



St Aidan's, Elmvale Acres

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 1, 2024

*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 88: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

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

Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, **I lift up my soul;**

My God, I put my trust in you; **let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame; **let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, **and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me, **for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, **for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright are you, O Lord; **therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You guide the humble in doing right **and teach your way to the lowly.**

A Reading from First Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

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

Gospel Procession: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

LUKE 21:25-36

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

Gospel Procession: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Homily

Creed Hymn 44

Tune 35

The Prayers of the People

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

We pray for Lynn, Faith, Warren, Erma, Kevin, Rob, Jamieson, Ivan, Christine, Rick, Nikolas, Violet, Enid.

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 89 (Verses 1-4): O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. 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.

(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.

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

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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 for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 91: People, Look East! The Time is Near

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

2024 Advent Outreach Project: Once again St Aidan's, St Thomas and new to the team Emmanuel United are being asked to put together gift bags. At St Aidan's we are responsible for putting together 50 gift bags for the senior women at the Russell Road building. See our Handout with this year's Gift Bag Instructions or visit www.staidansottawa.com for all of the details!

Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Movement: A warm welcome is extended to all in the community to join us for a prayer & praise worship service being held **Sunday, December 1st** at 3 pm at St. Aidan's.

St Aidan's Annual Community Christmas Concert: Will take place Saturday, December 14th at 7 p.m. Enjoy an evening of Christmas carols in the church with special guest performers. All are encouraged to bring friends and neighbours. Freewill offering to the Heron Emergency Food Centre.

Advent Healing Service - Wednesday, December 18th at 5:30 pm: An evening Advent Healing Service with music by Téa Mamaladze, for those of us who are experiencing grief, loneliness, sickness, or despair this Advent season.

Christmas Memorial Flowers and Decorations: You are invited to contribute money towards the flowers and decorations in the sanctuary this Christmas. If you would like your loved ones to be listed in the church bulletin on Christmas Eve, please add their names to the sheet posted in the link by **Wednesday December 18**. All monies for flowers must be separate from regular donations and cheques should be made payable to "St. Aidan's Anglican Church". Put your contribution in the special CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING envelope located with the sign-up sheet, complete the information on the envelope and place it on the collection plate. *A tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$20 and over.*

**Goal to balance 2024 Budget:
52,500 and beyond!**



Weekly Financial Update: As of November 24th, St Aidan's has received \$9,969 towards our goal of \$52,500 (including the November PAR donations); \$42,531 is still needed to balance our 2024 budget. Wonderful news, though: **for any offerings raised above \$40,600, a very generous family will match every donation dollar to dollar to a maximum of \$10,000!**

Celebrant: Rev. Rosemary Parker
Theology Student: Charlie Scromeda
Music Director: Téa Mamaladze
Reader: Elisabeth Dempsey
Intercessor: Irene Fonte
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