

Parish of Ida and Omemee  
St. John's, Ida  
Sunday, April 11, 2021  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Service of Morning Prayer

**The Gathering of the Community**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:

**so let us celebrate the feast,**

not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:

**death has no more dominion over him.**

In dying he died to sin once for all:

**in living he lives to God.**

See yourselves therefore as dead to sin:

**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Christ has been raised from the dead:

**the first fruits of those who sleep.**

For as by man came death:

**by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;**

for as in Adam all die:

**even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

**Opening – CP231 – That Eastertide with Joy was Bright**

**That Eastertide with joy was bright;**

**the sun shone out with fairer light, alleluia, alleluia!**

**When, to their longing eyes restored,  
the apostles saw their risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**He bade them see his hands, his side,  
where yet the glorious wounds abide; alleluia, alleluia!  
The tokens true which made it plain  
their Lord indeed was risen again.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**From every weapon death can wield  
thine own redeemed forever shield: alleluia, alleluia!  
O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus, the king of gentleness,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess, alleluia, alleluia!  
That we may give thee all our days  
the tribute of our grateful praise.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We remember our desire to live as Jesus taught us. We  
remember too, our need for God's forgiveness of our sins.

(Silence for personal prayer)

And so we confess our sins to God:

**Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all  
our heart. We have not loved others as our Saviour Christ**

loves us. We are truly sorry. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we might delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

#### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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.**

#### **WE LEARN AND REFLECT TOGETHER**

**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 Word**

First reading: Acts 4: 32-35  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 133**

**Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
when brethren live together in unity!**

**It is like fine oil upon the head  
that runs down upon the beard,**

**Upon the beard of Aaron,  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

**It is like the dew of Hermon  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

**For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:  
life for evermore.**

### **Psalm Prayer**

**Creator of the universe, from whom all things come, to whom  
all things return, give your people such unity of heart and  
mind, that all the world may grow in the life of your eternal  
kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second reading: 1 John 1: 1—2:2

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Third reading: John 20: 19-31

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**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 Focus – Ted**

**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 SERMON – Rev. Bill**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

*The offering plate will not be passed during the service but will be available on the table at the back of the church for those who wish to give their offering in this way. We are grateful for the number of people who, in these past months, have used electronic means of contributing (PAG, the website, electronic transfers) to the ministry of St. John’s, Ida.*

### **Offertory Prayer**

**God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

## **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.

## **Prayers**

*(Time of silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

Response after each Intercession:

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 GO INTO THE WORLD TO PRAISE AND SERVE GOD**

Please stand.

**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.**

Heavenly Father, 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 – CP210 – Yours be the Glory**  
Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory over death you won.  
Angels robed in splendour rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where your body lay.  
*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory over death you won.*

See! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord is living; death has lost its sting!  
*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory over death you won.*

No more we doubt you, glorious Prince of life:  
what is life without you? Aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors  
through your deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to your home above.  
*Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son:  
endless is the victory over death you won.*

### **Dismissal**

We are raised to new life with Christ.  
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Piano: Linda**  
**Reader: Margaret**

**Prayers: Phil**  
**Vocals: Danielle**

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