

St Aidan's, Elmvale Acres

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa



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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 446: Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. **God's mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

God of grace, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of

oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

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

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; **I shall not be in want.**

You make me lie down in green pastures **and lead me beside still waters.**

You revive my soul **and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, **I shall fear no evil;**

For you are with me; **your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me **in the presence of those who trouble me;**

You have anointed my head with oil, **and my cup is running over.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, **and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

A Reading from Ephesians

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

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Gospel Procession: **Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.**

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to be-come his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are

his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

JOHN 9:1-41

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

Homily

Creed Hymn 44 (Tune 35)

The Prayers of the People

Response: God of our salvation, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Lynn, Sandra, Sharron, Katie, Meredith, Joyce, Ronald, Rita.

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

Hymn 292: We Cannot Measure How You Heal

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through 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

We break this bread, **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

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: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: 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

Gracious God, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

May the God of mercy transform you by grace, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Hymn 397: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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

St Aidan's Next Generation Bake Sale: Today, St Aidan's Next Gen (Young Adults) is hosting a St Patrick's Day Bake Sale. Your freewill offerings will support our beloved Parish!

Scent Awareness: To ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all, St Aidan's strives to be a scent-reduced zone. Please be mindful of strong Perfumes, Colognes, and Personal Products.

Status of the Lent Project: Arch Street School Clothing Drive: The generosity of the Parish is phenomenal in our efforts to provide clothing for Arch Street {Public School students. We got off to a fast start by the project team going out on a limb and buying and delivering winter clothing to the school even before the start of the project on the Sunday of Vestry. Since then, we have been collecting indoor clothing and cash donations every Sunday and have delivered the first load of clothing to the School on Friday 13 March. We will be continuing to collect donations until Palm Sunday, March 29th with the plan to make the last delivery of clothing to the school after Easter. The Arch Street School staff are extremely pleased with the way we have been supporting their students and send their thanks to all who have contributed to this project.

Lenten Coin Challenge: The Wednesday Gang were recalling the Lenten coin folders of years gone by and have come up with a modern day version to support St Aidan's ministry and mission. They would like to challenge everyone to give up a dollar a day throughout Lent and will provide you with a coin jar to collect your givings for our Parish. Put your name on your jar and we will make sure that you get a charitable donation receipt as well. Jars will be available on Vestry Sunday and should be returned during Holy Week.

Joint Lenten Bible Study: Join St Aidan's and Martin Luther Church as we explore the Sunday Gospel readings! Every Thursday in March at 11:00 am (March 19: Martin Luther, March 26: St Aidan's).

St Aidan's Book Study on "Desire of the Everlasting Hills": Next session March 21st.

St James Leitrim's Irish Céilí: March 21 at 5:00 pm, in Lindisfarne Hall. \$20 e-transfer to stjames@saintjamesleitrim.com. See Janet Talbot for Tickets.

Baptisms: If you or a loved one are interested in being baptized soon, please speak with Rev. Rosemary!

St Aidan's Sunday School: Our next gathering is April 5th at 9:30 am, in Lindisfarne Hall!

St Aidan's Alpha Course: St Aidan is offering an Alpha Course! This course is designed for those who are new to Christianity, or exploring their faith. From April 21 to June 9, we will meet every Tuesday at 5:30 pm for dinner, videos, and discussion. If you are interested, speak with James Phillips or Rev. Rosemary.

Your Help Requested: Last month Vestry passed a motion asking all parishioners to connect with their networks to promote St Aidan's as a potential location for long term rentals. With an ambitious target for rental income, your help is needed to reach our goal. A one-page poster is available that you can use to talk to your friends.

Easter Flowers: You are invited to contribute money towards the Easter Sunday sanctuary flowers. If you would like your loved ones to be listed in the church bulletin, please print their names to the sheet posted in the link by Wednesday, April 1st. 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 EASTER 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.*

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Donations to St Aidan's: Currently, there are 38 parishioners that support St Aidan's through monthly PAR donations. If you are on PAR and would like to increase your donation, there are two options: (i) email our PAR Administrator, Peter Martin (pccmartin678@gmail.com), indicate the new amount, and when you would like it to start. (ii) take a PAR Form from outside St Aidan's Office, and return it under the Office door.



March 29 – April 5, 2026

Palm Sunday: Choral Eucharist with the Liturgy of the Palms at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday in Holy Week: Morning Prayer Service at 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday in Holy Week: Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: The Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 11:00 a.m.

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Holy Eucharist as well as Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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: Donna Robinson
Intercessor: Elisabeth Dempsey
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