

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 519: The Lord's My Shepherd

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!**

Eternal God, from whose gentle hands none can snatch us away: give us faith to believe that we are known and loved with a passion strong enough to bring the whole world back to you; through Jesus Christ, who is one with you, the Source of life. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Acts

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

ACTS 9:36-43

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

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; **I shall not be in want.**
You make me lie down in green pastures **and lead me beside still waters.**
You revive my soul **and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, **I shall fear no evil;**
For you are with me; **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
You spread a table before me **in the presence of those who trouble me;**
You have anointed my head with oil, **and my cup is running over.**
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, **and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

A Reading from Revelation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

REVELATION 7:9-17

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

Gospel Procession: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!*

The Holy Gospel

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

JOHN 10:22-30

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

Gospel Procession: *Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Homily

Creed Hymn 44 (Tune 425)

The Prayers of the People

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

We pray for Lynn, Warren, Terence, Emma, Jeff, Erma, Sarah.

The Peace

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

Hymn 85: Shepherds of Souls, Refresh and Bless

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **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, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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

Lord, we died with you on the cross. **Now we are raised to new life.**
We were buried in your tomb. **Now we share in your resurrection.**
Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us 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 steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Hymn 444: Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

St Aidan's Next Generation: If you are between the ages of 16 and 45, you are part of St Aidan's Next Gen--a group of young adults who love God, and love fun, too! Please speak with Rev. Rosemary about our next gathering in May.

Cole Education Fund: Application forms are now available for grants toward the cost of post-secondary education for young people of St. Aidan's. To be eligible for financial assistance from this fund, the applicant must demonstrate financial need; be identifiably involved in the life of St. Aidan's by service and/or attendance; and be accepted by a post-secondary education or training institution. Call or email the office for a copy of the application form.

Forms must be submitted electronically by Friday, June 6.

Annual Spring Blessings Fundraiser: You are invited to contribute \$25 (or multiples of \$25) to 'Spring Blessings' and receive one or more colourful cut-outs to display on the wall in the Link. The cut-outs can display your name, the name of loved ones, the 'blessing' you are thankful for and/or 'Anonymous'. You will also receive a tax receipt worth approximately 46% tax savings on your donation. Purchase yours in the Link after church, stop by the church office during weekday office hours or mail your donation to 955 Wingate Drive, Ottawa, ON K1G 1S9.

Special Gift to St Aidan's: Last fall, Lise Gervais won eight passes to play golf at The Meadows Golf & Country Club, 32 dozen used golf balls and various other golf related accessories. Since Lise is not a golfer, she has donated the entire package to St Aidan's to use as a fundraiser. We all join in a big shoutout to Lise for her generosity! To date we have raised \$400.00 by selling the golf passes and eight dozen golf balls. This leaves us with 24 dozen golf balls which we are making available to anyone at \$5.00 a dozen. They will be available in Lindisfarne Hall after Sunday services for the rest of the month of May. For more information, contact Peter Martin at 613 824 4961.

Opt-Out of Boxes: Are you on PAR and or never use your Offering Box? You can now opt-out of receiving Offering Boxes you never use! Simply call the office at 613 733-0102 or email us at staidans@bellnet.ca with your name and box number. Your number will be moved to a higher number, and you will still receive your tax receipt as usual. **Please reply by June 15th.**

Wooden Crosses: Every Sunday, members of the congregation are provided the opportunity to make a donation to St Aidan's, which become part of our Offertory to God. The act of giving is an essential part of our Christian stewardship. Many of us donate through monthly Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR) or Electronic Transfers, so do not place physical envelopes on the Offertory Plate. However, we can still feel part of the Offertory by taking one of the Wooden Crosses in the box in the Narthex, and placing it on the plate when it is passed. In this way, the Offertory will reflect all of us!

Interested in being a part of St Aidan's community? Speak with our Greeters about getting a New Parishioners Form--you'll even get your own Name Tag!

Yuletide Bazaar: The annual Yuletide Bazaar will be held on Saturday **November 15** this year. Please mark your calendar for this important date. The Bazaar is a great community building event as well as a fundraiser. There will be many ways to contribute. Please keep the Bazaar in mind when you are doing your spring cleaning or your summer jam/preserve making. You can bring your empty Mason jars from last year back to the church now and we will pass them on to the jam/preserve makers for this year. Volunteers are still needed to convene several areas for the Bazaar. Please contact Chris Drinkwater (Christine.drinkwater@gmail.com or 613-371-0716) for more information.

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