

*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 350: Stand Up and Bless the Lord

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.**

God of Israel, giver of love's law: liberate us from all that numbs compassion, so that we may find in your commands light undimmed and flavour undiminished; through Jesus Christ, fulfiller of the law. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Isaiah

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

ISAIAH 58:1-9A

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

Psalms 112:1-9

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord **and have great delight in the divine commandments!**

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; **the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house, **and their righteousness will last for ever.**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; **the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending **and to manage their affairs with justice.**

For they will never be shaken; **the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; **their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.**

Their heart is established and will not shrink, **until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor,

and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.

A Reading from First Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness

and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12

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Gospel Procession: Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell in you.

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:13-20

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

Homily

Creed Hymn 44

The Prayers of the People

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

We pray for Lynn, Sandra, Karen, Linda, Sharron, Ian, Katie, Faith, Meredith.

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 548: Eye Has Not Seen, Ear Has Not Heard

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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

Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus 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.

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 502: You Are Salt for the Earth

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

A fantastic Filipino Fiesta: A huge thanks to Scott, Pam, Nancy, Paul, and their families--you filled our bellies, and warmed our hearts!

Tickets Now On Sale: St Aidan's Annual Pancake Supper will be held Tuesday, February 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 6-12, under 6 are free. Tickets can be purchased after the 9:30 liturgy or from the church office during the week. Sign up sheets are posted on the main bulletin board to donate food items and/or help. Note: Gluten-free pancakes will be available.

Final Diocesan Parishes Zoom Book Study on Tuesday, February 10th: St. Aidan's, St. Margaret's, Christ Church, and St. Mark's are offering a 4-week Zoom Study about Contextual Mission, based on the book, "The Unfolding Gospel." Please speak with Chuck Adamson or Rev. Rosemary if you would like the Zoom Link.

Returning Palm Crosses: Please bring back your Palm Crosses from previous years by next Sunday, February 15th; these Palm Crosses will then be turned into ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday: St Aidan's Ash Wednesday Service will take place next Wednesday, February 18 at 10:00 am; we will offer the Imposition of Ashes, and celebrate the Eucharist together.

St Aidan's Book Study on "Desire of the Everlasting Hills": Next session February 21st.

Annual Vestry Meeting: Please join St Aidan's for our Annual General Meeting (Vestry) after the 9:30 service Sunday, February 22nd! You are eligible to vote at Vestry if you are 16 years of age or older, a regular worshipper at St Aidan's, do not intend to vote at another congregation's Vestry this year, and make regular financial contributions to this parish. All who care about St Aidan's are encouraged to attend.

New to St Aidan's? Thank you for joining St Aidan's on our journey of faith together; your presence is a blessing from God! If you would like to receive St Aidan's Weekly e-newsletter or get more involved, please speak with Rev. Rosemary or our Greeters, and complete a "New Parishioner" form.

St Aidan's Sunday School: Our next gathering is March 1st at 9:30 am, in Lindisfarne Hall!

Ways to Give:

- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAR): To join PAR or change your amount, contact St Aidan's Office for the PAR form.
- E-Transfer: Through your online banking, send an e-Transfer to staidans.ottawa@outlook.com.
- Pew or Box Envelope: Be sure to write your Name and Address on the Envelope, so we can record it properly.
- Canada Helps: Visit canadahelps.org, and donate to "St. Aidan's Anglican Church, Ottawa".
- Donations of Securities, or to Endowment Fund: Speak with Rev. Rosemary or Margaret Bradford.

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: Joan Harrison
Intercessor: James Phillips
Server: Chris Brown
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