

*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.**

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.**

Lord of the sheepfold, whose love is not for hire: we thank you that Christ laid down his life for us when we could not help ourselves. Give us strength to work for peace in the world he came to serve; through the same Jesus Christ, the good shepherd. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### A Reading from Acts

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

ACTS 2:42-47

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 First Peter

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 PETER 2:19-25

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.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

JOHN 10:1-10

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

*We pray for Lynn, Sandra, Sharron, Joyce, Ronald, Rita, Lorna, Francilien, Meredith, Maureen.*

## The Peace

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

**Hymn 508: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

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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 Three

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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;

we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

for he is the true paschal lamb, who has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven,

we sing our joyful hymn of praise 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, Father, according to his command, **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; [...]**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are 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.**

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

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

**Financial Update:** The first 3 months of 2026 have gone very well, with total revenues up 11.5% over last year. This includes Parish events such as the Bake sale, Pancake Supper and Filipino Fiesta, as well as your generous donations. Lenten coin jars collected over \$1,700 for the work of the church and I believe there are some more to come in. Easter offerings appear to have been double those of last year. Many thanks go to everyone for your generous financial support, however, with the new cost of our eligible employees' Benefits and Pension, and the prospect of major repairs needed to the heating system, we need to keep up the good work to avoid a big end-of-the-year push. Please support the Parish breakfast and the upcoming Spring Blessings.

**St Aidan's Sunday School:** Our next gathering is next Sunday, May 3rd at 9:30 am, in Lindisfarne Hall!

**Spring Blessings:** It's that time of year again where we have the opportunity to express what or who we are thankful for. You are invited to purchase a tulip for \$25 and express your thoughts. Tulips will be on sale the first four Sundays in May or through the church office. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations.

**Ordination and Consecration of our New Bishop of Ottawa:** On May 9th at 10:30 am at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St), the Venerable Kathryn Anne Otley will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop in the Church of God! All are welcome to attend, or watch on Youtube (search "Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa").

**Pentecost Sunday - May 24, 2026: To mark the Birthday of the Church, St Aidan's is looking for:**

- (i) People who speak multiple languages, to participate in the Worship Service.
- (ii) People with different talents (Artists, Musicians, Dancers, Jugglers, whatever!) to do a special display during our Joint Coffee Time with Martin Luther Church. The theme is the Fire of the Holy Spirit!

***Please sign up on the Bulletin Board, and speak to Rev. Rosemary to learn more!***

**Doors Open Ottawa - Saturday, June 6 from 10:00-4:00 at St Aidan's!** That day, St Aidan's will be open to the Public as part of the wider Doors Open Ottawa initiative. We need volunteers to be Hosts throughout the day, and welcome folks as they explore our beloved space. Please sign-up on the Bulletin Board!

**Garden Ministry:** Do you love gardening, or spending time outside? We are looking for volunteers to care for St Aidan's Garden this summer; you will work in pairs for about 1 hour, every 2 or 3 weeks. Please speak with our Warden, Claire Chapdelaine, to learn more.

***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: Bolanle Balogun  
Intercessor: James Phillips  
Server: Susan Burns-Simpson  
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