

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

Second Sunday after Epiphany Service of Holy Communion

January 19, 2025

Welcome to Worship today.

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

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Jesus manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him. John 2: 11

Opening: CP384 – Praise to the Lord (v1,2,5,6)

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation: all
ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth: hast
thou not seen how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin
is abounding,
who when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
sheddeth his light, chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises
before him!**

**Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him.**

Children's Gathering

Children are invited to join Rev. Susan at the chancel steps for a moment. They are invited to attend a special program and will return at the sharing of the peace.

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.

Song of Praise

**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

Let us pray:

Almighty God,

**your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known,**

worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; 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 (62:1-5)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (36: 5-10)

**Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save both man and beast, O Lord.**

**How priceless is your love, O God!
Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.**

**They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

**For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.**

**Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and
your favour to those who are true of heart.**

**Let not the foot of the proud come near me,
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.**

**See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! They
are cast down and shall not be able to rise.**

Psalm Prayer

God of justice and of mercy,
open the eyes of sinners that they may see the light of your truth, know the power of your love, and share in the bounty of your heavenly table; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Second Reading

A reading from 1 Corinthians (12: 1-11)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (2: 1-11)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is proclaimed.

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn – How Great Are You, Lord

**How great are You, Lord,
How great is Your mercy,
How great are the things
that You have done for me.
How great are You, Lord,
Your loving kindness
is filling my heart as I sing,
“How great are You, Lord.”**

**How great is Your love,
it reaches to the heavens.
How great is the heart
that sought and rescued me.**

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Musical Interlude

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The Sermon: The Rev. Susan Spicer

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

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

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.

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: CP531 – You Who Dwell in the Shelter

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"**

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

**Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.**

Refrain:

You need not fear the terror of the night,

**nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.**

Refrain:

**For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

***And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.***

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray:

Living God,

**you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his
word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in
the name of Jesus Christ the 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, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you
are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in
your own image, and call us to new life
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of
your name:

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, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, O God, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new, and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory
are yours, almighty Father, 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

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

**So may your church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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 – Communion Song

**Take this bread I give to you,
and as you do, remember Me.**

This bread is My body broken for you.

Take it, (take it) eat it (eat it).

Each time you do; remember Me, remember Me.

**Take this cup I fill for you and as you do, remember Me.
This cup is the new covenant I'm making with you.
Take it, (take it) drink it, (drink it).
Each time you do, remember Me, remember Me.**

**Take this love I've given you,
And as you do, remember Me, remember Me,
remember Me.**

Hymn – Holy Ground

**This is holy ground—
we're standing on holy ground—
for the Lord is here and where He is is holy.
This is holy ground—
we're standing on holy ground—
for the Lord is here—
and where He is is holy.**

**These are holy hands—
He's given us holy hands—
He works through these hands
and so these hands are holy.
These are holy hands—
He's given us holy hands—
He works through these hands,
and so these hands are holy.**

Hymn – Here I Am, Lord

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.***

I, the Lord of snow and rain.
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

THE COMMUNITY IS SENT OUT

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

God of glory,
you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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

Closing: Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love;
too vast and astounding to tell.

Forever existing in worlds above,
now offered and given to all.

Oh fountain of beauty eternal;
the Father, the Spirit, the Son.

Sufficient and endlessly generous:

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

Creation is brimming with thankfulness,
the mountains, exultant they stand;
the seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness,
all life is sustained by Your hand.

You crown every meadow with colour.

You paint every shade in the sky.

Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of:

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure;

His love endures

forevermore.

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

What grace, that you entered our brokenness;

You came in the fullness of time.

How far we had fallen from righteousness,
but not from the mercies of Christ.

Your cross is our door to redemption;

Your death is our fullness of life.

That day, how forgiveness flowed as a flood:

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

How great, how sure;

His love endures

forevermore.

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

United in Your resurrection,

You lift us to infinite heights.

Could anything sever or take us

**from magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.
*How great, how sure;
His love endures
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Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.***

***How great, how sure;
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Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.***

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.**

Dismissal

**Go forth to follow the Light that has come into the world.
Thanks be to God.**

OUR LEADERS TODAY

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Susan Spicer
<i>Organist</i>	Sylvia Amesbury
<i>Pianist</i>	Linda Parsons
<i>Crucifer</i>	John Amesbury
<i>Reader</i>	Nancy Skuce
<i>Intercessor</i>	John Amesbury
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Moyra Seabright/Valerie Smith
<i>Technical Team</i>	Jason Conrad/Dalton George
<i>Prayer Ministry</i>	Ted and Nancy Hodgkinson
<i>Anointing</i>	Cathy Olley

