Reign of Christ November 23, 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 451: King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You

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 unbroken weakness, you scorn our lust for power. Keep us faithful to Jesus Christ, crucified and victorious, in whose authority we dare to speak your truth, even in the face of injustice and death. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. Thanks be to God.

The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies,

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

A Reading from Colossians

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

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Gospel Procession: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, 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.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

LUKE 23:33-43

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

Homily

Creed Hymn 44 Tune 44

The Prayers of the People

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

We pray for Lynn, Ruth, David, Sylvy, Jane, Meredith, Sandra, Judy, Karen, Linda.

We give thanks for the life of Ivy Wicker, beloved aunt of Bill and Linda Wicker.

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

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 453: Living Lord of Love's Dominion

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name 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

I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst. **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

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

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this 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.

May Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God.

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

Advent Retreat - Saturday, November 29 from 9:30-12:00: As we ready our hearts for Advent, the Season of Preparation for Christ's Birth, join St Aidan's for a gentle morning of prayer, crafts, tidying, reading, and/or a puzzle, too.

Yuletide Bazaar: A big thank you to everyone for making the Bazaar a great success not only financially but also in community spirit. It couldn't have been done without all of your contributions of goods and time and energy. A special thank you to Stephen Talbot whose leadership was so important in the smooth set up, take down and clean up before and after the Bazaar. The final financial results are not yet complete (still some items to be picked up and some expenses to be claimed) but the income will be over \$11,000!

Thank you on behalf of the Stewardship Committee: I congratulate all on another successful pledge campaign. This annual exercise is important in giving everyone an opportunity to reflect on what St Aidan's means to them, and, to renew their commitment for another year. You could be thankful for the support you receive while passing through a difficulty time in your life, the beautiful music, the fellowship, our outreach programs, or even Rev. Rosemary's homilies! This campaign we had 36 parishioners renew their support for the parish. This was 2/3 of our regular Sunday attendees. Thank you very much. As you know, pre-authorized remittances are a secure and convenient way to provide your financial support to the ministries of St Aidan's. This year five people increased their monthly PAR contributions for next year. This is a great result. The members of the Stewardship Committee are Kathryn Noel, Phil Charko and Reverend Rosemary Parker. We thank you for your support.

Pageant Volunteers Needed: Seeking budding actors or anyone who just wants to be part of something special. This year's Christmas pageant, The Best Christmas Pageant Never, requires 15 or more folks to help tell the nativity story. There are smaller speaking parts (a line or two) or larger speaking parts. Everyone is welcome. Rehearsals will be after Sunday service beginning next week. Please speak with Leslie MacDonald-Hicks or contact her at macdonaldhicks@proton.me or 613-220-6884.

Neighbourhood Bible Study: Join our local churches as we explore Women in the Bible, every Wednesday at 1:00 pm in November. Our last session will be held on November 26th at Martin Luther.

St Aidan's 2025 Advent Project starts on November 30th: Decorate a box any size and fill it or add your items to one of the decorated boxes at the church. If you are unable to shop and wish to make a cash donation we can shop for you. Suggested items are pancake mix & syrup, candy, jams, cake mix and icing, biscuit, muffin & cookie mixes, cookies, crackers, chocolate, hot chocolate mix, and dessert mixes. Unfortunately, due to health regulations homemade items cannot be used. One item that they find is hardest for them to collect and most in need is shampoo & conditioner. For further information, please contact Debbie Trickey at 613-797-5219 or dwtrickey@rogers.com.

St Aidan's Book Study on "Desire of the Everlasting Hills": Next session TBD!

St Aidan's Sunday School: Our next gathering is December 7th at 9:30 am, in Lindisfarne Hall!

Parish Council Highlights: November 2025

- **-Looking Cool in Blue!** St Aidan's Merchandise was a huge hit--a total of 55 items were ordered, and if there is interest for another 24 items, we might even do another order in the new year. Thanks again to Debbie!
- **-2025 Yuletide Bazaar**: Council was delighted to hear that our volunteers had a great experience at the Bazaar--everyone was cheerful, supportive, and enjoyed working with one another. That kind of fellowship is priceless!
- **-Endowment Fund**: Council approved an updated Terms of Reference document for St Aidan's Endowment Fund. Thanks to the generosity of past and present parishioners, the Fund currently has over \$50,000; this then generates annual dividends which are used to support St Aidan's ministries and mission. To learn more about supporting the Fund, speak with Phil Charko, Peter Martin, Margaret Bradford, or Rev. Rosemary.

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