

*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 564: Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

Opening Responses

Lord, open our lips, **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Genesis

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

GENESIS 45:1-15

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

Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, **when kindred 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.

A Reading from Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

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

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.**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

MATTHEW 15:21-28

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

Homily

The Apostles Creed

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

Response: Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

We pray for Lynn, Sandra, Meredith, Joan, Ria, David, Joyce, Terence, Olu.

The Peace

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

Hymn 330: O Praise Ye the Lord

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us.
We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.
We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.
We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.
We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.
Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.
Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper, you gather in what has been rejected, restoring what is lost and healing what is wounded. Give us faith to speak out boldly, so that the outcast may be welcomed and all may be blessed. **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.

Blessing and Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, Never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, And show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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Morning Prayer: While Rev. Rosemary is on vacation, Nancy Gover will lead Morning Prayer on Sundays at 9:30 am.

Special Performance: Thanks to Carol Fairbrother and guests Chris Lyon and Marian Baker for the music this morning! Carol, Chris and Marion sing together in a choir called "Harmonia".

Church Heating Update: Work continues on the specifications to replace the Air Handling unit of the church heating system. The preliminary total cost of the project is still estimated to be between \$60,000 and \$70,000, although hopefully we will be getting firm pricing soon. A funding campaign to be called "Warm Hearts, Warm Church" will be initiated in the fall. We are very grateful that some pledges and donations have already been promised to the value of \$51,800. We hope that parishioners, to the extent that they are able, will support our fund-raising effort. More information on the project costs and timelines, as well as the fund-raising campaign will be provided as soon as they are available. Do not hesitate to talk to Claire Chapdelaine, Phil Charko, or Kathryn Noel if you have any comments or questions.

Holidays: Rev. Rosemary is on holidays from July 27th to August 25th. During that time, please contact our Wardens or Parish Office with any practical or pastoral concerns. Claire Chapdelaine (613-255-7151), Phil Charko (613-724-7502), or Kathryn Noel (613-292-4902).

St Aidan's Prayer Chain, a Ministry offered by our Ecumenical Prayer Group: Over the summer months, confidential prayer requests may be given to Barbara Allan (613 731-7350) or Karen Mattioli (613-733-5434). They will activate St. Aidan's Prayer Chain so that others can join in intercession for those in need.

Yuletide Bazaar: Just a reminder that this year's Bazaar will be held on Saturday November 14th. Hopefully you are keeping the Bazaar in mind when you are making your jams and preserves this summer. If you are doing any sorting or cleaning of cupboards please remember "The Boutique" for items like jewelry, scarves, purses, belts or other gently used fashion accessories for women or men (no clothing please). Also please think about items for the Silent and Online auctions.

St Aidan's Office: Will be on a flexible schedule until Wednesday September 9th. Voicemail and email will be monitored.

St Aidan's Sunday School: Our next gathering is September 13 am, in Lindisfarne Hall!

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