim, 'til He comes
Jesus crucified.

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In this cup there's life forever
In this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here.*

Hymn – There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son;
and leaving Your Spirit 'til
the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
hope for sinners slain.

*Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son;*

*and leaving Your Spirit 'til
the work on earth is done.*

**When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever,
in that holy place.**

*Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son;
and leaving Your Spirit 'til
the work on earth is done.*

THE COMMUNITY IS SENT OUT

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

God for whom we wait,

**you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever
watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of
man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the
darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him
when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God, the Father, the
Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you
always. **Amen. +**

Closing: Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah,

declaring the Word of the Lord;

and these are the days of Your servant, Moses,

righteousness being restored;

and though these are days of great trials,

of famine and darkness and sword;
still we are the voice in the desert crying,
“Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

*Behold he comes, riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

And these are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh,
and these are the days of Your servant, David,
rebuilding a temple of praise;
and these are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white in the world;
and we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
declaring the Word of the Lord.

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and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.***

Dismissal

He who receives our prayers says:

Surely I come quickly.

I am the root and offspring of David,

I am the bright and morning star.

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

OUR LEADERS TODAY

<i>Celebrant and Preacher</i>	The Rev. Susan Spicer
<i>Organist</i>	Sylvia Amesbury
<i>Pianist</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Crucifer</i>	John Amesbury
<i>Reader</i>	Chris Killian
<i>Intercessor</i>	John Amesbury
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Moyra Seabright, Valerie Smith
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<i>Prayer Ministry</i>	Bette Holder, Don Winslow
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