

*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 584: The Church of Christ in Every Age

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.**

God of blazing light, through the power of the cross you shattered our darkness and set us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction, so that we may joyfully turn and follow you, led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Micah

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

MICAH 6:1-8

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

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? **Who may abide upon your holy hill?**

Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, **who speak the truth from their heart.**

There is no guile upon their tongue; they do no evil to a friend; **they do not heap contempt upon a neighbour.**

In their sight the wicked are rejected, **but they honour those who fear the Lord.**

They have sworn to do no wrong **and do not take back their word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

A Reading from First Corinthians

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were

wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

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Gospel Procession: Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell in you.

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 saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

Homily

Creed Hymn 44

The Prayers of the People

Response: Hear us, O God, **For your mercy is great.**

We pray for Lynn, Sandra, Karen, Linda, Sharron, Ian, Katie, Faith.

Today, we give thanks for the life of Ernie Phillips, uncle of James Phillips.

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 575: Let Streams of Living Justice

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer One

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. [...]**

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

(Sung) 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.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. [...]**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **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

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine.

May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 and Dismissal

May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Hymn 598: Go to the World

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

St Aidan's Monthly Sunday School today: All children and grandchildren will gather with our two leaders at the start of the service and return for Communion. Parents/Guardians: please be sure to complete the Sunday School Registration form.



Filipino Fiesta! This Saturday, February 7 from 5:00-7:00, we are having a church fundraising dinner of Filipino food. Come and enjoy fellowship and a taste of the Philippines. A bit of sun in a cold Canadian winter. Tickets are \$25/adult and \$15/under 12. Tickets on sale Sundays after church and through the church office.

Tickets On Sale Next Sunday, February 8th: St Aidan's Annual Pancake Supper will be held Tuesday, February 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 6-12, under 6 are free. Tickets can be purchased after the 9:30 liturgy or from the church office during the week. Sign up sheets are posted on the main bulletin board to donate food items and/or help. Note: Gluten-free pancakes will be available.

Annual Vestry Meeting: Please join St Aidan's for our Annual General Meeting (Vestry) after the 9:30 service on Sunday, February 22nd! **If you are responsible for preparing a report for an area of parish ministry, please send your report via email to the church office at staidans.ottawa@outlook.com by this Wednesday, February 4th.**

Diocesan Parishes Zoom Book Study (7pm Feb. 3, Feb. 10): St. Aidan's, St. Margaret's, Christ Church, and St. Mark's are offering a 4-week Zoom Study about Contextual Mission, based on the book, "The Unfolding Gospel." Please speak with Chuck Adamson or Rev. Rosemary if you would like the Zoom Link.

St Aidan's Book Study on "Desire of the Everlasting Hills": Next session February 7th.

Returning Palm Crosses: Please bring back your Palm Crosses from previous years by Sunday, February 15th; these Palm Crosses will then be turned into ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday: St Aidan's Ash Wednesday Service will take place on Wednesday, February 18 at 10:00 am; we will offer the Imposition of Ashes, and celebrate the Eucharist together.

Parish Council Highlights: January 2026

-Heating System Repairs: Thanks to Chuck and Phil for all their work with our Heating Systems. We have a new part waiting to be installed in the Church side, and a known issue with the wiring in the Hall side. Council is conscious that our aging Heating System comes with a notable cost, both in terms of our Finances and Volunteers.

-St Aidan's Vestry on February 22: In preparation for our Vestry (AGM), Council received the 2025 Financial Statement, which reflects a ~\$5,500 deficit. We also reviewed the 2026 Budget, which is mostly the same as the 2025 Budget. One important change for 2026 is that St Aidan's is now providing a Pension and Benefits to eligible staff, through our Diocesan Payroll system.

-2023 Parish Day "Whales": In 2023, our parish held a visioning exercise about what a vibrant and sustainable St Aidan's might look like in 5 years. Recently, James Phillips has led Council through a review of the 6 visions (fondly referred to as "Whales"): Social Activities, Volunteerism, Music Ministries, Lowered Expenses and Increased Revenue, Property and Rentals, and Communications. A report on the progress and gaps for these 6 areas will be shared in the Vestry Package.

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

Celebrant: Rev. Rosemary Parker
Music Director: Téa Mamaladze
Reader: Donna Robinson
Intercessor: Leslie MacDonald-Hicks
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