

**St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Fifth Sunday in Lent**



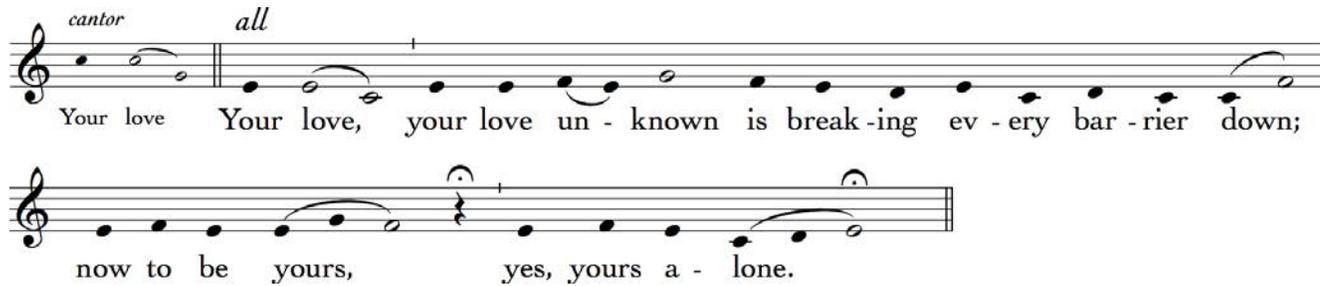
March 22, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word

Introit

All repeat this antiphon after the cantor

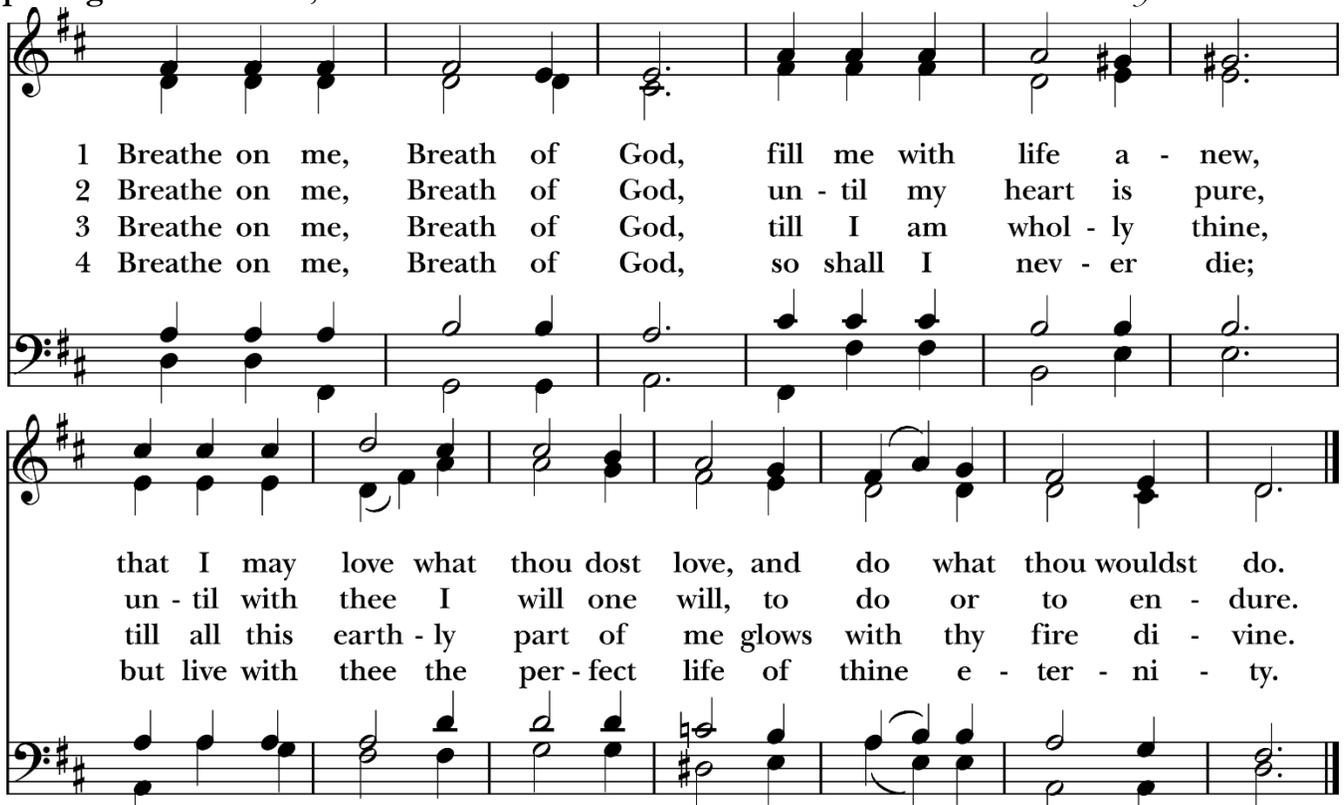
cantor *all*



Your love Your love, your love un - known is break - ing ev - ery bar - rier down;
now to be yours, yes, yours a - lone.

Opening Breathe on me, Breath of God

The Hymnal 1982 #508



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

Opening Sentences

Presider Bless the God of our salvation:
People ***Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.***

Confession

Deacon
or Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A space of silence is kept

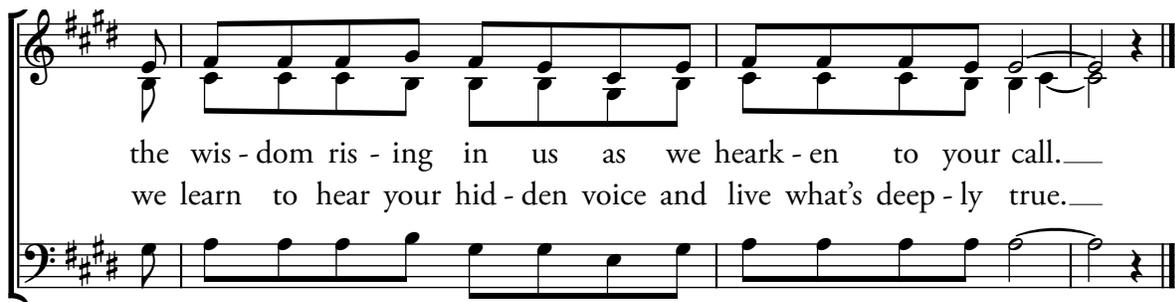
God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore and 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.**

Song of Praise

commissioned for this morning's readings, music and words by Jack Barben

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Liv - ing wa - ter, _ flow in me, liv - ing wa ter, _ set me free, liv - ing wa - ter, _ taste and see that life e - ter - nal springs in thee. Your life in us is liv - ing _ deep - er than our mind, A treas - ure bur - ied in a field, a spring be - neath the ground, your love in us is fill - ing, _ teach - ing us to find you whis - per soft - ly to our hearts where truth is gent - ly found. the life a - live in all _ things the love from which we fall, You wash a way the weight we bear, you make our vi - sion new,"



The Collect of the Day

Presider Hear our cry, O God.

People ***And listen to our prayer.***

Presider Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Lector A reading from Ezekiel (37:1-14).

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

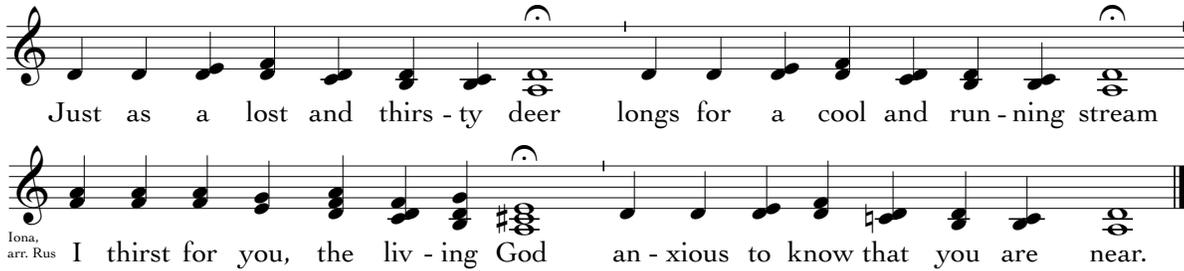
Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

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

Psalm 130

Antiphon – Presider sings followed by All.



Just as a lost and thirs - ty deer longs for a cool and run - ning stream
Iona,
arr. Rus I thirst for you, the liv - ing God an - xious to know that you are near.

- 1 *Out of the depths have I called to you; O God, hear my voice;*
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.*
- 2 *If you were to note what is done amiss,* O God, who could stand?*
- 3 *For there is forgiveness with you;* therefore you shall be feared.*
- 4 *I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for you;* in your word is my hope.*
- 5 *My soul waits for you, more than the night-watch for the morning,*
more than the night-watch for the morning.*
- 6 *O Israel, wait for God,* for with our God there is mercy;*
- 7 *With you there is plenteous redemption,*
and you will redeem Israel from all their sins.*

All Repeat Antiphon

Second Reading

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:6-11).

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Lord, To Whom Can We Go?

Lord, to whom can we go? Words of life are yours. Lord, to
whom can we go? Words of life are yours.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. As for
me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Lord, to

words: Joshua 24 & John 6; music: Charles Rus after Louis Couperin

The Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John (11:1-45).

All **Glorify to you, O Christ.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Judeans were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Judeans had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Judeans who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going

to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Judaeans who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Judaeans said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Judaeans therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.
All **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. After the silence, the bell will sound a second time to mark the conclusion of this time.*

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

last time

The Prayers of the People

Deacon or Presider: As people of faith, let us bring our cares and concerns to the One who is always ready to give us strength and courage in troubled times.

Intervessor: We pray for the leaders and people of our Church and all who follow God, that we may courageously give witness to the way of love.

Deacon or Presider shares the Episcopal, Anglican, Diocesan and Parish Cycles of Prayer, inviting additional prayers.

Intercessor: In quiet confidence, we pray to God,

It is well with my soul

All
It is well with my soul,

It is well with my soul,

Intercessor: We pray for all in authority in our national, state and local governments, that they may serve all the people with justice, mercy and humility, and that we may have the strength to hold them accountable.

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

Intercessor: In quiet confidence, we pray to God,

People: ***It is well, it is well with my soul.***

Intercessor: At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus went into the wilderness, where he encountered and resisted the power of evil; we pray for the wisdom and power to honor and restore your natural world.

The people are invited to offer prayers.

Intercessor: In quiet confidence, we pray to God,

People: ***It is well, it is well with my soul.***

Intercessor: We pray for all who are oppressed, who are living in danger or fear, or who are in need of healing of mind, body or spirit.

Deacon or Presider reads the names of those who have asked for prayers and invites additional prayers.

Intercessor: In quiet confidence, we pray to God,

People: ***It is well, it is well with my soul.***

Intercessor: Confident in the power of the resurrection, we pray for all who have died and all who mourn.

Deacon or Presider reads the names of those who have recently died and invites additional prayers.

Intercessor: In quiet confidence, we pray to God,

People: ***It is well, it is well with my soul.***

Intercessor: We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, knowing that even in times of trial, we may find joy and peace in you, our God.

Deacon or Officiant reads the names of those celebrating birthdays and invites additional prayers

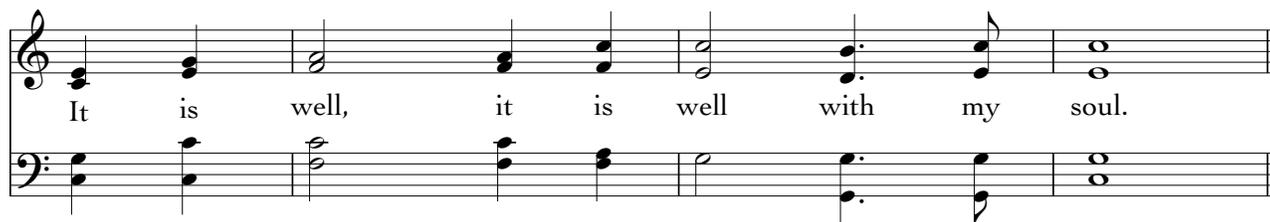
Intercessor: In quiet confidence, we pray to God,

It is well with my soul

All
It is well with my soul,

It is well with my soul,

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words: Horatio Spafford; music: Philip P. Bliss

Deacon or Presider: O God, accept the prayers of your people; look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, this day and always. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The Peace of God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet each other in the name of Christ.

Announcements

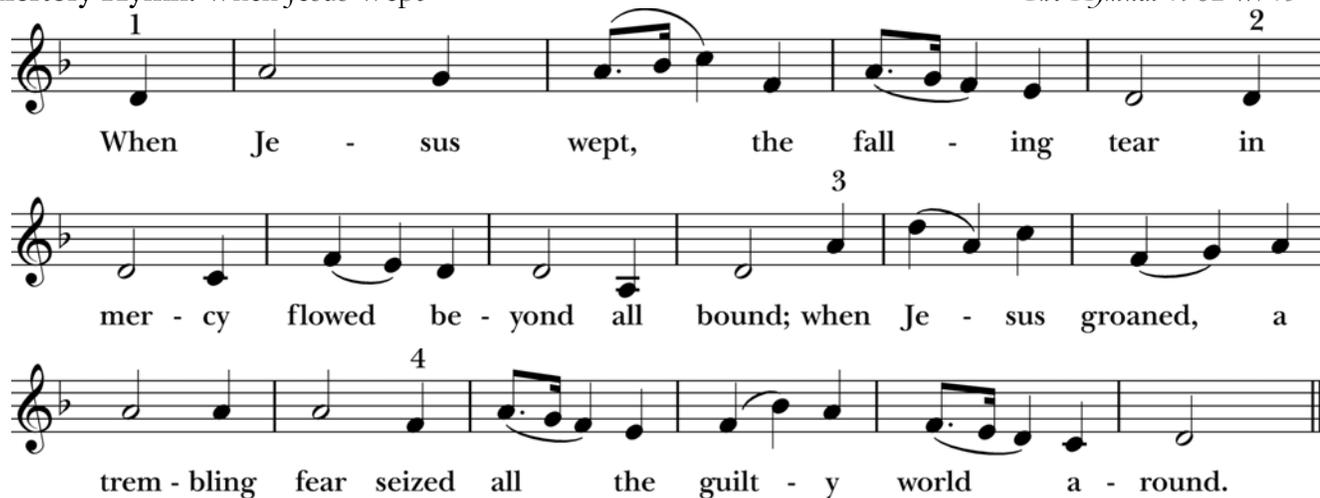
Offertory Sentence

Presider Thus says our God, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Let us with gladness bring offerings of our life and labor to God.

The Deacon and/or Presider sets the table.

Offertory Hymn: When Jesus Wept

The Hymnal 1982 #715



Words: *The New England Psalm Singer*, 1770. Music: *When Jesus Wept*, William Billings (1746-1800).

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 God.

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

The Presider continues

Praise and thanksgiving belong to you, God of every blessing, for you created all things to grow and thrive in your dream of a just and loving world of friendly folk beneath a friendly sky.

You called a holy people to share life with you, and when they were captive in Egypt, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm you brought them out of oppression, through desert trials, into a land of promise.

In time, your Son came among us and walked a wilderness way, enduring temptation and hunger to bring us out of bondage to sin and to taste and see that you, O God, are good.

And so with grateful hearts we praise you, lifting our voices with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, as we join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed are you who come in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Healey Willan arr. Rite 2 Charles Rus

God of mercy, you gave your people manna by day in their wilderness wandering, and because no one can live by bread alone, you gave Jesus to be our bread from heaven.

Send your Holy Spirit upon your church to live as a sign of the way you transform this manna into mercy for all.

With your Spirit, bless this bread and this cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again, he gave you thanks and gave it to his friends, saying, "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."

And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Je - sus Christ has died, Je - sus Christ is

ri - sen, Je - sus Christ will come a - gain. Oh deep in my heart I do be - lieve that Je - sus Christ will come a - gain.

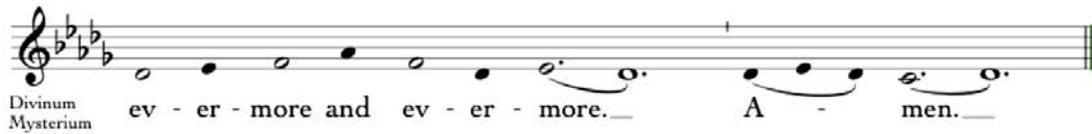
Text: Traditional, alt; Music: We shall overcome, arranged Charles Rus 2026

Faithful God, whose Son did not escape suffering and death but endured and overcame them: bring your people by the way of the cross to the liberating joy of Easter.

Strengthen us to turn from sin and resist evil of every kind. With your mighty hand and outstretched arm, uphold all who are enduring trials, all who know their very lives are at stake. Be with your children who are heavy laden, and all who labor beneath the misuse of power.

Give to your people new courage to live out your call, faithful to your dream for all creation, until the day when in your glory all are transformed and united in one shared, risen life, one holy communion among all the saints with you to whom all glory belongs forever, O God:

Christ to you with God, Cre - a - tor and O Ho - ly Spi - rit to you,
 hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing, and e - ter - nal prais - es be.
 Ho - nor, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,



The Lord's Prayer

After a brief pause, the Deacon says,

As 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 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.

The Fraction

The Presider breaks the bread in silence. All then sing,

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 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:

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.

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

Communion Hymn: Wait for the Lord

Taizé Community

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: Keep watch, take heart!
Con - tem - pla - ré tu vi - da en mí. Con - tem - pla - ré, Se - ñor, tu a - mor.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider

Most loving God, Creator and Redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

People

Through Christ, with Saint Aidan and all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand in courage with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Liberator. 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.

Blessing

Presider

May Christ the desert sojourner guide your path, leading you to living waters; and the blessing of God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

The Hymnal 1982 #142

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fer - ing o - ver - past,
1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt, and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless God.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude

SOURCES

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Dave Frangquist, *Sound / Zoom*
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Announcements

A Call to Courage: Stories of Fortitude for Difficult Times

As we enter the wilderness season of Lent, join us for a formation series on courage, a quality of life and being – a virtue – that helps us navigate deeply challenging times and discern how God is calling us to respond. We'll reflect on courage through the lives, writings, and actions of people who have exemplified it, here in the Bay Area and beyond. We'll talk about how we have sought out courage in our lives, and pray for its strengthening. **Wednesday evenings via Zoom for Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM and discussion from 7-8 PM** (link available from office@staidansf.org). *Come and be encouraged!*

- 1) — February 25: Bishop Mariann Budde
- 2) — March 4: The Compton's Cafeteria Riot
- 3) — March 11: The Greensboro Sit-ins
- 4) — March 18: Harriet Tubman
- 5) — March 25: Ruth Asawa

The Spiritual Journey of Hospice with the Rev. Mr. Barb Greve, Today, Sunday March 22nd, 11:45am

Sponsored by St. Aidan's ELM (End of Life Ministry) Committee



Come learn what hospice is, how one qualifies, what services are provided, its costs, benefits and downsides, and how to go about selecting one. Most importantly, come hear from an experienced chaplain about what a profound spiritual journey hospice can be, not only for patients but for their loved ones.

The Rev. Barb Greve is a UU minister and hospice chaplain with Kaiser Permanente

A simple lunch will be provided. Zoom available (Sunday Morning link, available from office@staidansf.org). We hope you'll join us!



GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

FOR THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN JERUSALEM & THE MIDDLE EAST

“For more than a century, Episcopalians have given generously to the Good Friday Offering, which supports the vital work and ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Today, the need of the church in the Holy Land is greater than ever, particularly given the recent escalation of war in the Middle East. While we pray and work for peace, our siblings in the Holy Land will continue to serve God’s people with hospitals, schools, orphanages, and humanitarian aid programs. These ministries serve people of all faiths without distinction, bearing witness to the power of hope and healing across divides.” (+Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop)

Checks may be made payable to “St. Aidan’s” with “Good Friday” in the memo line. We will forward the total amount collected to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem.

Wrestling with the Scriptures meets every fourth Tuesday at 10:30 am (via Zoom). The next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 24.** Patrick Hall will lead the conversation. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org.

Calling All Interested Lectors, Intercessors, Eucharistic Ministers or Visitors!

Would you like to be on our rotation for reading one of the scripture passages on Sunday, or to lead the prayers of the people? Would you like to be a Eucharistic Minister, sharing the communion wine during our Sunday services? Or to take communion out to St. Aidanites who cannot attend our services? Please reach out to Cameron or our parish administrator Cary for more information! Cary can be reached at office@staidansf.org and Cameron at rector@staidansf.org.

Men's Group: Saturday, April 4 (Holy Saturday), 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 April 2, contact Dave Frangquist (frangquist@acm.org).

Our St. Aidan's Women's Spirituality Group will meet via zoom Saturday April 11th at 10:15. As before, we will have time for both checking in and personal sharing as well as time for spiritual growth. We are certainly open to formats and approaches such as reflections on a poem, scripture, narrative passage or another focus for our growth. We want our group to meet the needs and desires of those who participate. If you want to join us, and we hope you will, please contact Elaine Mannon at elaine@mannon.com to get the information for signing into our meeting.

Good News Gardening - upcoming dates

In 2026 we are continuing with the second Saturday of the month at our usual 12:30-2 pm time (with February being an exception)-- our next dates will be **April 11**, etc. Looking forward to the next gathering. Please reach out to Margaret at mdyerc@stanford.edu with any questions.

From the ELM Committee: Life Crisis Forms at St. Aidan's

What would happen if you had a medical crisis at church? Whom should we call?

Since timeliness and having relevant information is critical in these situations, it would be helpful for our clergy to know:

- *Your emergency contact – friend, partner, spouse
- *Relevant health information, e.g., allergies, recent surgery or illness
- *Health Care Provider, e.g., Kaiser, Sutter, UCSF, preferred facility
- *Advance Care Planning preferences --- who has a copy of that document

St. Aidan's ELM Committee (End of Life Ministry) recently completed the development of the Life Crisis/Emergency Form as a valuable resource for our clergy. These forms will be kept in a confidential place by clergy.

Hard copies will be available at St. Aidan's for you. Please consider completing one and returning it to Cameron or to Cary, our Parish Administrator, who will pass it on to Cameron.

The form is available on our website here:

https://www.staidansf.org/files/ugd/785659_15c5dbf715e64226a1d42fb73c676e27.pdf

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions or concerns about this, please feel free to speak to any of us about it.

In service,

St. Aidan's ELM Committee

Judy Bley, Betty Carmack, Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain, Don Fox, Mileva Saulo Lewis, Elaine Mannon, Cameron Partridge

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): 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.
- **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/): Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday every week. Sponsored by the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity. Click here to sign up: 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/

Comprehensive action calendar: (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.

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. If you would like to be on the Book Group's mailing list, please contact elaine@mannon.com

- **Monday, March 30, 2026, 7:00 p.m.**
 - *The Safekeep* -by Yael van de Wouden (272 pages). A historical mystery, set in 1961 Netherlands, that unearths hidden wartime secrets and explores themes of obsession, desire, and control.
- **Monday, April 27 (first 230 pages) 7:00 p.m.**
Monday, June 1, 2026 (last 230 pages) 7:00 p.m.
 - *The Accidental President: Harry S. Truman and The Four Months That Changed The World* - by A. J. Baime – Explore how a man, guided by simple principles, rose to meet immense challenges. (461 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.

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.

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 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

St. Aidan's Vestry

Susan Spencer, *Senior Warden*;
Roya Rettberg, *Junior Warden*
Dave Frangquist, *Treasurer*;
Margaret Tait, *Clerk*
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Calendar for the Week of March 22, 2026

Sunday, March 22	Holy Eucharist at 8 AM (In Person) & 10 AM (Hybrid)
Monday, March 23	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM
Tuesday, March 24	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Wrestling with the Scriptures (via Zoom) at 10:30 AM
Wednesday, March 25	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM Evening Prayer (via Zoom) at 6:30 PM Lent Formation Series (via Zoom) 7 PM – 8 PM
Thursday, March 26	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Kaffeeklatsch (via Zoom) at 3 PM
Friday, March 27	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) at 7:30 AM Food Pantry at 1 PM
Saturday, March 28	

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 Anglican Church of Korea.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For Austin, our bishop; for churches and ministries in the Alameda Deanery and for the Dean, the Very Rev. Bruce O'Neill, and for churches and ministries in the Contra Costa Deanery and for the Dean, the Very Rev. Dr. Deborah White.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer: For the Worship Committee.

For those with birthdays this week: Page, Doug, Ann, Nedi, Rolf, Mark.

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., Carol-Ann, Carole H., Cindi G., Debbie C., Denise, Felicia F., George C., Isaac C., Jaime, Janice T., Jean W., Jelly J., Jenny M., Jill, Jim O., Jodi F., Joe, Joelle, John, Judy B., Julie A., Ken E., Lucinda G., Lynne and Meg S., Margarita, Marc L., Mark, Matthew G., Melissa W., Mercedes, Michaela, Milo R., Mina Marie, Owen, Patricia, Patty, Peter G., Rocky V. and Ruth S., Ron B., Stephanie M., Tawanda, Tony F., Vicky, 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: Liz Specht, Emily Hopkins, Thales, Vanessa and Augusto Ushizima, Harlean Donaldson, Paul Marcus.

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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