

St Aidan's, Elmvale

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

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 88: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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.

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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

God of unveiled truth, in times of darkened sun and waning moon, lift up our hearts and waken our love to announce the coming dawn of unexpected peace; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.
ISAIAH 64:1-9
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; **shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, **stir up your strength and come to help us.**
Restore us, O God of hosts; **show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
O Lord God of hosts, **how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**
You have fed them with the bread of tears; **you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**
You have made us the derision of our neighbours, **and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
Restore us, O God of hosts; **show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
They burn it with fire like rubbish; **at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**
Let your hand be upon the one at your side in honour, **the one you have made so strong for yourself.**
And so will we never turn away from you; **give us life, that we may call upon your name.**

A Reading from First Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Procession: **Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!**

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."
MARK 13:24-37
The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Creed Hymn 44 (Tune 35)

The Prayers of the People

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

We pray for Lynn, Jenn, Kathryn, Chris, Bill, Jennifer, Sharron, Sarah, Melissa, Otto.

We give thanks for the life of Warren Trickey, beloved husband of Debbie Trickey.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Hymn 91: People, Look East! The Time is Near

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of 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.

(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.***

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

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: 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 for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the 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.

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Hymn 89: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

Postponed Until 2027 - Coping with Grief and Loss Workshop: Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the workshop has been postponed until later in 2027.

St Aidan's 2026 Advent Outreach Project for the Scouts! In the new year, the 101st Scouting Group will go on their annual Winter Camping Trip. To celebrate our 65 year relationship, St Aidan's is sponsoring the rental cost for 2 Cabins ($800-900 total)! Please put any donations inside the special "2026 Advent Outreach Project" envelopes and place them on the Offertory Plate between November 29 and December 20. The mini-Cabins in the Link will be built Log by Log, based on your generosity!

Ordination of St Aidan's 2024-2025 Theological Student, Charlie Scromeda: It is Bishop Kathryn's intention, God willing, to ordain Charlie Scromeda and John Becvar transitional deacons at Christ Church Cathedral on December 12, 2026 at 11:00 am. All are welcome!

St Aidan's 2026-2027 Book Study: Next meeting is Saturday, December 5th at 10:00am.

St Aidan's Monthly Sunday School! Sunday School will be held in the Hall on the 2nd Sunday of each month: December 13th.

Advent Devotional: Our Advent Devotional Booklet from Luther Seminary is available in the Shelf in the Link. Enjoy!

Advent Labyrinth Walk - December 16 at 5:00 pm: As we near the shortest day of the year and prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ, come and walk St Aidan's Labyrinth on Wednesday, December 16, at 5:00 pm.

Blessing of St Aidan's Nativity Set - December 20 at 9:30 am: For St Aidan's 2026 Advent Play, we will share St Aidan's beautiful new Nativity Set, hear the story of those gathered at the Manger, and ask God to bless our Nativity Set. All are welcome--the young and young at heart!

Cornerstone, St Aidan's and Toiletries: Eight large boxes of toiletries have been delivered to Cornerstone since the permanent collection point next to the food barrel was established. The toiletries are very much appreciated by the 165 women in the Cornerstone Emergency Shelter and the 160 women who live in four Cornerstone supportive housing units. Well done to all who have participated in making these deliveries possible.

All are welcome on Wednesdays for BCP Eucharist at 10:00 am, and/or Coffee Time at 10:30 am!

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Intercessor: Leslie MacDonald-Hicks
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