St Aidan's, Elmvale

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

The Reign of Christ

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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 378: Crown Him with Many Crowns

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.

Good Shepherd, your power was revealed when you raised Christ from the dead and seated him in honour at your side. Grant that we may always give you thanks for your immeasurable love and show that gratitude in loving service to all our brothers and sisters; through Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Ezekiel

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.
EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, **all you lands;**
Serve the Lord with gladness **and come into the divine presence with a song.**
Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God; the One made us and to whom we belong;
we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving; go into these courts with praise;
give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.
For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting; **and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

A Reading from Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this

power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
EPHESIANS 1:15-23
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."
MATTHEW 25:31-46
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, Jenn, Kathryn, Chris, Bill, Jennifer, Sharron, Gail, Sarah, Melissa, Warren, Otto, Ronald.

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.**

381: Praise, My Soul

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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

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.**

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 the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's 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 505: Be Thou My Vision

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

St Aidan's Asks First: As St Aidan's fosters a joyful and sustainable volunteer ministry, remember this Holy Habit: St Aidan's Asks First. At St Aidan's, we Ask First before helping someone else with their assigned task. In our parish, we Ask First when we need help, ourselves!

St Aidan's Yuletide Bazaar: Thank you everyone who made this year's Bazaar such a success. So many participated donating your expertise, time, energy and treasures. You also spread the word and many people from the community came out. It was a great event. Over $11,000 was raised. There will be a "Bazaar Wrap Up" meeting on Sunday November 29 in the Narthex after church. Please come out to discuss how things went and any ideas for next year.

Coping with Grief and Loss Workshop: Next 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.

St Aidan's 2026 Advent Outreach Project for the Scouts! In the new year, the 101st Scouting Group will go on their annual Winter Camping Trip. To celebrate our 65 year relationship, St Aidan's is sponsoring the rental cost for 2 Cabins ($800-900 total)! Please put any donations inside the special "2026 Advent Outreach Project" envelopes and place them on the Offertory Plate between November 29 and December 20. The mini-Cabins in the Link will be built Log by Log, based on your generosity!

Ordination of St Aidan's 2024-2025 Theological Student, Charlie Scromeda: It is Bishop Kathryn's intention, God willing, to ordain Charlie Scromeda and John Becvar transitional deacons at Christ Church Cathedral on December 12, 2026 at 11:00 am. All are welcome!

St Aidan's 2026-2027 Book Study: Next meeting is Saturday, December 5th at 10:00am.

St Aidan's Monthly Sunday School! Sunday School will be held in the Hall on the 2nd Sunday of each month: December 13th.

Parish Council Highlights

1. Peter Martin briefed on the successful launch of the book study program. There were 14 participants that engaged in a lively discussion of the first two chapters.
2. An update on the furnace project was provided. Phase 1 the project, ie. The hall side valve replacement and electronic controllers installation, should be completed this week.
3. A discussion was held on how to encourage a positive environment for parish volunteers. A number of ideas were developed that will require further consideration.

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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Intercessor: Irene Fonte
Server: Katherine Banda
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