

**The First Sunday after Epiphany  
The Baptism of Jesus**



**St. Aidan's Episcopal Church  
January 12, 2025 10 a.m.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Prelude

Christ, unser Herr zum Jordan kam  
 BWV 684 (Johann Sebastian Bach)

(‘Christ Jesus unto Jordan Came to be Baptized’),  
 Matthew Lobe, *piano*; Mina Marie Jelinek, *organ*

## Opening Hymn: How Bright Appears the Morning Star

*The Hymnal, 1982 #497 Incl lg*

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, Christ deigned to cast a  
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - - joic - - ds;  
 pit - ying eye up - on earth's help - less crea - tures;  
 fill the sky, for this Christ's In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Hu - man One and  
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and God by high - est ser - a -  
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Child of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly ho - ly, yet most low - ly  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); modified for inclusive language by Kim Hardy (b. 1958)  
 Music: *Wie schon leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai, (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

### Hymn of Praise: Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Light Shines Within Us

*Gather Comp 2 #510*

Ostinato Refrain

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let not my doubts nor my dark - ness speak to me.

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.

Text: Psalm 139  
 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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### The Collect

*Presider* God be with you.  
*Assembly* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

*O God in heaven, who at the baptism in the River Jordan proclaimed Jesus your Beloved One and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into the name of Jesus may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

### The First Reading

*Lector* A reading from Isaiah (43:1-7).

Thus says the Lord,  
 he who created you, O Jacob,  
 he who formed you, O Israel:  
 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
 I have called you by name, you are mine.  
 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
 when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
 and the flame shall not consume you.  
 For I am the Lord your God,  
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
 I give Egypt as your ransom,  
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
 Because you are precious in my sight,  
 and honored, and I love you,  
 I give people in return for you,  
 nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth--  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

Lector           The Word of God.  
*All*               ***Thanks be to God.***

*The Deacon or Officiant introduces the Psalm and leads the congregation in the antiphon. All then recite the verses together in unison.*

### **Psalm 29**

*Antiphon*       Jesus saw the heavens torn open\* and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

- 1     ***Ascribe to God, you gods, \****  
      *ascribe to God glory and strength.*
- 2     ***Ascribe due honor to God's holy name; \****  
      *worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.*
- 3     ***The voice of God is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \****  
      *God is upon the mighty waters.*
- 4     ***The voice of God is a powerful voice; \****  
      *the voice of God is a voice of splendor.*
- 5     ***The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; \****  
      *God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*
- 6     ***God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \****  
      *and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*
- 7     ***The voice of God splits the flames of fire; the voice of God shakes the wilderness; \****  
      *God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*
- 8     ***The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe \****  
      *and strips the forests bare.*
- 9     ***And in the temple of the Holy One, \****  
      *all are crying, "Glory!"*
- 10    ***God sits enthroned above the flood; \****  
      *enthroned as Sovereign for evermore.*
- 11    ***God shall give strength to the people; \****  
      *God shall give the people the blessing of peace.*

*Antiphon*       Jesus saw the heavens torn open\* and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

### **The Second Reading**

*Lector*           A reading from the book of Acts (8:14-17).

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Lector The Word of God.  
All Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** When John Baptized by Jordan's River

*Worship & Rejoice #239*

1. When John bap-tized by Jor-dan's riv - er In faith and  
2. There as the Lord, bap-tized and pray - ing, Rose from the  
3. O Je - sus Christ our na - ture shar - ing, In whose o -

1. hope the peo - ple came, That John and Jor - dan might de -  
2. stream, the sin - less one, A voice was heard from heav - en  
3. be-dience all are blest, Sav - ior, our sins and sor-rows

1. liv - er Their trou-bled souls from sin and shame.  
2. say - ing, "This is my own be - lov - ed Son."  
3. bear - ing, Hear us and grant us this re - quest:

1. They came to seek a new be - gin - ning, The hu-man  
2. There as our God's own word was spo - ken, Not in the  
3. Dai - ly to grow, by grace de - fend - ed, Filled with the

1. spir - it's age - less quest, Re - pen-tance, and an  
2. pow'r of wind and flame, But of God's love and  
3. Spir - it from a - bove; In Christ bap-tized, be -

1. end of sin - ning, Re - nounc-ing ev - 'ry wrong con-fessed.  
2. peace the to - ken, Seen as a dove, the Spir - it came.  
3. loved, be-friend - ed, Chil - dren of God in peace and love.

**The Gospel**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke (3:15-17, 21-22).  
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Presider* The Gospel of our Savior.

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

## **Sermon**

*The Rev. Cameron Partridge*

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

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Deacon* Together let us renew our Baptismal Covenant.

*Presider* Do you believe in God?

*People* ***I believe in God, the Parent and Source, creator of heaven and earth.***

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* ***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Parent.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* ***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.***

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People**      ***I will, with God's help.***

## **Prayers of the People**

*Deacon or Presider*      God of light and life, you cast your tent in our midst and illumine creation with the fire of your presence. We celebrate the mystery of your revelation in Jesus Christ, saying,

*Intercessor*      Arise, shine, for your light has come  
*People*      ***and the glory of God has dawned upon you.***

*Intercessor*      We pray for the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion; for Presiding Bishop Sean; for Bishop Austin and for all leaders of our diocese, lay and ordained. Kindle anew our vocation to be beacons of hope and communities of care.

*Deacon, Officiant, or Presider reads the Anglican, diocesan, and parish cycles of prayer, and invites additional prayers*

*Intercessor*      Arise, shine, for your light has come  
*People*      ***and the glory of God has dawned upon you.***

*Intercessor*      Light of creation, healer of wounds, we pray for all who are in pain and strife around the world, in our country, and in our own neighborhoods and community.

*Deacon, Officiant, or Presider reads the prayers for justice and the names of those who have asked for our prayers, inviting additional prayers*

*Intercessor*      Arise, shine, for your light has come  
*People*      ***and the glory of God has dawned upon you.***

*Intercessor*      Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home. We pray in gratitude for this land, historically stewarded by the Yelamu tribe of the Ramaytush Ohlone people, and for all the peoples, creatures, plants and waters of this beautiful place.

*Pause for additional prayers, offered silently or aloud*

*Intercessor*      Arise, shine, for your light has come  
*People*      ***and the glory of God has dawned upon you.***

*Intercessor*      Ember of steadfast care, we pray for those who have died, remembering them always and holding them in our hearts.

*Deacon, Officiant, or Presider reads the names for those who have died and invites additional prayers*

*Intercessor*      Arise, shine, for your light has come  
*People*      ***and the glory of God has dawned upon you.***

*Intercessor*      Flame of abundant love, fuel afresh our joy in seeking your presence and sharing your Good News. We give thanks for your constant call to grow toward you as plants turn to light.

*Deacon, Officiant, or Presider reads the list of those celebrating birthdays this week and invites prayers of gratitude for all the blessings of this life.*

*Intercessor*      Arise, shine, for your light has come  
*People*      ***and the glory of God has dawned upon you.***

*Presider:*

Spirit of energy and change, joy and healing, in whose power Jesus was anointed to be the hope of nations: be poured out also upon us without reserve or distinction, that with confidence and compassion, we may join the planting of your justice on earth, through Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***



## The Confession and Absolution

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* ***God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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* Glory to God in the highest, and may God's peace be with you all.

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

*We greet each other in the name of Christ*

## Announcements

### The Offertory Sentence

*Presider* The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen his glory. Let us offer great thanks with our life and labor this day. Allelujah.

### Offertory Anthem: Cantique de Jean Racine (Gabriel Fauré)

English translation:

Eternal Word, one with the Highest, Our only Hope,  
Eternal Day of the earth and heavens,  
We break the silence of the peaceful night;  
Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us!

Spread over us the fire of your powerful grace,  
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;  
Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul,  
That drives us to forget your laws.

O Christ, show favor to this faithful people now assembled  
In order to thank you now.  
Accept the songs they offer to your immortal glory;  
And may they go forth overjoyed with your gifts.

## The Liturgy of the Table

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them up to God.***

*Presider* Let us give thanks to our God.

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

*Presider*

Blessed are you, O God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, connected to all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.\_\_\_\_  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,\_\_\_\_  
hea - ven and earth are full,\_\_\_\_ full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blest is the one who comes\_\_\_\_ in the Name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_ Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O God. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Savior, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.***

Holy God, we plead with confidence Jesus' sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we are nourished by these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Saint Aidan, St. Cyprian and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, God almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Assembly**      *Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. AMEN.*

*Deacon*      And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
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.*

*The Presider breaks the bread.*

### The Fraction

*The Hymnal 1982 S164*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



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*Lifting the bread and cup, together with others serving at the altar, the Presider says,*

*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 and wine, you are also welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms over your chest.*

*The bread and wine are given to the communicants 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 that we have shared together since the beginning of the pandemic:*

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 Motet: O God, Thou Art My God (Henry Purcell)   Audrey Fernandez-Fraser, *soprano***

Text:

O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee.  
 My soul thirsteth for thee,  
 my flesh also longeth after thee  
 in a barren and dry land where no water is.  
 Thus have I looked for thee in holiness,  
 that I might behold thy power and glory.  
 For thy loving kindness is better than life itself:  
 My lips shall praise thee.  
 As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner  
 and lift up my hands in thy Name.  
 Because thou hast been my helper,  
 therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.  
 Hallelujah.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Living Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands, who has nourished us in spirit, the incarnate Word in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.*

## Healing Prayer

*Anyone who wishes is invited to make a request for healing prayer, either for yourself or on behalf of another.  
The Presider will then offer a prayer.*

## Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find God. ***Amen.***

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. ***Amen.***

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. ***Amen.***

And the blessing of God, one holy and undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn: Come Down, O Love Divine

The Hymnal 1982 #516

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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Dismissal

Deacon Let us go out into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
 All Thanks be to God.

## Postlude Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux (Kyrie, *Livre d'Orgue*), Nicolas de Grigny

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## Serving St. Aidan's

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## Announcements

From Deacon Margaret:

Dear friends, My son Sam and daughter-in-law Jane live near the fires in Los Angeles. They are – thankfully - doing fine and they are very conscious of the dire needs in their surrounding community. They have been making Costco runs with donated items to the non-profits they know near them. I thought that our community might like to join them. It's easy to feel helpless in situations such as these, but every bit of help matters.

Below are direct links to the organizations Sam and Jane are supporting:

Dream Center.org: A non-profit dedicated to transforming lives – with a mission of “empowering lives and communities through the transforming love of Christ; body, soul and spirit.”

<https://donate.dreamcenter.org/donate>

Celebration-Nation.org: A non-profit focused on supporting the Indigenous/Latino community, particularly farmworkers. They have a special donation spot related to the wildfires:

<https://donorbox.org/losangeles-wildfires>

Pasadena Humane Society: Pasadena Humane has taken in over 300 animals so far – many which have been injured or surrendered due to evacuations – and their biggest need is for monetary contributions.

<https://pasadenahumane.org/eaton-canyon-fire-update/>

With many thanks for anything we can do to support the people of Los Angeles.

Deacon Margaret, [mdyerc@stanford.edu](mailto:mdyerc@stanford.edu), 650-619-0781

Here is a link to the story in EpiscopalNews Service about the Diocese of Los Angeles' experience of the fires: <https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2025/01/08/fast-moving-wildfires-threaten-communities-force-evacuations-in-southern-california/>

Here is a link to Episcopal Relief and Development's "Wildfire Response Fund:"

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now/individual-donation/>

Here is a link to the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles' own Annual Appeal fund:

<https://diocesela.org/annual-appeal/>

**Have you made your 2025 pledge yet?** Thank you to everyone who submitted pledges on Pledge Sunday, December 1 or later. We're still expecting pledges from a number of our members. Please remember that we need everyone's pledge for the vestry to be able to plan the 2025 budget. You can mail your pledge card to the church office, attention Paul Nocero, or you can email your pledge to Paul at [pledge@nocero.com](mailto:pledge@nocero.com).

**The Altar Guild is in need of new members for the 10 o'clock service.** Members set up the Altar for the service and put away items after the service. Twice a year members gather to clean, polish and shine items used in the services. If you are interested in this mission, please phone or text me. Jackie Buckley, Altar Guild Chair 650-534-7875

**Wrestling with the Scriptures meets every third Tuesday at 10:30 am (via Zoom).** The next meeting will be **January 21**. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: [office@staidansf.org](mailto:office@staidansf.org).

**Please Join us for a Sacred Ground Regional Gathering Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 2025 from 10:00am-5:00pm**

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
1839 Arroyo Ave, San Carlos, CA

Over the course of this special day, you will have the opportunity to:

- Connect with others involved in Sacred Ground in your area
- Worship together as a Sacred Ground community
- Hear inspiring Sacred Ground stories from across the region
- Meet the national Sacred Ground leadership team
- Participate in breakout workshops on engaging topics.



*This event is free! Lunch and refreshments are included.*

Register here: [https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/california\\_regional\\_gathering](https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/california_regional_gathering)

### **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](mailto:leeanndesalles@comcast.net). If you would like to be on the Book Group's mailing list, please contact [elaine@mannon.com](mailto:elaine@mannon.com).

- **Monday, January 27, 2025 7:00 p.m.**
  - *The Soul of the Octopus: A Surprising Exploration Into the Wonder of Consciousness* by Sy Montgomery – A journey into the emotional, intellectual, and physical world of the octopus and its remarkable connections with humans.
- **Monday, February 24, 2025 7:00 p.m.**
  - *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald: Set in prosperous Long Island in 1922, Fitzgerald's novel provides a critical social history of Prohibition during the Jazz Age, which the author depicts as a morally permissive era when Americans became disillusioned with social norms and were obsessed with seeking pleasure.

### **Good News Gardens**

Our next gardening date is: **Saturday, February 1**. 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.....

**March 8, April 12, May 3, June 14**. Please feel free to reach out to Deacon Margaret with any questions at [mdyerc@stanford.edu](mailto:mdyerc@stanford.edu).

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

The group's next meeting will be **Sunday, March 2 at 4 pm via Zoom**. We're reading *Just Us* by Claudia Rankine. Please feel free to reach out to Deacon Margaret with any questions at [mdyerc@stanford.edu](mailto:mdyerc@stanford.edu).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@staidansf.org)**

## Calendar for the Week of January 12, 2025

Sunday, January 12	Holy Eucharist (Hybrid) at 8 & 10 AM
Monday, January 13	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM
Tuesday, January 14	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM
Wednesday, January 15	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM Evening Prayer (via Zoom) at 6:30 PM
Thursday, January 16	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Kaffeeklatsch (via Zoom) at 3 PM
Friday, January 17	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) at 7:30 AM Food Pantry (at church) from 1-2 PM
Saturday, January 18	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM

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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; and for our bishop Austin.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** For the Church of the Province of West Africa.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** For True Sunshine, San Francisco; St. Peter's, Redwood City.

**In our Parish Cycle of Prayer:** For the Friday Food Pantry.

**For those with birthdays this week:** Paul, Jill, Brendan, Ray.

**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, Denise, Don F., Harlean D., Irma P., Jaime, Janice T., Jean W., Jenny M., Jim O., Joe, Joelle, Judy B., Lynne and Meg S., Margarita, Marc L., 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., Susan S., 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:** 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](mailto: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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