

*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 482: Come and Journey with a Saviour

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.**

Lord of the teasing riddle, whose questions undo our certainty and set us on a different path: give us a heart of passion, a searching mind, gentle strength of body and unseen depths of soul, so that we might love you wholly and our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, the law of grace. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Deuteronomy

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

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

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our refuge **from one generation to another.**
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, **from age to age you are God.**
You turn us back to the dust and say, **"Go back, O child of earth."**
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past **and like a watch in the night.**
You sweep us away like a dream; **we fade away suddenly like the grass.**
In the morning it is green and flourishes; **in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? **Be gracious to your servants.**
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; **so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**
Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us **and the years in which we suffered adversity.**
Show your servants your works **and your splendour to their children.**
May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; **prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

A Reading from First Thessalonians

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

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Gospel Procession: **In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord, I will rejoice!**

Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near!

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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 Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

MATTHEW 22:34-46

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

Sermon

Creed Hymn 44

The Prayers of the People

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

We pray for Lynn, Sandra, Terence, Laurie, Jennifer, Kathryn, Chris, Ronald, Bill, Jennifer, Sharron.

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 494: Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread. **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; 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.

May our Creator, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour God's blessing upon all things created, and upon you God's children, that you may use these gifts to God's glory and the welfare of all peoples; 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 460: Lord, the Light of your Love is Shining

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

Welcome to today's Guest Preacher, Rev. Canon Hilary Murray: St Aidan's is delighted to welcome the Reverend Canon Hilary Murray as our Guest Preacher today. Canon Hilary serves as the Clinical Chaplain for Cornerstone Housing for Women, which is one of the Community Ministries of our Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. She also has extensive training and experience in social work, spiritual care, and mental health. Thank you to Canon Hilary for visiting St Aidan's! *To support Cornerstone Housing for Women, please visit their website: cornerstonewomen.ca*

Warm Hearts, Warm Church Campaign: Thanks to all who have generously supported our Campaign through prayer and donations! As of October 18th, we have raised a total of **\$66,088.73** (actual received: **\$51,008.73**, pledged: **\$15,000**) towards the goal of **\$61,944.34**. Any surplus funds enable St Aidan's to respond to unexpected changes with the project.

St Aidan's Mission: Christ's mission is St Aidan's mission! But what do we have at our disposal to carry out that mission? Join us during coffee time next Sunday, November 1st to brainstorm our physical, economic, people, congregation, and partnership assets. If you know someone who you think has detailed knowledge

of the parish or our church building, please invite them to participate.

Fall Clean Up Day - November 7 at 12:00 pm: Please bring your rakes, gloves, and yard bags, as St Aidan's rakes up our leaves and prepares our property for winter!

Yuletide Bazaar: The Bazaar is coming up quickly. Only 3 weeks away. Volunteers are needed in many areas. The Bazaar is a great way to get to know fellow parishioners and is a lot of fun. Sign up on the board in the link or contact Chris Drinkwater (613-371-0716) for more information. The online Auction "goes live" on Sunday November 1 at 8 am. You can access the Auction through the website (staidansottawa.com) as of that date. There will be some great items to bid on. Tell all your friends and neighbours! Containers for baked goods are available outside Lindisfarne Hall. Please pick up what you need.

St Aidan's Monthly Sunday School! Sunday School will be held in the Hall on the 2nd Sunday of each month: November 8th.

NEW DATE - Coping with Grief and Loss Workshop: Saturday, November 28 at 10:00 am. Join St Aidan's and volunteers from Epiphany as we learn about life after loss, and reflect together on how to live with grief. If you are interested or plan to attend, please let Rev. Rosemary know.

Parish Council Highlights - October 2026

-Heating Project: (i) A temporary "house furnace" has been installed in the church, so the temperature is much more comfortable! Debbie Trickey also kindly provided some blankets for all to use. (ii) Next week, one part of our Heating Project will be completed: the installation of new electronic valves in the two Halls, so we can better control the temperature and be more energy efficient overall. (iii) The original manufacturing plan for the custom Fan Unit is no longer an option, so Shields is working with a new manufacturer to finalize a plan for us. As soon as that is ready to go, the timeline will begin.

-Christmas Carol Sing: Plans are underway for our beloved community event in support of Heron Emergency Food Centre, which will be held on December 12th!

-Coffee Time: A big Thank You to Ruth Alberts, who is our new Coffee Time Coordinator. She has recruited several Volunteer Teams, who are assigned to take care of all the coffee, tea, set-up, and clean-up each week. Please thank our Volunteers for doing this ministry, and if you want to help out, be sure to ask first before doing their assigned tasks or entering the kitchen.

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

Celebrant: Rev. Rosemary Parker
Preacher: Rev. Canon Hilary Murray
Music Director: Téa Mamaladze
Reader: Stephen Cudmore
Intercessor: James Phillips
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