

*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 447: Lord, We Hear Your Word

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.

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Song of Solomon

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

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

Psalms 45:1-2, 7-10

My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;

my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

You are the fairest of mortals; **grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.**

You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,

and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

The daughters of rulers stand among the ladies of the court; **at your side is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; **forget your people and your father's house.**"

A Reading from James

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

JAMES 1:17-27

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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.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Homily

Affirmation of Faith: Hear, O Israel

Let us affirm our faith in the words of "Hear O Israel,"

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

The Prayers of the People

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

We pray for Rosemary, Lynn, Faith, Warren, Nadine, Ian, Christine, Lela, Ruth, Terence.

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. On 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

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

Hymn 307: When Long Before Time

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. 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.

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 to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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 renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ Our Lord, and the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 371: To God Be the Glory

New Office Hours: Starting September 2nd office hours will be as following, Wednesday 9:00 am to noon, then Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We can always be reached by email at staidans@bellnet.ca or by phone at 613 733-0102 feel free to leave us a message. For pastoral emergencies, Rev. Rosemary can be reached 24/7 at 613-733-1509.

St Aidan's Day with Blessing of the Bags: On St Aidan's Day Sunday, September 8th at 9:30 am, everyone is invited to bring a bag to be blessed during our normal Sunday Service! The bag can be your Lunch Box, Briefcase, Backpack, Tote Bag, Bike Pannier, or Grocery Cart--whatever you carry with you in your day-to-day travels to work, school, church, library, and beyond. After the St Aidan's Day service, join us in Lindisfarne Hall for refreshments!

Wednesday Services: Our weekly Contemplative BCP Eucharist will resume Wednesday, September 25th at 10:00 am—all are welcome!

Yuletide Bazaar: The date for this year November 2. Please mark your calendar. This is an important event for us both for community building and fundraising. We hope that everyone can come out and have a great time. There will be both an Online Auction and a Silent Auction in- person on the day of the Bazaar and we will be looking for quality items for these Auctions. Kathryn Noel (kathrynrnoel@outlook.com) will be convening the in-person Silent Auction and Leslie MacDonald-Hicks (macdonaldhicks@gmail.com) will be in charge of the Online Auction. Please feel free to contact either of them if you have questions or items to donate. Thank you in advance for all those making jams or preserves for the Bazaar. There are some jars available at the church (mostly 500 ml or larger) which may be picked up in the Choir room.

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