

*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 350: Stand Up and Bless the Lord

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.

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties through the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"
EXODUS 17:1-7

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

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Hear my teaching, O my people; **incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**
I will open my mouth in a parable; **I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**
That which we have heard and known, and what our ancestors have told us, **we will not hide from their children.**
We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, **who has done wonderful works.**
God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors, **in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan,**
Splitting open the sea and letting them pass through, **making the waters stand up like walls;**
Leading them with a cloud by day, **and all the night through with the glow of fire;**
Splitting hard rocks in the wilderness, **and giving them drink as from the great deep;**
Bringing streams out of the cliff, **and the waters gushing out like rivers.**

A Reading from Philippians

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a

slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

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

Gospel Procession (CP314): **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.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

MATTHEW 21:23-32

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, Terence, David, Laurie, Jennifer, Kathryn, Chris, Ronald.

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 445: God the Creator

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this 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.

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

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

No Wednesday Service or Coffee Time on September 30: See you on October 7th!

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.

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.

Warm Hearts, Warm Church Campaign: Thank you to our generous parish! As of Sept. 24, St Aidan's has raised a total of \$59,450.14 towards our \$61,944.34 Heating Repair Project (received: \$36,950.14, pledged: \$22,500, remaining goal: \$2,494.20)! Please designate your donations for "Warm Hearts, Warm Church". Tax receipts will be issued for donations above \$20.
The campaign ends on Sunday, October 11th.

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 do not have a Parish Team this year, so please consider donating to Belong Ottawa directly: rideforrefuge.org/location/ottawa1

Yuletide Bazaar: The date for the Bazaar this year is Saturday November 14. This is an important event both for community building and fundraising. 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.

Coffee Time Ministry - Volunteers Needed: Do you enjoy our Coffee Time after worship? Please sign up on the Bulletin Board to help make the coffee/tea and put out our church-supplied treats. Plan to arrive by 9:00 am on Sunday, and to stay after the gathering to clean up.

Save the Date - Workshop on Grief at St Aidan's: Please mark Saturday, October 17 at 1:00 pm on your calendars. Speak with Rev. Rosemary to learn more.

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

Celebrant: Rev. Rosemary Parker
Music Director: Téa Mamaladze
Reader: Elisabeth Dempsey
Intercessor: Ruth Alberts
Server: Susan Burns-Simpson
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