

*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 508: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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.

O God, whose word burns like a fire within us: grant us a bold and faithful spirit, so that, in your strength, we may be unafraid to speak your word and follow where you lead; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

EXODUS 3:1-15

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

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the divine name; **make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.**
Sing to the Lord, **sing praises, and speak of all the marvellous works of the Lord.**
Glory in the holy name; **let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**
Search for the strength of the Lord; **continually seek the face of God.**
Remember the marvels the Lord has done, **the wonders and the judgements of the mouth of the Lord,**
O offspring of Abraham the servant of God, **O children of Jacob the chosen of the Lord.**
Israel came into Egypt, **and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.**
The Lord made this people exceedingly fruitful; **making them stronger than their enemies;**

Whose heart God turned, so that they hated this people, **and dealt unjustly with the servants of God.**
O Lord, you sent Moses your servant, **and Aaron whom you had chosen.**
That they might keep your statutes **and observe your laws. Hallelujah!**

A Reading from Romans

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ROMANS 12:9-21

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Gospel Procession (CP376): **Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, 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.**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

MATTHEW 16:21-28

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, Sandra, Joyce, Terence, Olu, David.

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 414: God of the Sparrow

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. 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.

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 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.**

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 renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make God's face shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, and grant you peace. **Amen.**

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

Hymn: Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, Never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, And show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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After worship, join us for Lemonade on the Lawn (or Narthex)! National Capital First Aid is renting Lindsifarne Hall.

Thanks and Blessings to St Aidan's Licensed Lay Reader, Nancy Gover: Thank you to Nancy for officiating Morning Prayer again this summer! As part of her university studies, Nancy is doing a Student Placement at another parish from September to April 2027. Please keep her in your prayers, until we welcome her home next spring!

Church Heating Update: We continue to wait for the final quote to replace the Air Handling unit of the church heating system. The parish will be notified as soon as we have an update! Please speak to Rev. Rosemary, Claire Chapdelaine, Phil Charko, or Kathryn Noel if you have any questions.

Centre 454: The City has told Centre 454 that it must leave its current location by the end of this year to continue receiving financial support. Since opening in 1978, Centre 454 is open daily and has provided essential drop-in services to people experiencing homelessness, including meals, showers, laundry, internet access and secure lockers. Centre 454 is asking for support in requesting an extension to allow more time to find a suitable new location. Please visit belongottawa.ca/blog/centre454advocacy/ to show your support.

Yuletide Bazaar: The Bazaar is Saturday November 14th. Please keep the Bazaar in mind when you are making your jams and preserves this summer. If you are doing any sorting or cleaning of cupboards please remember "The Boutique" for items like jewelry, scarves, purses, belts or other gently used fashion accessories for women or men (no clothing please). Also please think about items for the Silent and Online auctions.

St Aidan's Office: Will be on a flexible schedule until Wednesday September 9th. Voicemail and email will be monitored.

St Aidan's Day with Blessing of the Bags: On St Aidan's Day Sunday, September 13th at 9:30 am, everyone is invited to bring a bag to be blessed during our normal Sunday Service! The bag can be your Lunch Box, Briefcase, Backpack, Tote Bag, Bike Pannier, or Grocery Cart--whatever you carry with you in your day-to-day travels to work, school, church, library, and beyond. After the St Aidan's Day service, join us in Lindisfarne Hall for refreshments!

St Aidan's Sunday School: Our next gathering is September 13 am, in Lindisfarne Hall!

Celebrant: Rev. Rosemary Parker
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