



St Aidan's, Elmvale

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

St Aidan's Day
September 13, 2026

*Welcome to St. Aidan's--we are blessed by your presence today! Hymns are found in the blue "Common Praise" book.
We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People.*

The Gathering of the Community

Hymn 465: Here in This Place New Light is Streaming

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.

Loving God, who called your servant Aidan from the peace of a cloister to re-establish the Christian mission in northern England, and gave him the gifts of gentleness, simplicity, and strength: grant that we, following his example, may use what you have given us for the relief of human need, and may persevere in commending the saving Gospel of our Redeemer Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Acts

When morning came, there was no small commotion among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. When Herod had searched for him and could not find him, he examined the guards and ordered them to be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and stayed there. Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon. So they came to him in a body, and after winning over Blastus, the king's personal attendant, they asked for a reconciliation, because their country depended on the king's country for food. On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat on the platform, and delivered a public address to them. The people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a mortal!" And immediately, because he had not given the glory to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died. But the word of God continued to advance and gain adherents. Then after completing their mission Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem and brought with them John, whose other name was Mark.

Acts 12:18-25

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 85:8-13

I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying,

for you are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, **that your glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together; **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Truth shall spring up from the earth, **and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity, **and our land will yield its increase.**

Righteousness shall go before you, **and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.**

A Reading from First Corinthians

Paul said, "If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-23

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Gospel Procession (CP315): **Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord.
Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord!**

The Holy Gospel

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Peter said (to Jesus), "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Matthew 19:27-30

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

Sermon

Creed Hymn 44

The Prayers of the People

Response: Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Lynn, Sandra, Joyce, Terence, Olu, David, Laurie, Jennifer, Kathryn, Chris.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**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 of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn handout: Let Us Build a House Vs 1-3

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord God, who by the preaching and holy life of your blessed servant Aidan made your glory to dwell in England, grant us such love for Christ that his truth may be found in our lives and his gifts may abound in our service. We ask this for his sake, who is our righteousness and peace. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer (Salal and Cedar, Adapted for Local Use, Used with Permission)

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us thank the Giver of Life. **It is right to give our thanks and praise. [...]**

Together with angels and ancestors, lake and river, deer and coyote, birch tree and cedar,

we join our voices with all of creation as we sing: ***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. [...]

All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Saviour, and Spirit, now and in the world to come. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and 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 gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Communion

For Communion from the Pews, tell our Sidesperson, or raise your hand; otherwise, Communion is offered at Altar Rail.

Prayer after Communion

God of our salvation, grant us fellowship with your holy servant Aidan, that wherever we walk in this world, our steps may be directed always towards the inheritance of eternal life. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our 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.

Blessing of the Bags

Everyone is invited to come up to the Sanctuary with your Bags and Bulletin and Blue Hymn Books!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 513: Guide My Feet

After worship, all are welcome to Coffee Time in Lindisfarne Hall!

St Aidan's Monthly Sunday School today! Sunday School will be held in Lindisfarne Hall on the second Sunday of each month.

Church Heating Update: Over the summer our HVAC contractor, Shields Mechanical worked with an engineer to define the requirements and to develop the specifications for the replacement blower and cabinet. The tight spaces in the storage room made this somewhat challenging. As well, suppliers were contacted to determine product availability and pricing. A supplier, Engineered Air, has been identified with the appropriate products. The project proposal from Shields Mechanical can now be completed with timelines and costs. We expect to receive the proposal for Parish Council review very soon.

Yuletide Bazaar: The date for the Bazaar this year is Saturday November 14. This is an important event both for community building and fundraising. There will be a planning meeting for on Sunday September 20 after church in Lindisfarne Hall. Please come if you would like to find out more. Convenors are still needed for several areas. Items to donate can be brought to the church after October 11 as there is limited space to store things at present.

Wednesday Eucharist and Coffee Time is back! Note that there is no Service or Gathering on September 30th.

St Aidan's Walk/Bike for Belong Ottawa: Belong Ottawa is a Community Ministry of our Anglican Diocese, and consists of three downtown drop-in programs: Centre 454, St Luke's Table, and the Well. These incredible communities provide safety, dignity, and connection to those facing homelessness, poverty, and isolation. St Aidan's is thrilled to again be the location for Belong Ottawa's "Ride for Refuge" Fundraiser on Saturday, October 3rd. **We are looking for a Team Captain for the St Aidan's Angels Team--please speak with Rev. Rosemary if you are interested!**

October 4th at 9:30: The Feast of Saint Francis - Bring Your Pets to Church Day! All are invited to bring their pets (and/or a photo of them) to our 9:30 Sunday service on October 4th, as we celebrate Saint Francis and give thanks to God for our furry companions. For everyone's comfort, one portion of the church will be designated a Pet-Free zone.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - St Aidan's 2026 Opportunities for Reflection: Lunch and Learn Webinars by the National Centre of Truth and Reconciliation, *Remembering the Children: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation* commemorative gathering, and a "Historical Sketch for Anglican Residential Schools." See our Poster on the Bulletin Board or on staidansottawa.com for more information.

All are welcome on Wednesdays for BCP Eucharist at 10:00 am, and/or Coffee Time at 10:30 am!

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