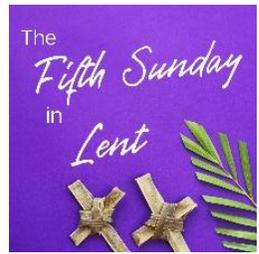


St Aidan's, Elmvale Acres

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa



March 22, 2026

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 606: There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

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.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. **God's mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

God of compassion, you call us out of the bindings of death on this, our resurrection day: make us ready to surrender the fear in which we hide to step into your future alive and unashamed; through Jesus Christ, the life of the world. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. " I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I,

the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

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

Psalm 130

Out of the depths **have I called you, O Lord;**

Lord, hear my voice; **let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, **O Lord, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you; **therefore you shall be feared.**

I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits for you; **in your word is my hope.**

My soul waits for you, O Lord, **more than sentinels for the morning, more than sentinels for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, **for with the Lord there is mercy;**

With whom there is plenteous redemption, **and who shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

A Reading from Romans

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

ROMANS 8:6-11

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

Gospel Procession: **Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.**

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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 a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here,

my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

JOHN 11:1-45

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

Homily

Creed Hymn 44 (Tune 35)

The Prayers of the People

Response: God of our salvation, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Lynn, Sandra, Sharron, Katie, Meredith, Joyce, Ronald, Rita, Lorna.

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

Hymn 489: From the Falter of Breath

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living. **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

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: 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 of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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 306: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

Scent Awareness: To ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all, St Aidan's strives to be a scent-reduced zone. Please be mindful of strong Perfumes, Colognes, and Personal Products.

Status of the Lent Project: Arch Street School Clothing Drive: The generosity of the Parish has been phenomenal! We will continue to collect indoor clothing and cash donations until Palm Sunday, March 29th with the plan to make the last delivery of clothing to the school after Easter.

Lenten Coin Challenge: The Wednesday Gang would like to challenge everyone to give up a dollar a day throughout Lent and will provide you with a coin jar to collect your givings for our Parish. Put your name on your jar and we will make sure that you get a charitable donation receipt as well. Jars are available and should be returned during Holy Week.

Joint Lenten Bible Study: Join St Aidan's and Martin Luther Church as we explore the Sunday Gospel readings! Every Thursday in March at 11:00 am our last session takes place on March 26 at St Aidan's.

St Aidan's Book Study on "Desire of the Everlasting Hills: The book study finished yesterday with the final chapter titled "The World After Jesus". We have traveled through the two gospels of Matthew and Mark with a short detour to talk about Mary, the mother of Jesus. We then spent two sessions trying to become familiar with Paul and the epistles, touched on Luke, looked at the crucifixion, resurrection and ascension in Acts and finally meet Jesus in the Gospel of John. It has been a whirlwind trip and very worthwhile. These types of book studios are recommended for anyone wishing to understand more about their Christian faith.

Baptisms: If you or a loved one are interested in being baptized soon, please speak with Rev. Rosemary!



Come one, come all to St Aidan's Great Easter Egg Hunt! Join us in the Garden after the 9:30 am liturgy and Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 5th as we embark on St Aidan's Great Easter Egg Hunt. Nut-free treats and toys only. Can you fill your bag with goodies?

St Aidan's Alpha Course: St Aidan is offering an Alpha Course! This course is designed for those who are new to Christianity, or exploring their faith. From April 21 to June 9, we will meet every Tuesday at 5:30 pm for dinner, videos, and discussion. If you are interested, speak with James Phillips or Rev. Rosemary.

Your Help Requested: Last month Vestry passed a motion asking all parishioners to connect with their networks to promote St Aidan's as a potential location for long term rentals. With an ambitious target for rental income, your help is needed to reach our goal. A one-page poster is available that you can use to talk to your friends.

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 Wednesday, April 1st. 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.*

Parish Council Highlights: March 2026

- Thanks to your generous support of St Aidan's, our total Offerings are up by \$3360 compared to the same time last year. Your prayerful contributions enable St Aidan's worship, ministries, and mission to thrive.
- Council is grateful to God for the vibrant ministries enriching St Aidan's, like the Next Gen Bake Sale, the Alpha Course, the Book and Bible Studies, Coffee Times, and many more. There is a great vibe at St Aidan's!
- At Vestry in February, we had a good discussion about St Aidan's financial cycle, and how and when to update the parish so we can avoid an end-of-the-year push. Based on this feedback, Council plans to offer additional Verbal Announcements in April, June, and early fall.



March 29 – April 5, 2026

Palm Sunday: Choral Eucharist with the Liturgy of the Palms at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday in Holy Week: Morning Prayer Service at 7:00 a.m.

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 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.

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

Celebrant: Rev. Rosemary Parker
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Music Director: Téa Mamaladze
Reader: Linda Balke
Intercessor: Kathryn Noel
Server: Chris Brown
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Greeter: Linda Balke
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