

Creation Season

23rd Sunday after Pentecost



St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
October 27, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Opening: O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

Curtis Beach, 1958, rev. 1980; alt.

New Century Hymnal #558

Ps. 8

1 O how glo - rious, full of won - der is your name o'er all the earth,
2 When we see your lights of heav - en, moon and stars, your power dis - played,
3 You have set us in com - mu - nion with the won - ders of your hand,
4 O how won - drous, O how glo - rious is your name in ev - ery land,

God, who wrought cre - a - tion's splen - dor, bring - ing suns and stars to birth!
Who are we that you should love us, crea - tures that your hand has made?
Made us fly with ea - gle pin - ion, pil - grims o - ver sea and land.
God, whose pur - pose shines be - fore us toward the goal that you have planned!

Rapt in rev - erence we a - dore you, mar - veling at your mys - tic ways.
Born of earth, yet full of yearn - ing, mix - ture strange of good and ill,
Soar - ing spire and ru - ined cit - y, these our hopes and fail - ures show.
Yours the will our hearts are seek - ing, con - scious of our hu - man need.

Hum - bly now we bow be - fore you, lift - ing up our hearts in praise.
From your ways so of - ten turn - ing, yet your love does seek us still.
Teach us more of hu - man pit - y, that we in your im - age grow.
Spir - it in our spir - it speak - ing, make us yours, O God, in - deed.

United Church of Christ minister Curtis Beach submitted this hymn to the editorial committee of the Pilgrim Hymnal (1958). It was one of two psalm paraphrases by Beach to be accepted. The hymn was also included in The Hymnal of the United Church of Christ (1974).

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Traditional Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, c. 1906
Alternate tune: HYMN TO JOY

Opening Acclamation and Prayer of the Directions

Presider Blessed be God who creates all things.
People ***The Holy One's love is new every morning.***

Officiant

We turn to the east, O God, and offer thanks to you whose creative mystery shines in the rising of the sun. May we honor the breath of life that flows through all creation, and the intricate web that connects all things. May the divine mystery open us to new beginnings.

People ***Renew us in the way of love.***

Officiant

We turn to the west, O God, and give thanks to you who laid the course of the sun's setting. May we welcome its waning light and hallow all endings, remembering our own sundown. Open us, we pray, to the transformations of letting go.

People ***Renew us in the way of love.***

Officiant

We turn to the north, O God, with reverence for the living wisdom of your holy ones, especially the Yelamu tribe of the Ramaytush Ohlone people who have lived in vital relationship with this unceded land for thousands of years. Strengthen us to engage the deep work of repair for which the very soil cries out.

People ***Renew us in the way of love.***

Officiant

We turn to the south, O God, and give thanks for your irrepressible joy in our lives. May that joy inspire us to celebrate the dignity and support the flourishing of all creation.

People ***Renew us in the way of love.***

Song of Praise: Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #864, v. 4

4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Creator be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Lector A reading from Job (42:1-6, 10-17).

Job answered the Lord:

“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
‘Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.’
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 34:1-8

The Deacon, Officiant, or Presider introduces the Psalm and reads the Antiphon. All join in reading the bolded text.

Antiphon: Those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

- 1 I will bless our God at all times;* your praise shall ever be in my mouth.***
- 2 I will glory in our God;* let the humble hear and rejoice.***
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Most High;* let us exalt God’s Name together.***
- 4 I sought you, O God, and you answered me* you delivered me out of all my terror.***
- 5 Look upon the Most High and be radiant,* and let not your faces be ashamed.***

6 *I called in my affliction and God heard me* and saved me from all my troubles.*

7 *Your angel, O God, encompasses those who fear you,* and you will deliver them.*

8 *Taste and see that the Holy One is good;* happy are they who trust in God!*

Antiphon: Those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

The Second Reading

Lector A reading from Hebrews (7:23-28).

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Lift Every Voice and Sing #88, vv. 1-3

1. My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of
2. May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -

1. Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine!
2. faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire;
3. round me spread, Be thou my guide;

1. Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt a - way;
2. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
3. Bid dark - ness turn to - day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way;

1. O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.
2. Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire.
3. Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1987). Music: Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Gospel

Deacon
People

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark (10:46-52).
Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaheus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he

cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, O Christ**

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephen Siptroth

Silence *After the sermon, a bell will sound to mark a period of silence. The bell will sound a second time to mark the conclusion of this time.*

Prayers of the People

Officiant

In his book, *Spirit Wheel*, Steven Charleston, a citizen of the Choctaw nation of Oklahoma and retired Bishop of Alaska, shares his ancestors’ tradition of praying the four directions. He writes that the prayer of the directions encompasses all of creation – “...people and animals, animate and inanimate, rocks and trees, the whole universe.” He implores us, in prayer, to “Enter the deep earth of our ancient longing and reach for the highest branches of our collective hope.”

Intercessor

We pray for all who center Creation and proclaim God’s good news in their witness and work among us.

Deacon or officiant shares the Episcopal, Anglican, and Parish cycle of prayers, inviting additional prayers.

Intercessor To you, Creator God.
People **We pray in hope.**

Intercessor

We pray for those who speak the truth to power, holding up justice, mercy and peace in our divided world. We pray especially, in Creation season, for those dedicating their work and lives to climate justice, in the hope that our fragile earth might be healed.

Deacon or officiant shares our communal prayers for justice, inviting additional prayers.

Intercessor To you, Creator God.
People **We pray in hope.**

Intercessor

We pray for those among us who are in need of healing and mercy, particularly those we remember on our parish prayer list.

Deacon or officiant shares our Prayer list, inviting additional prayers.

Intercessor To you, Creator God.
People **We pray in hope.**

Intercessor

We pray for those who have died to this life, remembering them in our spirits and hearts. May they, and we, know God’s loving care and presence.

Deacon or officiant reads the names of those who have recently died, inviting additional prayers.

Intercessor To you, Creator God.
People **We pray in hope.**

Intercessor

We give thanks for the blessings of our lives, particularly for our natural world – for our gardens, for our beautiful city, for the fog and wind of our Diamond Heights home.

Deacon or officiant reads the names of those celebrating Birthdays, and invites additional prayers.

Intercessor To you, Creator God.

People **We pray in hope.**

Officiant

Holy and gracious God, source of all hope, hear the prayers of your faithful people this day and always. We pray with thanksgiving and love for the beautiful world that you have created for us. We pray for the strength and reverence to care for your world just as you care for us. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

The Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and God's Creation.

A space of silence is kept.

All **Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Presider

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

You are invited to share a sign of peace.

Announcements

Stewardship Reflection: Young Qiu

Offertory Prayer

Presider O God, we give our minds to you, our hearts to you, our hands, our feet to you. Open our eyes, we pray, to your presence; our ears to your call, our hearts to your love. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: Amazing Grace

The Hymnal 1982 #671 Incl lg



1	A	-	maz	-	ing	grace!	how	sweet	the	sound,	that
2	'Twas	grace	that	taught	my	heart	to	fear,	and		
3	Our	God	has	prom	-	ised	good	to	me,	God's	
4	Through	man	-	y	dan	-	gers,	toils,	and	snares,	I
5	When	we've	been	there	ten	thou	-	sand	years,	bright	



1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; God will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5 John Rees (19th cent.); modified for inclusive language by Kim Hardy (b. 1958)
 Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921)

The Liturgy of the Table

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to God.**
Presider Let us give thanks to God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life.

Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.

And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

9 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 17 hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.



Music: Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)
Adapt. Mina Marie Jelinek (b. 1996)

Presider

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: “Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: “This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.

Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew.

Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray,

All

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Mother, Father, Parent of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

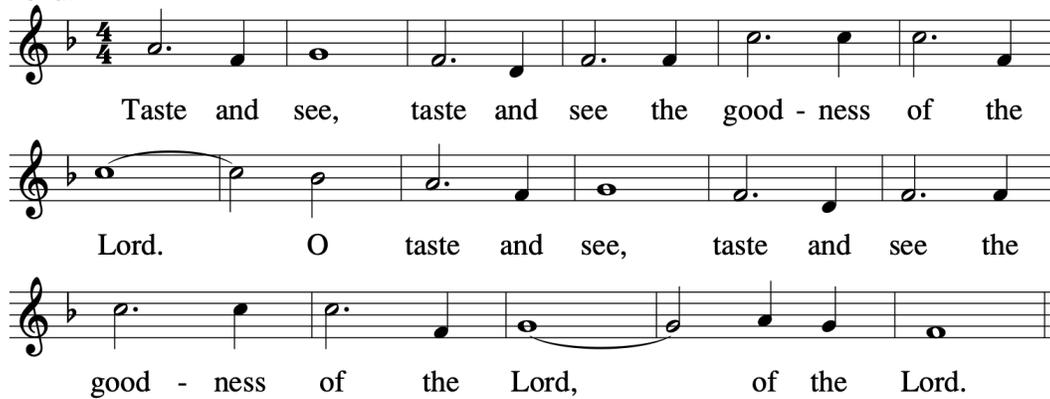
From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

***For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.***

The Presider breaks the bread

Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the
 Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the
 good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses



1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
 I called the Lord who an - swered me;
 Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.
 from all my troub - les I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

D.C.

Text: Psalm 34; James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951
 Tune: James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951
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Postcommunion Prayer

Presider

Let us pray.

All

*Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
 that the gifts of your Spirit may work
 in us and renew the face of the earth.
 May we be one with you
 so that our work is yours
 and your work is ours.
 Lead us to transform our lives
 to reflect your glory in Creation;
 through Jesus Christ our Savior
 who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God now and for ever. Amen.*

Healing Prayer

*Anyone is invited to make a request for healing prayer.
You may make a request for yourself or on behalf of another. The Presider will then offer a prayer.*

A Rite of Blessing for Elaina LeGault

Presider

Friends in Christ, we are blessed to lift one another up in our various calls to ministry, including those preparing for Holy Orders. As a postulant for the priesthood in this diocese, Elaina LeGault has begun a field placement at All Saints Episcopal Church here in San Francisco. We are grateful to continue to see her and Jessica here from time to time as Elaina continues on this ordination path, and we offer our gratitude for the ministry we share with congregations throughout our deanery and wider diocese.

Representative(s) from Elaina's Local Discernment Committee / Wrestling Team:

Elaina, we give thanks for our journey of learning and the gifts shared as we listen together for God's call.

Presider

Committee members and all people of St. Aidan's, we are grateful for your ministry of encouragement, challenge, and discernment. Thank you for sharing your time and yourselves.

Elaina

Cameron, members of my committee, and wider community of St. Aidan's, I give thanks for our connection, discovery, and growth, and I look forward to the unfolding of the next chapters in our journeys here at St. Aidan's, at All Saints, and beyond.

Presider

As you continue in your field placement and prepare for the road ahead, we share our gratitude, support, prayers, and love.

People are welcomed to extend their hands toward Elaina from their seats as we pray together,

***God of our pilgrimage,
We have found the living water.
Refresh and sustain us
As we continue on our journey,
In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.¹***

The service concludes with the final blessing, the closing hymn, and the dismissal.

Concluding Prayer of the Directions

Officiant

Lifting our hands up, O God in the heavens, we pray that you would deepen our connection to the sky above and the cosmos beyond, knowing that we are always united with you and all things.

All Renew us in the way of love.

Officiant

Facing the palms of our hands toward the ground, Creator of the earth, we pray that you would teach us your life-giving ways so that we too can care for all creation as you do.

All Renew us in the way of love.

Officiant

Placing our hands over our hearts, God of the heart, we give thanks for each other. May we remember to rise up as one for the good of all in need, remain open to learn from our struggles, and listen for the heartbeat of God in each other.

All Renew us in the way of love.

¹ The closing prayer is adapted from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* (HarperSan Francisco, 1989, 1997), 532.

Blessing

Presider

God of the galaxies, God of the starburst and sunlit morning, God of the forest and shining seas, God of the blooming desert and rolling fog – bathe us in light and surround us with love.

And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son,
and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you
that you might be a blessing today and always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

The Hymnal 1982 #493, vv. 1, 4-6, Incl lg

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my dear Re-deem-er's praise:
4 Christ speaks; and, lis-tening to that voice, new life the dead re-ceive,
5 Hear Christ, ye deaf; ye voice-less ones, your loos-ened tongues em-ploy;

1 all glo-ry, laud, and hon-or bring, chant the tri-umph of God's grace!
4 the mourn-ful bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.
5 ye blind, be-hold, your Sa-visor comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.; modified for inclusive language by Kim Hardy (b. 1958)
Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Glaser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

The Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God!

LITURGY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Please note: We affirm that God embraces all genders, even when the texts of our tradition refer to God with male/masculine language.
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The Rev. Stephen Siptroth, *Co-President & Preacher*

David Austin, *Guest Musician*

Anne Benninger, Sarah Glover, Lee Hammack, Matthew Lobe, Janet Lohr, David Mealy, Paul Nocero, Shelley Nocero, Jim Oerther, Kateri Paul, Roya Rettberg, Barbara Stevenson, & perhaps you! *Choir*

Nancy Sabin, *Marimba*

Patrick Hall, *In-Person Greeter*

Elaine Mannon, *Zoom Greeter*

Susan Spencer / Robert Geesey, *Lectors*

Margaret Tait, *Prayers of the People*

Kate Fritz / Patricia Busk, *Altar Guild*

David Mealy, *Sound / Zoom*

Kateri Paul, *Bread Baker*

CoCo Lin, *Child Care*

Welcome Café

Dave, *Setup*

Abby / Kateri, *Goodies*

Young, *Clean Up*

Announcements

Stage Fright, St. Aidan's 18th Dymphna Musical Comedy November 8 and 9 at 7:30 and November 10th at 2:00 pm

Our St. Aidan's Dymphna Productions is excited to announce our next show entitled *Stage Fright*. The Dymphna Amateur Acting Company goes back to its beginning in song, dance and its usual hilarity. John Wilk directs his play, a musical comedy. Scrumby Koldewyn is our Music Director extraordinaire. Deborah Shaw, our choreographer, appears as Deacon Dee. The cast includes Robert Ayala, Elaina Cox, Dave Frangquist, Robert Geesey, Yulia Lai, Dana Morgan, Dan Rosen, Nancy Sabin and Ted Speros. If unfamiliar with St. Aidan's zany comedies, a history of our shows can be found on the church website – www.staidansf.org – select Groups then Dymphna Productions. Or ask at church on Sunday. Almost 50 parishioners have appeared in our shows! Many **volunteers are needed** each year to make the shows a success and raise funds for St. Aidan's. Volunteer roles include photographer for cast and show photos, provide simple meals as a thank you for the cast for one of three shows, serve as bar tenders at the no host bar Friday and Saturday nights, sell tickets at the shows, and welcome people and pass out programs. **Consider a Donation** to help with Stage Fright expenses!

Next Meeting of the New Jim Crow Anti-Racist Book Group

The group's next meeting will be **Today, Sunday, October 27 at 4 pm via Zoom**. We're reading *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Please feel free to reach out to Deacon Margaret with any questions at mdyerc@stanford.edu.

St. Aidan's Gourmet Book Club

We will continue to meet via zoom with LeeAnn DeSalles serving as our zoom master. If you need the link or would like help with zoom, please contact LeeAnn at leeanndesalles@comcast.net. If you would like to be on the Book Group's mailing list, please contact elaine@mannon.com.

- **Monday, October 28, 2024 7:00 p.m.**
 - *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. An exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope tracing a widow's unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing in a local aquarium. A beautiful examination of how loneliness can be transformed. (368 pages)
- **November 25, 2024 7:00 p.m.**
 - *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern* by Stephen Greenblatt. Relates the quest of a Renaissance book hunter who located a copy of Lucretius' "On the Nature of Things" that had been lost to history for more than a thousand years. Its re-emergence, suggests the author, was a kind of secular miracle that linked virtue with living a full life and, what would be called the greatest thought mankind ever had, the concept that all matter is made up of atoms that are in eternal, swirling motion. (368 pages)

Men's Group: Saturday, November 2, 9-10:30 am, via Zoom. We will connect for prayer, study and fellowship. All men are cordially invited. If you haven't received connection information by October 31, contact Dave Frangquist (frangquist@acm.org).

Good News Gardens

Our remaining 2024 dates are: **Nov. 9.** (We'll take December off...) Timing – 12:30-2 pm. Please feel free to reach out to Deacon Margaret with any questions at mdyerc@stanford.edu.

Queer Chorus of San Francisco: Bloom Loop

November 15, 7:30 PM Concert Hall at Community Music Center, 544 Capp Street, San Francisco, CA 94110

In an era of darkness and doom, the light we see at the end of the tunnel is the sequined glimmer of queer expression. Join us for this concert of incantations where hope takes the form of a choir reminding the city to shine. Music from classical choral to folk and rock.

Suggested ticket prices:

Adults \$25 in advance, \$20 students/seniors. Sliding scale tickets available. 140 seats

We request with appreciation that audience members wear masks. The Concert Hall is wheelchair Accessible

Contemplative Prayer: Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday from 9-10 AM via Zoom

We offer Contemplative prayer via Zoom. Contemplative Prayer is silent with the beginning and ending marked by a bell.

You can practice meditation, silent prayer, journal, or otherwise enjoy the collective quiet. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org.

Morning Prayer: M/W/F at 7:30 AM (Mon & Wed Hybrid, Fri Zoom)

We offer Morning Prayer in hybrid mode (at church and via Zoom) on Mondays and Wednesdays, and on Fridays via Zoom only. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org.

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM via Zoom

We offer Evening Prayer via Zoom. Readings for the day are from the Episcopal Church's daily lectionary or calendar of saints, and the service includes a brief reflection time on the readings. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org

Mask Policy: We respect the preference of anyone who feels safer by masking. We will also maintain a well-ventilated sanctuary by opening doors and windows. Our mask policy may be modified again as appropriate.

To add an announcement to the weekly bulletin of the Flame, please send your edited text no later than 11:00 am Wednesday to office@staidansf.org

Calendar for the Week of October 27, 2024

Sunday, October 27	Holy Eucharist (Hybrid) at 9 AM Quarterly Parish Meeting at 11:30 AM
Monday, October 28	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM
Tuesday, October 29	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM
Wednesday, October 30	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM Evening Prayer (via Zoom) at 6:30 PM
Thursday, October 31	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Kaffeeklatsch (via Zoom) at 3 PM
Friday, November 1	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) at 7:30 AM Food Pantry (at church) from 1-2 PM
Saturday, November 2	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Men's Group (via Zoom) at 9 AM

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St. Aidan's Prayers

In Your Prayers, Please Remember:

In deep acknowledgment that St. Aidan's is located within the unceded ancestral land of the Yelamu tribe of the Ramaytush Ohlone people, with gratitude for their vital, ongoing relationship with this holy place.

In the Episcopal Church: For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Sean our presiding bishop-elect; for our bishop Austin.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: For The Scottish Episcopal Church.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For All Saints, San Leandro; All Saints, San Francisco; All Souls, Berkeley.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer: For the Women's Spirituality Group.

For those with birthdays this week: Stephanie.

For all striving for mental and emotional balance and wholeness, and for their families and friends.

For those who have asked for our prayers: Albert T, Harlean D., Irma P., Jaime, Janice T., Jean W., Jenny M., Joe, Joelle, Judy B., Lynne and Meg S., Margarita, Mark, Mercedes, Mina Marie, Nicole M., Pat K., Patricia, Paul M. and family, Pete M., Peter G., Rebecca, Richie and family, Sarah G., Susan R., Tim F.

For the ongoing work against intersecting forms of oppression, particularly racism and transphobia, and in affirmation of human dignity.

For our work in the world in our daily lives and for the ministries of the Friday Food Pantry and Diamond Diners.

For our congregation as we embrace our call to practice sanctuary: may we commit ourselves to prayer, education, and support for immigrants to this country and for all who are estranged, excluded, or threatened in 21st century America. We pray in thanksgiving for the numerous gifts our refugee and immigrant siblings have brought, and continue to bring, to our country.

For all who are struggling in this time of intensified injustice and polarization in our country and around the world: for strengthened relationships and deepened commitment to our common life and the well-being of our planet.

For those who have recently died: Marilyn Joyce Thomte, Father John Shozawa, Alton Woo, Virginia Procter, Kathy Randlett, Michelle Henry, Marybeth Wallace, Doug Yorke, Cleo Fry, David Jamieson, Kay Wells, Barbara Purcell, Hazel Perkins, Mike Isaacs, Mary Readé, Kathy O'Loughlin and from the St. Cyprian's community for Charolette Canida and Norma Planizcka.

To place a name on our prayer list, please contact the church office at 415-285-9540, ext. 3 or office@staidansf.org. Names of the living are printed by first name and will be kept on the prayer list for four weeks. To keep someone on the list for longer, please notify the office.



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