

Easter Morning



St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
April 20, 2025 10:00 a.m.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: Caprice No. 3 in E-flat Major (Joseph-Marie-Clément dall'Abaco) Hasan Abualhaj, *cello*

Opening Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing *The Hymnal 1982 #174, Incl. vers.*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praises to the Christ we bring,
2 Where the Paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
3 Might-y vic-tim from on high, hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
4 Eas-ter tri-umph, Eas-ter joy, these a-lone do sin de-destroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow-ing from a pierc-ed side;
Is-rael's hosts tri-um-phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con-quer-ed in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free souls new-born, O Christ, in thee.

praise we Christ, whose love di-vine gives us sa-cred Blood for wine,
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas-chal vic-tim, Pas-chal bread;
now no more can death ap-pall, now no more the grave en-thrall;
Hymns of glo-ry, songs of praise, Source of all to thee we raise:

gives a Bo-dy for the feast, Christ the vic-tim, Christ the priest.
with sin-cer-i-ty and love eat we man-na from a-bove.
thou hast o-pen-ed par-a-dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
ris-en Christ all praise to thee with the Spi-rit ev-er be.

Words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.; modified for inclusive language by Kim Hardy (b. 1958)
Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People ***Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

Presider

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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 Savior. ***Amen.***

Song of Praise: Laudate Dominum

Taizé, Wonder, Love, and Praise #829

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, Lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes

1. gen - tes, Al - le - lu - ia. 2. Al - le - lu - ia. D.C.

Translation: Praise the Lord, all you peoples.

Words: Psalm 117. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Savior's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah (65:17-25).

I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The Deacon introduces the Psalm and reads the Antiphon at the beginning and ending of the Psalm. All join in reading the bolded text.

Antiphon On this day our God has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah.

- 1 Give thanks to our God who is good;* whose mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,* "Your mercy endures for ever."**
- 14 You, O God, are my strength and my song,* you have become my salvation.**
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory* in the tents of the righteous:**
- 16 "The right hand of the Most High has triumphed!*
the right hand of God is exalted! the right hand of God has triumphed!"**
- 17 I shall not die, but live* and declare the works of God.**
- 18 You have punished me sorely,* but you did not hand me over to death.**
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;* I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.**
- 20 "This is the gate of our God;* those who are righteous may enter."**
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me* and have become my salvation.**

22 *The same stone which the builders rejected* has become the chief cornerstone.*

23 *This is your doing, O God,* and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

24 *On this day our God has acted;* we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Antiphon On this day our God has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Hallelujah.

The Second Reading

Lector A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians (15:19-26).

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in their own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

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

Hymn: 'The Day of Resurrection

The Hymnal 1982 #210

Descant

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

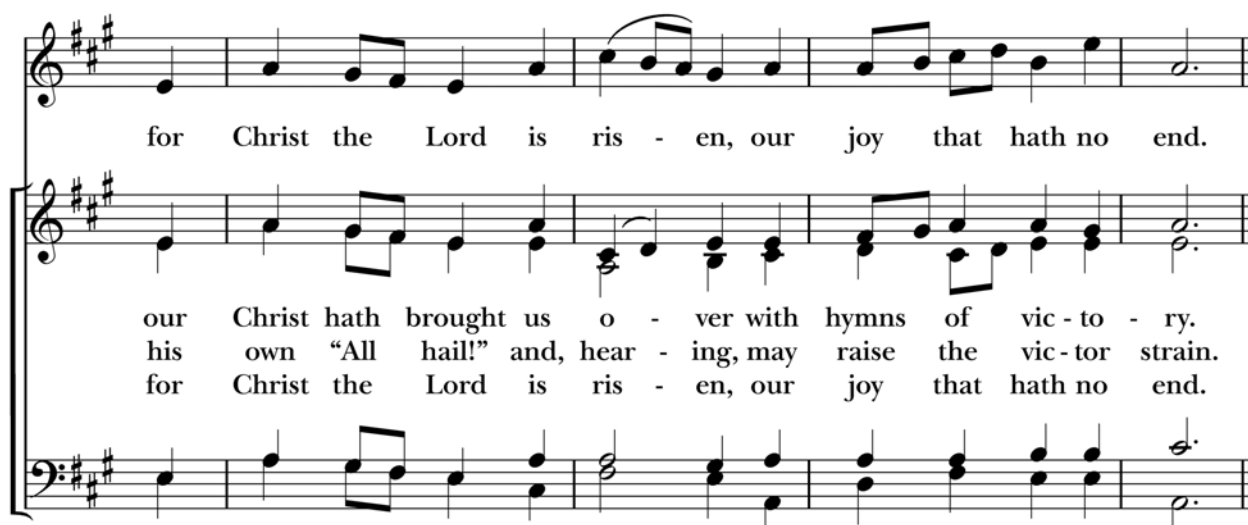
1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,



Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Ellacombe*, melody from *Gesangbuch..der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katolischen Hofkapelle*, 1784, alt.; adapt. *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Cyril Winn (1884-1973). Descant by permission of Oxford University Press.

The Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John (20:1-18).

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Cameron Partridge

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.*

All are invited to stand, as able, for the renewal of our Baptismal Covenant.

Sung Creed

music: Credo III. adapt. Mina Marie Jelinek (b. 1996)

Choir
We be-lieve in one God, the Au-thor, the Al-might-y, mak-er of heav'n and earth,
All
of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je-sus Christ,
Choir
the on-ly Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-got-ten of the Au-thor.
All
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be-got-ten not made,
All
of one Be-ing with the Ma-ker. Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal-va-tion
Choir
he came down from hea-ven: By the po-wei of the Ho-ly Spi-rit he be-came in-car-nate
slower
from the Vir-gin Ma-ry, and hu-man he be-came. For our sake he was cru-ci-fied
All
un-der Pon-tius Pi-late; he suf-fered death and was bur-ied.
Choir
On the third day he rose a-gain in ac-cord-ance with the Scrip-tures; he a-scend-ed in-to hea-ven
All
and is seat-ed at the right hand of the Ho-ly One. He will come a-gain in glo-ry
All
to judge the liv-ing and the dead, and his king-dom will have no end. We be-lieve
Choir
in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord, the giv-er of life, who pro-ceeds from the Ma-ker
Choir
and the Son. With the Ma-ker and the Son he is wor-shipped and glo-ri-fied. He has spo-ken through
All
the Pro-phets. We be-lieve in one ho-ly cath-o-lic and a-po-sto-lic Church. We ac-know-ledge one
All
bap-tism for the for-give-ness of sins. We look for the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead,



Prayers of the People

Deacon or Presider

God of wonder, we come to you like the women on the first Easter, transformed by the resurrection, remembering and sharing Jesus' words as they returned from the tomb.

Intervenor

God of renewal, we pray for the universal church. In response to the increasing mean spiritedness of world governments, help your church recommit to justice and good will for all peoples.

Deacon or officiant reads the church cycles of prayer and invites additional prayers

Like the women at the empty tomb,

We remember his words.

God of compassion, we pray for our divided nation amid political disaster and lift up all whose lives and livelihoods are under threat. Strengthen our resolve to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

Deacon or officiant reads the prayers for justice and invites additional prayers

Like the women at the empty tomb,

We remember his words.

God of healing, we pray for all who are troubled and suffering. May they know your restorative love. Strengthen us as wounded healers to aid in the recovery of others.

Deacon or officiant reads the names of those who have asked for our prayers, inviting additional names

Like the women at the empty tomb,

We remember his words.

God of resurrection we pray for those who have died to this life, that they may be received in the splendor of your heavenly embrace.

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

Like the women at the empty tomb,

We remember his words.

God of abundance, we give thanks for the progress of the Community Kitchen Capital Campaign and pray that our new kitchen will strengthen community and open up new opportunities for hospitality.

Deacon or officiant and invites additional thanksgivings and reads the names of those with birthdays in the coming week

Like the women at the empty tomb,

We remember his words.

Creator and holder of all mysteries, we give thanks for the wonders of this world. Help us to be good stewards of the earth.

Deacon or officiant reads the land acknowledgment and invites additional prayers.

Like the women at the empty tomb,

We remember his words.

Deacon or Presider

Risen Christ who declared, “you are witnesses of these things”: we lift our prayers, our hearts, and our lives to you. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

We greet each other in the name of Christ.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Presider Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death and on those in the tombs bestowing life! Let us lift up offerings of our life and labor to God.

Offertory Anthem: Most Glorious Lord of Life (William Harris)

text (Edmund Spenser):

*Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
didst make thy triumph over death and sin,
and having harrowed hell, didst bring away
captivity thence captive, us to win.*

*This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
and grant that we for whom thou diddest die,
being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
may live for ever in felicity.*

*And that thy love we weighing worthily,
may likewise love thee for the same again;
and for thy sake, who dost all grace supply,
with love may one another entertain.*

*So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;
love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.*

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 our God.

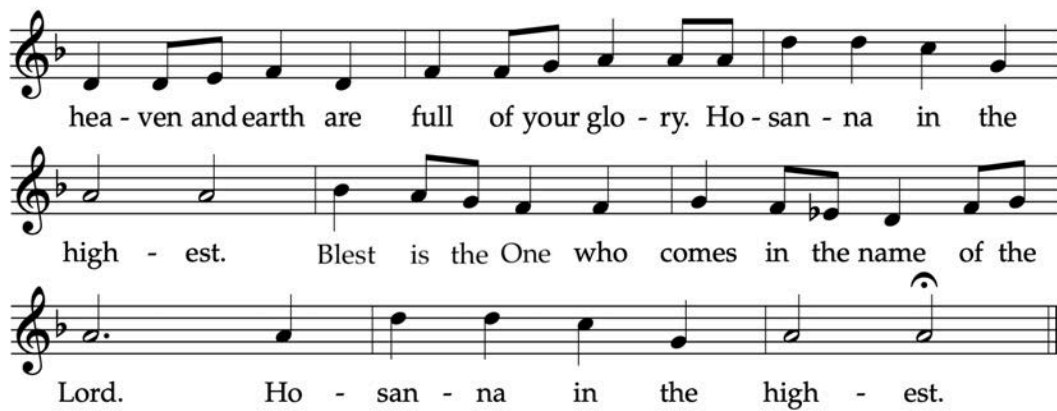
People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb. You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:





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Presider

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all. Your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Aidan and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

Deacon

As our Savior taught us, we now pray,

God in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

***Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.***

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem: Tone IV

Tone IV

Antiphon

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *to Antiphon*

Christ our Pass - ov - er is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

The Invitation

Lifting the bread and cup, the Presider invites the people, saying

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome at God's table.

This Altar belongs to God and all are welcome to partake, wherever you are on your journey of faith.

*If you choose to not receive the bread or wine, you are also welcome to come forward for a blessing;
simply cross your arms over your chest.*

The Bread and wine are shared with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

During Communion, those present via Zoom are encouraged to pray the following prayer for Spiritual Communion:

In union, O God, with your people at every altar of your Church, we offer you praise, giving thanks for your presence in the holy gifts of bread and wine. In our spatial distance we invite you to come spiritually into our hearts, nourishing and strengthening us as members of your body. Amen.

Communion:

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth, *Messiah*, HWV 56 (George Frideric Handel)

Chea Kang, *soprano*

text:

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep.

The Deacon or officiant removes the bread and wine from the table.

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Healing Prayer

The people are invited to share a request for healing prayer.

You may make a request for yourself or on behalf of another. The Presider then offers a prayer.

Easter Blessing

Presider

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

The Hymnal 1982 #207, Incl. vers.

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which Christ en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ our prais - es bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love, Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky Christ reigns. Al - le - lu - ia!
 heaven - ly host give praise and laud, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 An - gels e're pro - claim Christ's Name Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our Ho - ly Tri - une God. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788);
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Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmodist*, 1749, alt.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go out into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Serving St. Aidan's

The Rev. Cameron Partridge, *Co-President & Preacher*
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Hasan Abualhaj, *Guest Cellist*
Chea Kang, *Guest Soprano*
Patrick Hall, *In-Person Greeter*
Peter Fairfield, *Zoom Greeter*
Barbara Stevenson / Betty Carmack, *Lectors*
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LITURGY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- The cover image is a compilation of photos taken between February 2022 and March 2024 by Cameron and Deacon Margaret of the flowers of St. Aidan's, as planted and tended by our Good News Gardens team, with joyful thanksgiving for all their efforts and for those of St. Aidanites who have gone home to God.
- The Liturgy of the Word is the *Book of Common Prayer*, modified to reflect our use of inclusive language.
- Psalm translation is from the *CSF Office Book* (Community of St. Francis, 1995).
- The Prayers of the People for Easter 2025 were written by Doug Barnett and edited by Cameron, drawing upon the resurrection account of the Gospel of Luke.
- The Eucharistic Prayer is Prayer 3 from *Enriching Our Worship I* (New York: Church Publishing, 1998), 62-65.
- The Post Communion Prayer is from *Enriching Our Worship I*, p. 69.
- The prayer for Spiritual Communion is adapted from the version located in St. Augustine's Prayer Book, published by Forward Movement Press which can be found online at <https://news.forwardmovement.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Spiritual-Communion.pdf>.
- The Easter Blessing is from *Enriching Our Worship I*, p. 70.

Announcements

Hunky Jesus, Foxy Mary & Bishop Austin: An Invitation from St. Cyprian's

As Hannah shared last Sunday, St. Cyprian's has a tradition of heading to the Hunky Jesus & Foxy Mary contest after morning worship today, Easter Sunday. This legendary San Francisco tradition is organized annually by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. This year the theme is "No Easter without the T." You can read more about it [here](#). The event runs from 12-4 PM. St. Cyprian's folks gather on the northeast corner of Dolores Park and then find a place to sit together. They enthusiastically invite St. Aidanites to join them!

Next Sunday April 27, the Second Sunday of Easter, St. Cyprian's will be having their official bishop visitation, their first from Bishop Austin Rios. That service will be at 11 AM at St. Cyprian's church, 2097 Turk Street. They invite St. Aidanites to join them as able – to use Vital + Thriving language, to be hosted by St. Cyprian's as they have so often been hosted by us.

Interested in Being Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church?

In years past, during Eastertide Cameron has led a class on Sunday afternoons to prepare folks for Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church (for those who were previously confirmed in the Roman Catholic or Eastern Orthodox traditions). This course has also prepared adults for baptism (e.g. last year!). Sometimes we have had our own class and sometimes we have collaborated with other congregations in San Francisco. This class is also a great opportunity to learn more about the Episcopal Church—our history, theology, spirituality, and commitment to social justice. If you have any interest in being part of such a class, Cameron would be delighted to hear from you! Bishop Austin will be presiding at a service of Confirmation and Reception at Grace Cathedral on May 31.

Save the Date: Come & See - a Retreat for Young Adults by DioCal's Young Adult Ministry Working Group

The Young Adult Ministry Working Group is organizing a retreat for young adults (18-39) to fellowship, connect, pray, and rest.

Date: Friday, August 29 - Sunday, August 31

Place: Bishop's Ranch

Please fill out this form if you would like to be contacted when registration opens in

June: bit.ly/ComeSeeRetreat

Wrestling with the Scriptures now meets every fourth Tuesday at 10:30 am (via Zoom). The next meeting will be on **May 27** (no meeting on April 22). Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org.

Good News Gardens

Our next gardening date is: **Saturday, April 26. Timing – 12:30-2 pm.** Here are our dates through June 2025 – they vary a little between first and second Saturday due to some commitments I have – I hope they work for most of us..... **May 10, June 14.** Please feel free to reach out to Deacon Margaret with any questions at mdyerc@stanford.edu.

Men's Group: *Saturday, May 3, 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 May 1, contact Dave Frangquist (frangquist@acm.org).

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, April 28, 2025 7:00 p.m.**
 - *Funny in Farsi: a Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America* - by Firoozeh Dumas . A humorous memoir recounting stories about her childhood in Iran and her adolescent and adult life in her adopted country. (240 pages)
- **Monday, June 2, 2025. 7:00 p.m.**
 - *Horse* – by Geraldine Brooks – A story about humanity in all its ugliness and beauty as it depicts our unfinished reckoning with racism. Based on the true story of a record-breaking thoroughbred, Lexington. (416 pages)
- **Monday, June 30, 2025. 7:00 p.m.**
 - *The Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers New Understanding of Life on Earth* - by Zoe Schlanger (298 pages)

Contemplative Prayer: Tuesday & Thursday 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 April 20, 2025

Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday Eucharist (Hybrid) at 8 & 10 AM
Monday, April 21	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM
Tuesday, April 22	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM
Wednesday, April 23	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM Evening Prayer (Hybrid) at 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 24	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Kaffeeklatsch (via Zoom) at 3 PM
Friday, April 25	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) at 7:30 AM Food Pantry (at church) from 1-2 PM
Saturday, April 26	Good News Gardens at 12:30 PM

St. Aidan's Vestry

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St. Aidan's Prayers

In Your Prayers, Please Remember:

In 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 ongoing relationship with this holy place.

In the Episcopal Church: For Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Julia, President of the House of Deputies, and for the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: For the Peace of Jerusalem.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For Austin, our bishop; for Church of the Resurrection, Pleasant Hill; St Anselm's, Lafayette.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer: For the Altar Guild.

For those with birthdays this week: Don.

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, Cary M., Denise, Don F., Doris, Harlean D., Isaac C., Jaime, Janice T., Jean W., Jenny M., Jim O., Joe, Joelle, Judy B., Lynne and Meg S., Margarita, Marc L., Mark, Matthew G., 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., and in the St. Cyprian's community for Adrian W., and Jasmine H.

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: Lois Roach, Shirley Sabin, Angela Hunkler, The Rev. Robert Crome, Irma Pride, Marilyn Joyce Thomte, Father John Shozawa, Alton Woo, Kathy Randlett, Michelle Henry, and in the St. Cyprian's community for Pia Harris.

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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