

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 628 v. 1-6: O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
May his grace and peace be with you. **May he fill our hearts with joy!**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, 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 Acts

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

ACTS 8:26-40

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

Psalm 22:24-30

For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither turns away from them;

when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.

My praise is of God in the great assembly; **I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: **"May your heart live for ever!"**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, **and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.**

For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, **who rules over the nations.**

To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; **all who go down to the dust fall before God.**

My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God; **they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

A Reading from First John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No

one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

1 JOHN 4:7-21

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

Gospel Procession: 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 John. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

JOHN 15:1-8

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

Gospel Procession: Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Homily

Creed Hymn 44 (Tune 425)

The Prayers of the People

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

We pray for Rosemary, Lynn, Faith, Terence, Warren, Jaqueline, Blair, Nadine, Ian, Christine, Lela, June.

We give thanks for the life of Erwino Hari, beloved grandfather of Mikayla Pickering

The Peace

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

Hymn 60: I Come with Joy

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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, 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. [...]

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

Lord, we died with you on the cross. **Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb. **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

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 of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, 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 Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Hymn 368: He Came Down

After the Service: Everyone is invited to Coffee Time in Lindisfarne Hall for food and fellowship.

St Aidan's Ministry Fair: All are invited to attend the St. Aidan's Ministry Fair **today** after the 9:30 service. Join us to learn about parish organizations and volunteer opportunities. Continental breakfast will be provided!

Rev. Rosemary's Sabbatical - May to August: She sends her blessings for the summer, and can't wait to everyone again this September!

A warm welcome to Rev. Canon David Clunie! He begins at St Aidan's on Wednesday May 1st, and will lead the 10:00 am BCP Eucharist that morning. Canon David will celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and Wednesdays in May and June, then return in August to lead the Sunday Eucharist at 9:30 am. In July, our Lay Reader, Nancy Gover, will lead Morning Prayer!

Pastoral Emergencies and Parish Matters - May to August: Please contact our Wardens, Nancy Gover (613-315-5776), Claire Chapdelaine (613-255-7151), or Chuck Adamson (613-223-3091).

Quarterly Financial Update for St Aidan's: St Aidan's has received 81% of the Offerings budgeted for this quarter, and our expenses are on track. Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR, aka monthly automatic withdrawals) have increased every month since January--thank you to all who have joined PAR and/or made increases! The City of Ottawa required us to install a Back-Flow Valve, and that work is now completed. The cost of about \$9000 was covered by a Bequest from the Goodwin family; Legacy Donations to St Aidan's are truly a gift that keeps on giving!

Lower Hall Painting Project: A HUGE thank you to Claire Chapdelaine, Phil Charko, James and Tammy Phillips for painting the Lower Hall! It took several weeks of hard work, and now the Lower Hall is bright and pleasant for our parish and renters!

Help Needed In The Garden: Throughout the summer our courtyard garden needs regular attention. If you can help please contact Joan Harrison at 613 731-0339 or joan.harrison@rogers.com.

Join St Aidan's for our contemplative BCP Eucharist Service, every Wednesday at 10:00 am.

Celebrant: Rev. Rosemary Parker
Music Director: Téa Mamaladze
Reader: Elaine Osborne
Intercessor: Elisabeth Dempsey
Server: Susan Burns-Simpson
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