

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

Candlemas Procession

After announcements, please proceed to the Narthex to receive a candle and begin our procession.

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the Incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

Let us pray. O eternal God, who has created all things; on this day you fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon: We humbly ask you to bless and sanctify these candles for our use. Graciously hear our prayers and be merciful to us, whom you have redeemed by your Son, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We light our candles and follow the choir in procession back to our seats.

Hymn 314: Sing Praises, All You Peoples

Sing praises, all you peoples,
sing praises to the Lord. *(repeat)*

O God, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. **Amen**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Malachi

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

MALACHI 3:1-4

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

Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, **O Lord of hosts!**

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; **my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow has found her a house **and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;**

By the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, **my Sovereign and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! **They will always be praising you.**

Happy are the people whose strength is in you, **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way!**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, **and you, the God of gods, will reveal yourself in Zion.**

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; **hearken, O God of Jacob.**

Behold our defender, O God; **and look upon the face of your anointed.**

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,

and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For you, Lord God, are both sun and shield; **you will give grace and glory;**

No good thing will you withhold, O Lord, **from those who walk with integrity.**

O Lord of hosts, **happy are they who put their trust in you!**

A Reading from Hebrews

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

HEBREWS 2:14-18

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

Gospel Procession: **Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell in you.**

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

LUKE 2:22-40

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

Gospel Procession: **Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell in you.**

Homily

Creed Hymn 44

The Prayers of the People

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

We pray for Lynn, Warren, Valerie, Christopher, Edward.

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 508: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same 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, 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

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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 for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Hymn 627: The Voice of God Goes Out

St Aidan's Next Generation - Free Community Meal! St Aidan's Next Generation is a new Young Adult Group in our parish. As their inaugural activity, St Aidan's Next Generation is organizing a Free Community Meal **next** Sunday, February 9th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend and support the Next Gen!

St Aidan's Cold hands, Warm Hearts winter clothing drive 2025: The Heron Emergency Shelter is in dire need of winter clothing for their residents in crisis. With client turn over of those coming into shelter and those leaving into housing, the need is constantly there. **Heron has specific instructions on what they need, so please take an "Item Sheet" from the Foyer and review the details before purchasing.** Please contact Lise at lgervais07@gmail.com for more information. Please bring your items to the church **next** Sunday, February 9th.

Annual Vestry Meeting: Please join St Aidan's for our Annual General Meeting (Vestry) after the 9:30 service on Sunday, February 23rd! **If you are responsible for preparing a report for an area of parish ministry, please send your report via email to the church office at staidans@bellnet.ca by next Monday, February 10th.**

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