

# Christmas Day



**St. Aidan's Episcopal Church  
December 25, 2025 9 AM**

# The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful

*The Hymnal 1982 #83 vs. 1-3, 6*

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from — God, — Light from Light e - ter - nal, —  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —

1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors — not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son — of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6      Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
           born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
           Word of the Father,  
           now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The *English Hymnal*, 1906.

**Opening Prayers**

*Presider*      Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

*Presider*      Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Presider*      The Word was made flesh, alleluia, alleluia.

*People*        ***The Word was made flesh, alleluia, alleluia.***

*Presider*      And dwelt among us:

*People*        ***Alleluia, alleluia.***

*All*            ***Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. The Word was made flesh, alleluia, alleluia.***

*Presider*      Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God, alleluia:

*People*        ***God has shined upon us, alleluia.***

**Hymn of Praise: Angels We Have Heard on High**

*The Hymnal 1982 #96*



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - - - -



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

## The Collect for Christmas Day

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Together, let us pray.

*Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of Mary the God-bearer: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Savior Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## The First Reading

*Lector* A reading from the prophet Isaiah (52:7-10).

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."  
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.  
Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

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

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

## Psalm 98

*Antiphon – Presider sings followed by All.*



Break forth, O beau-teous heaven - ly light, and ush - er\_ in the morn - ing.

- 1 *Sing to our God a new song,\* for you have done marvelous things.*
- 2 *With your right hand and your holy arm\* have you won for yourself the victory.*
- 3 *You have made known your victory;\*  
your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.*
- 4 *You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,\*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*
- 5 *Shout with joy to God, all you lands;\* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.*
- 6 *Sing to God with the harp,\* with the harp and the voice of song.*
- 7 *With trumpets and the sound of the horn\* shout with joy before our Sovereign God.*
- 8 *Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,\* the lands and those who dwell therein.*
- 9 *Let the rivers clap their hands,\*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before our God who comes to judge the earth.*
- 10 *In righteousness will you judge the world\* and the peoples with equity.*

*All Repeat Antiphon*

## The Second Reading

*Lector* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (1:1-12).

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,  
and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

And,

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like clothing;

like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,  
and your years will never end."

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

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

**Hymn:** Lo, How a Rose e're Blooming

*The Hymnal 1982 #81*

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
\* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,  
Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Words: St. 1-2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859); tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. *Hymnal 1940*. St. 3, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

## The Gospel

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John (1:1-14).

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Presider* The Gospel of our Savior.

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

## The Sermon

*The Rev. Cameron Partridge*

## Sung Creed

We be - lieve in God al - might - y,  
 We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fer'd,  
 We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it,  
 Au - thor of all things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,  
 scourg'd and scorn'd and cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied -  
 bond - ing all the saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,  
 Keep - er of the sky and sea. We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus,  
 True Life there had tru - ly died. We be - lieve that on the third day  
 where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion,  
 now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of Mar - y  
 Christ was rais'd up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God's right hand.  
 for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing.  
 FINE  
 born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
 He will come to judge and save.  
 This the faith that we have claim'd.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan; Music: Charles Rus 2011

## Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* Gracious God, holy Parent, as we welcome the arrival of your Son Jesus, the Holy Child, we and your whole Church give you great thanks for this gift beyond measure and for all the blessings of this life.

*All are invited to add thanksgivings aloud or in silence. Then the Intercessor continues,*

*Intercessor* Glory to God in the highest  
*All* ***And peace to God's people on earth.***

*Intercessor* You whose greatness Mary the God-bearer proclaimed in lifting up the lowly and filling the hungry with good things: inspire us to join your liberating work.

*All are invited to add prayers aloud or in silence. Then the Intercessor continues,*

*Intercessor* Glory to God in the highest  
*All* ***And peace to God's people on earth.***

*Intercessor* Your Son was born amid the Emperor Augustus's decree that all should be registered: fire our hearts to stand with all who are displaced and all who are dispossessed.

*The Deacon shares the list of those who have asked for our prayers, inviting further names.. The Intercessor continues,*

*Intercessor* Glory to God in the highest  
*All* ***And peace to God's people on earth.***

*Intercessor* Mary and Joseph struggled for shelter, bundling your Son into a manger: embolden us to work for economic justice.

*All are invited to add prayers aloud or in silence. Then the Intercessor continues,*

*Intercessor* Glory to God in the highest  
*All* ***And peace to God's people on earth.***

*Intercessor* Your Son grew in wisdom as a child in our midst: thank you for the witness of the youngest in our lives, for families of belonging, and for the lifelong journey of learning in all times and places.

*All are invited to offer prayers aloud or in silence. Then the intercessor continues,*

*Intercessor* Glory to God in the highest  
*All* ***And peace to God's people on earth.***

*Intercessor* Your infant Son drew forth the praise of Simeon in the Temple who declared, "you have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised." We lift up those who have died, with gratitude for their lives.

*All are invited to share names of those who have died, either silently or aloud.*

*After the naming has drawn to a close, the Intercessor concludes,*

*Intercessor* Glory to God in the highest  
*All* ***And peace to God's people on earth.***

*Presider* Holy and gracious God, you amazed all who heard the witness of the shepherds as they reveled in the brightness of your glory. We thank you for the in-breaking of your presence, by night and by day. Transform us by the gift of your presence, to the honor and glory of your Name. ***Amen.***

## **The Peace**

*Presider* Glory to God in the highest, and on earth may God's peace be with you all.

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

*We greet one another in the name of Christ*

## **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.

*Descant*

2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;  
6 "All glo - ry be to God on high and on the earth be peace;

1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,  
2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;  
3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line  
4 "The heav - en - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,  
5 Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth-with ap-peared a shin - ing throng

2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind."  
6 good will hence-forth from heaven to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

1 the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.  
2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.  
3 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:  
4 all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."  
5 of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high  
and on the earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from heaven to all  
begin and never cease."

Words: Nahum Tate (1625-1715)

Music: Winchester Old, melody from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1592; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1922; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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## 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.***

*The Presider continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, was made fully human of the flesh of Mary the God-bearer so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation: in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all the Word made Flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God:

***We remember his death***  
***We proclaim his resurrection,***  
***We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God of all; presenting to you from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the New Covenant. United us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Aidan, with Mary the God-bearer, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

*Deacon* As our Savior Christ 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.  
 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:



Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Adaptation: Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

*Lifting the bread and cup, 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 during 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 Hymn: In the Bleak Midwinter

The Hymnal 1982 #112

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;  
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:  
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim thron - ed the air;  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed  
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
 if I were a wise - man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934).

## **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 God, whose Son took our nature upon him, brighten your hearts with radiant light. *Amen.*

May God who sent angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, unite you in love. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God, one Holy and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

The Hymnal 1982 #87 vs. 1-3

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

## Dismissal

*Deacon*      May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.  
*All*            ***Thanks be to God.***

## Postlude

*Please invite your friends and families as we continue to celebrate Christmas: Morning Prayer Lessons & Carols this Sunday, December 28.*

## Sources

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# Announcements

## O Come, let us adore him – St. Aidan's 2025 Christmas Worship

- 9 AM December 25th, Christmas Day – Carols and Communion
- First Sunday of Christmas, December 28 at 8 & 10 AM
- Second Sunday of Christmas, January 4 at 8 & 10 AM

For those who cannot come in person, the Zoom link will be the same as Sunday morning. Please feel free to reach out to [office@staidansf.org](mailto:office@staidansf.org) for it.

## Christmas Gifts in Memory or Honor of a Loved One

At Christmas time, St. Aidanites often make gifts to the church in memory or honor of loved ones. If you would like to do that, please let us know by including a note with your check or Zelle payment. Please write "Christmas offering" in the memo line. You can also send a note to [office@staidansf.org](mailto:office@staidansf.org) and follow up with your gift.

**New Jim Crow Anti-Racist Book Group, Sunday, January 11, 4pm, via Zoom.** We're next reading Native Nations by Kathleen DuVal. We'll do this in two parts, so we'll read Part 1 for the January 11 time. . Please feel free to reach out to Deacon Margaret with any questions at [mdyerc@stanford.edu](mailto:mdyerc@stanford.edu).

## More Opportunities for Solidarity with Immigrants

Several local organizations offer opportunities to stand with immigrants facing Trump administration attacks.

**Faith in Action**([www.faithinactionba.org](http://www.faithinactionba.org)): Local branch of a national community-organizing group anchored in faith communities around the country. In the Bay Area they focus on housing and immigration. Opportunities include:

- **Immigration Court.** Accompany immigrants to their court hearings. You'll need at least conversational Spanish, and you'll be trained before you get started. For more information and the sign-up link: [www.faithinactionba.org/accompaniment](http://www.faithinactionba.org/accompaniment).
- **Rapid Response Network (203) 666-4472:** Faith in Action operates the San Mateo County Rapid Response phone network, providing information for immigrants and their supporters in the whole Bay Area, not just San Mateo. Call the number:
  - If you or a loved one has been detained by ICE
  - If you learn that someone has been detained by immigration enforcement
  - If you see ICE activity in the community
  - If you need accompaniment at an ICE Check-In or court appearance
  - If you need support filling out your asylum paperwork within the first year of entering the country
  - If you think immigration enforcement is contacting you by phone call or text message

**Immigration court demonstrations and vigils:** Several groups maintain a presence outside the immigration court at 100 Montgomery in downtown SF. Here are a couple:

- **Interfaith Court Vigil** ([www.im4humanintegrity.org/category/events/](http://www.im4humanintegrity.org/category/events/)): Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday every week. Sponsored by the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity. Click here to sign up: [bit.ly/CourtVigilVolunteer](https://bit.ly/CourtVigilVolunteer).
- **Tuesday and Friday demonstrations:** Loosely organized, pretty confrontative demonstrations, called by Democratic Socialists of America and others.

**Immigration Court Observers:** The National Lawyers Guild trains non-lawyers to participate in observing and documenting what happens in immigration courts in S.F. Click here for more information: [nlgsf.org/programs-committees/nlg-sfba-programs/immigration-justice-program/](https://nlgsf.org/programs-committees/nlg-sfba-programs/immigration-justice-program/)

**Comprehensive action calendar:** ([www.actiontogetherwest.org/bayarea](http://www.actiontogetherwest.org/bayarea)) A project that grew out of the 2016 Pantsuits Nation group, this is a very well-maintained and up-to-date calendar of resistance activities in the Bay Area.

**Wrestling with the Scriptures** meets every fourth Tuesday at 10:30 am (via Zoom). Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: [office@staidansf.org](mailto:office@staidansf.org).

## St. Aidan's Gourmet Book Club

We resume meeting via zoom with LeeAnn DeSalles serving as our zoom master. She has set up a zoom link that will serve for all our meetings. If you 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 26, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
  - ***There There*** by Tommy Orange – “A wonderous and shattering novel that follows 12 characters from Native communities, all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow and all connected to one another in ways they may not realize.” (Goodreads) 294 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. Thank you to Susan Spencer for anchoring this practice. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: [office@staidansf.org](mailto:office@staidansf.org).

### **Morning Prayer: Mon, Wed, Fri at 7:30 AM**

We offer Morning Prayer in hybrid mode (at church and via Zoom) on Mondays and Wednesday, 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).

### **Wednesday Evening Prayer on pause until January 7**

Wednesday Evening Prayer will be on pause for 12/24 (when we'll be doing Christmas Eve worship) and 12/31 (when Cameron will be away). It will return on Wednesday, January 7 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Please reach out to [office@staidansf.org](mailto:office@staidansf.org) if you need the link, and we look forward to seeing you at this service in January!

**Mask Policy:** We respect the preference of anyone who feels safer by masking. We continue to monitor public health advisories and may modify our mask policy, as appropriate. Please pray for the health and safety of all our members and friends as we continue to navigate this challenging time.

**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 December 21, 2025**

Sunday, December 21	Holy Eucharist at 8 AM (In Person) & 10 AM (Hybrid) Blue Christmas Service (Hybrid) at 2 PM
Monday, December 22	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM
Tuesday, December 23	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Wrestling with the Scriptures (via Zoom) at 10:30 AM
Wednesday, December 24	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM Christmas Eve (Hybrid) at 5 PM
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day (Hybrid) at 9 AM
Friday, December 26	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) at 7:30 AM No Food Pantry
Saturday, December 27	

### **St. Aidan's Vestry**

Barbara Stevenson, *Senior Warden*,  
Lee Hammack, *Junior Warden*  
Dave Frangquist, *Treasurer*,  
Susan Spencer, *Clerk*  
Gilbert Chavez, Sarah Glover, Janet Lohr,  
Roya Rettberg, Margaret Tait, Margie Wolcott

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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 Diocese of São Paulo – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** For Austin, our bishop; for Incarnation, San Francisco; Nativity, San Rafael; St. Stephen's, Belvedere; and St. Stephen's, Orinda.

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

**For those with birthdays this week:** Elaina, Max, Kateri.

**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, André E., Aubrey M., Cindi G., Dave & Mariana & Dante G., Debbie C., Denise, Felicia F., George C., Harlean D., Isaac C., Jaime, Janice T., Jean W., Jelly J., Jenny M., Jill, Jim O., Joe, Joelle, John, Judy B., Julie A., Ken E., Liz S., Lucinda G., Lynne and Meg S., Margarita, Marc L., Mark, Matthew G., Melissa W., Mercedes, Michaela, Milo R., Mina Marie, Owen, Patricia, Peter G., Rocky V. and Ruth S., Ron B., Stephanie M., Tawanda, Zakaria E.

**For** our 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 this 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:** Paul Marcus, Lovie Spencer, Dick Young, Kim Fellner, Gayle Rosenkrantz, Audrey DeLoache, Lois Roach, Shirley Sabin, and Angela Hunkler.

*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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