



St Aidan's, Elmvale Acres
The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

*The Sunday of the Passion,
with Liturgy of Palms
April 13, 2025*

*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 181: All Glory, Laud, and Honour

Please process with the Choir to the back of the church, waving your Palms.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day, our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray: Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Palms

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.**

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Luke 19:28-40

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

The Blessing of the Palms

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Follow the Procession back to your seat, as we sing "Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in Excelsis!"

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Isaiah

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

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

Psalm 31.9-16

Have mercy on me, O Lord, **for I am in trouble;**
My eye is consumed with sorrow, **and also my throat and my belly.**
For my life is wasted with grief, **and my years with sighing;**
My strength fails me because of affliction, **and my bones are consumed.**
I have become a reproach to all my enemies **and even to my neighbours,**
A dismay to those of my acquaintance; **when they see me in the street they avoid me.**
I am forgotten like a corpse, out of mind; **I am as useless as a broken pot.**
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; **fear is all around;**
They put their heads together against me; **they plot to take my life.**
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. **I have said, "You are my God."**
My times are in your hand; **rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**
Make your face to shine upon your servant, **and in your loving-kindness save me."**

A Reading from Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

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Gospel Procession: **Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

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Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.' When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.' Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?' Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

Luke 23:1-32

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Homily

The Prayers of the People

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

We pray for Lynn, Warren, Edward, Terence, Lois, Lise, Linda, Emma, Jeff.

The Peace

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

Hymn 182: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. **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.

(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.

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.**

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 our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

May the God of mercy transform you by grace, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 184: My Song is Love Unknown

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Holy Week April 15 – 20, 2025

Tuesday in Holy Week: Contemplative Prayer Service at 12:00 pm

Wednesday in Holy Week: Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

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

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

St Aidan's Lenten Outreach Project - "Let Light Shine" for St George's College, Jerusalem: A big thank you to Debbie Trickey for organizing this year's Lenten Outreach Project. Along with you and Debbie's incredible dove making talent we raised a total of \$680.00 for St George's College, Jerusalem.



Come one, come all to St Aidan's Great Easter Egg Hunt! Join us in the Garden after the 9:30 am liturgy on Easter Sunday, April 20th as we embark on St Aidan's Great Easter Egg Hunt. Nut-free treats and toys only. Can you fill your bag with goodies?

Easter Flowers: You are invited to contribute money towards the Easter Sunday sanctuary flowers. If you would like your loved ones to be listed in the church bulletin, please print their names to the sheet posted in the link by **this** Wednesday, April 15. All monies for flowers must be separate from regular donations and cheques should be made payable to "St. Aidan's Anglican Church". Put your contribution in the special EASTER FLOWER OFFERING envelope located with the sign-up sheet, complete the information on the envelope and place it on the collection plate. *A tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$20 and over.*

Charlie's Final Service with St Aidan's on Sunday, April 27th: Please join us on April 27th at 9:30 am to thank Charlie for their ministry with St Aidan's, and send them onto their final year of Seminary!

Box: There is a Box in St Hilda's room; please fill it with gratitude and best wishes before the end of April.

New Photo Directory: A new edition of our Parish Photo Directory will be produced next month. The photographer will be at the church on May 8th through 10th. Everyone is encouraged to participate, and pets are welcome as well. Every family will receive a free directory and will have the opportunity to order extra photos, although this is entirely optional. Appointments will be assigned after Sunday services on April 13th, 20th and 27th and more information will be provided at those services by the co-ordinators Margaret Bradford and Christine Stecyk.

Monthly Sunday School - May 4th and June 1st! St. Aidan's is starting Sunday School class in Lindisfarne Hall one Sunday every month. The first two sessions are planned for May 4 and June 1. There will be a break for the summer and will start again in September. The curriculum will include Bible stories, crafts, games and discussions. There will be two adult leaders for each session. The children will rejoin their parents in church for communion. We are inviting children between 2 years and 10 years to participate. If you are interested in registering your children or grandchildren, please contact Chris Drinkwater(613-371-0716), Nancy Gover (613-315-5776) or Reverend Rosemary.

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!

Ways to connect with St Aidan's: For all our latest events and activities, subscribe to St Aidan's Weekly E-Newsletter on our website (staidansottawa.com), and follow "St Aidan's, Ottawa" on Facebook and YouTube.

St Aidan's Parish Council Highlights – April 9, 2025

Heating System: Council approved two updates to our heating system (adjustable Hall thermostats and new motor controller), and an annual maintenance contract; these will strengthen our aging system, and reduce our overall heating costs. Special thanks to Chuck for his knowledge and the quotes!

2 Year Review of Parish Day "Whales": James Phillips led a review of our 2023 Parish Day "Whales" (visions for 2028) and Council agreed that we have made good progress in most areas: Social Groups and Activities, Sustainable Volunteerism, Active Music Program, Diversifying Income Sources, Beautifying the Property, and Communications.

St Aidan's Quarterly Financial Update (January-March 2025): St Aidan's Expenditures are on track, with no big surprises. As of March 31st, our Offerings totaled \$40,865; this is lower than the same period in 2024, in part because of the early Easter last year. Thank you for your continued generosity through PAR, E-Transfers, CanadaHelps, and other donations. Your support enables our beloved St Aidan's community to focus on the mission of Christ!