

*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 569:** Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
May his grace and peace be with you. **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

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.**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, 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 Acts

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

ACTS 7:55-60

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

### Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; **deliver me in your righteousness.**  
Incline your ear to me; **make haste to deliver me.**  
Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, **for you are my crag and my stronghold;**  
For the sake of your name, **lead me and guide me.**  
Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, **for you are my tower of strength.**  
Into your hands I commend my spirit, **for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**  
My times are in your hand; **rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**  
Make your face to shine upon your servant, **and in your loving-kindness save me."**

### A Reading from First Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 PETER 2:2-10

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

Gospel Procession: **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 John. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

J Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

JOHN 14:1-14

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

Gospel Procession: **Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Homily

**Creed Hymn 44 (Tune 425)**

The Prayers of the People

*Response:* Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

*We pray for Lynn, Sandra, Sharron, Joyce, Ronald, Lorna, Francilien, Meredith, Maureen, Terence.*

The Peace

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

**Hymn 225:** Come Away to the Skies

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**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer Three

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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;

we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb, who has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again, he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven,  
we sing our joyful hymn of praise 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. Hosanna in the highest. [...]*

Therefore, Father, according to his command, **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; [...]**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are 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

Lord, we died with you on the cross. **Now we are raised to new life.**  
We were buried in your tomb. **Now we share in your resurrection.**  
Live in us, that we may live in you.

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 of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, 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 Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Hymn 371: To God Be the Glory**

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

**St Aidan's Monthly Sunday School today:** All children and grandchildren will gather with our two leaders at the start of the service and return for Communion. Parents/Guardians: please be sure to complete the Sunday School Registration form.

**Spring Blessings:** It's that time of year again where we have the opportunity to express what or who we are thankful for. You are invited to purchase a tulip for \$25 and express your thoughts. Tulips will be on sale the first four Sundays in May or through the church office. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations.

**Red Dress Day:** May 5 is Red Dress Day, the National Day of Awareness and Remembrance for the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirit People. This ongoing crisis is a direct result of colonization, which our own Anglican Church of Canada supported through Residential and Day Schools. To help raise awareness, St Aidan's has displayed Red Dresses outside; we also invite everyone to wear red on Tuesday, and read more about this crisis faced by the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

**Ordination and Consecration of our New Bishop of Ottawa:** On May 9th at 10:30 am at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St), the Venerable Kathryn Anne Otley will be ordained and consecrated a Bishop in the Church of God! All are welcome to attend, or watch on Youtube (search "Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa").

**Pentecost Sunday - May 24, 2026: To mark the Birthday of the Church, St Aidan's is looking for:**

- (i) People who speak multiple languages, to participate in the Worship Service.
- (ii) People with different talents (Artists, Musicians, Dancers, Jugglers, whatever!) to do a special display during our Joint Coffee Time with Martin Luther Church. The theme is the Fire of the Holy Spirit!

***Please sign up on the Bulletin Board, and speak to Rev. Rosemary to learn more!***

**Doors Open Ottawa - Saturday, June 6 from 10:00-4:00 at St Aidan's!** That day, St Aidan's will be open to the Public as part of the wider Doors Open Ottawa initiative. We need volunteers to be Hosts throughout the day, and welcome folks as they explore our beloved space. Please sign-up on the Bulletin Board!

**Garden Ministry:** Do you love gardening, or spending time outside? We are looking for volunteers to care for St Aidan's Garden this summer; you will work in pairs for about 1 hour, every 2 or 3 weeks. Please speak with our Warden, Claire Chapdelaine, to learn more.

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

Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Anne Quick  
Preacher: Rev. Rosemary Parker  
Music Director: Téa Mamaladze  
Reader: James Phillips  
Intercessor: Les Cooper  
Server: Nancy Gover  
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