

*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 482: Come and Journey with a Saviour

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.

Eternal God, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Isaiah

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

ISAIAH 43:1-7

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

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, **ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name; **worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; **the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; **the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; **the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,**

And makes Lebanon skip like a calf, **and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord **splits the flames of fire;**

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; **the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe **and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the Lord **all are crying, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; **the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.**

The Lord shall give strength to this people; **the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.**

A Reading from Acts

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 8:14-17

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 Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Gospel Procession: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Homily

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. [...] To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth?

I will, with God's help.

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

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

We pray for Lynn, Warren, Rick, Nikolas, Violet.

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

Hymn 73: One Bread, One Body

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. **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

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. **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 163: When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known

Parish Council This Wednesday: Have something that you'd like St Aidan's Parish Council to explore? Contact Peter Martin!

Snowflake Craft Workshop: Finding winter a bit dreary? Join us on Saturday, January 25 from 9:30 to 12 to create giant, 3d paper snowflakes to brighten up your home. Very, very easy craft with impressive results! See the narthex windows for examples. Please sign up on the sheet on the main bulletin board. Please contact Nancy Gover at njgover@rogers.com.

St Aidan's Next Generation - Free Community Meal! St Aidan's Next Generation is a new Young Adult Group in our parish. As their inaugural activity, St Aidan's Next Generation is organizing a Free Community Meal on Sunday, February 9th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend and support the Next Gen!

Are You Responsible for Writing a Vestry Report? Please send your report via email to the church office at staidans@bellnet.ca by Monday, February 10. St Aidan's Annual General Meeting (Vestry) will take place on Sunday, February 23rd after our regular 9:30 am service. Many thanks for all you do in support of St. Aidan's ministry.

Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception: Bishop Shane is coming to St Aidan's on March 9th! Contact Rev. Rosemary if you or a loved one are interested in being baptized, confirmed, or received into the Anglican Church.

A Joyful Financial Update: Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of St Aidan's, total offerings received in December 2024 surpassed our initial goal of \$40,600--and all donations received above that amount have been doubled and matched dollar for dollar by an anonymous St Aidan's family! We are grateful to all who support the mission, ministry, and operations of St Aidan's; a complete 2024 Financial Report on our Total Operating Budget of \$279,457 will be offered at Vestry in February.

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