



# St Aidan's, Elmvale Acres

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

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*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 442:** Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

This is the day that Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.  
This is the day that Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.  
This is the day that Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,  
giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.  
This is the day that Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup  
may here proclaim his Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection,  
and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

### Collect of the Day

O God, on the night he was betrayed Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and gave himself in a meal of bread and wine.  
May we who celebrate these signs of his love, serve and give ourselves to others in his name and to your glory; through the  
same 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 Exodus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

EXODUS 12:1-4, 11-14

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

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

I love the Lord **who has heard the voice of my supplication,**  
I believed, even when I said, "I have been brought very low."  
In my distress I said, "No one can be trusted."  
How shall I repay you, O Lord, **for all the good things you have done for me?**  
I will lift up the cup of salvation **and call upon your name.**  
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord **in the presence of all the people.**  
Precious in your sight, O Lord **is the death of your servants.**  
O Lord, I am your servant; **I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.**  
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving **and call upon the name of the Lord.**

A Reading from First Corinthians

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

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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.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord - and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35

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

Homily

## The Prayers of the People

Gracious God, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service. Lord, hear us, **and humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church. Lord, hear us, **and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples' message. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us, **and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved. Lord, hear us, **and fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded his disciples that if the world hated them it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us, **and give us your peace.**

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ. Lord, hear us, **and welcome all your children into paradise. Amen.**

## The Peace

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

*Everyone is welcome to bring their Bulletins into the sanctuary, and gather around the Altar for the Eucharist.*

**Hymn 500:** Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

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## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, we spread this table to remember the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son. Accept all we offer you this day. Bind us together in his love and in the love he has commanded us to bring one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer Two

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.** [...]

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.** [...]

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, 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 this bread, **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

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

## The Communion

*After receiving communion, please return to your pews.*

## Prayer after Communion

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Stay With Us

**Stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, night will soon fall.**

**Then stay with us, O Lord Jesus Christ, light in our darkness.** *(Repeat x 5)*

## The Stripping of the Altar

*Matthew 26:30-46 is read while the church ornaments are being removed. The lights will then be turned off.*

*After the Stripping of the Altar, please leave in silence.*



## **Holy Week March 29 – April 5, 2026**

**Good Friday:** The Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 11:00 a.m.

**The Great Vigil of Easter:** Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 pm

**The Sunday of the Resurrection:** Holy Eucharist as well as Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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Music Director: Téa Mamaladze

Reader: Joan Harrison

Intercessor: Elisabeth Dempsey

Server: Susan Burns-Simpson

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