

Christmas Eve



December 24, 2025
5:00 p.m.

Prelude:

Opening Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful

The Hymnal 1982 #83 vs. 1-3

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.

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 Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

The Blessing of the Creche

Presider Together, let us pray,

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Christ, lying in a manger! Blessed is Mary who bore Christ the Savior. Alleluia!

Presider The Word was made flesh

People ***And dwelt among us.***

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow these images of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon them may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

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).

Collect for Christmas

Presider God be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The First Reading

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7).

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

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

Psalm 96

Antiphon – Presider sings followed by All.



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

The musical score is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a supporting bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

*1 Sing to God a new song; * sing to God, all the whole earth.*

*2 Sing and bless God's holy name; *
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.*

*3 Declare God's glory among the nations, * God's wonder among all peoples.*

*4 For great is God and greatly to be praised, * more to be feared than all gods.*

*5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is God who made the heavens.*

*6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!*

*7 Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to God honor and power.*

*8 Ascribe due honor to God's holy name; * bring offerings and come into God's courts.*

*9 Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before God.*

*10 Tell it out among the nations that God reigns! *
God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved,
and will judge the peoples with equity.*

*11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.*

*12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before God, who will come, *
who will come to judge the earth.*

*13 God will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with truth.*

All Repeat Antiphon

Hymn: Of the Father's Love Begotten

The Hymnal 1982 #82 vs.1-3

1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan to be, he is Al - pha
2. O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace, by the Ho - ly
3. Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions,
and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the world's Re -
bow be - fore him, and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
have _____ been, and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
deem - er, first re - vealed his sac - red face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
si - lent, ev - ery voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

82; Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (548-410?);
tr. John Mason Neale (1816-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.
Music: Divinum mysterium, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. Piae Cantiones, 1582

The Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke (2:1-20).

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ**

The Christmas Story: *The Shepherd's Coat*

Doris Weyl Feyling

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

Offertory Sentence

Let us with joy lift up offerings of our life and labor to God.

Offertory Anthem: Night of Silence

St. Aidan's Choir

text:

*Cold are the people, winter of life,
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night,
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,
Flowers that will echo the sunrise,
Fire of hope is our only warmth,
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.*

*Voice in the distance, call in the night,
On wind you enfold us, you speak of the light,
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly,
Rumors of a dawn so embracing,*

*Breathless love awaits darkened souls,
Soon will we know of the morning.*

*Spirit among us, shine like the star,
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar,
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love,
Star unknowing of night and day,
Spirit we wait for your loving Son.*

Text: Daniel Kantor, b.1960, □ 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

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.

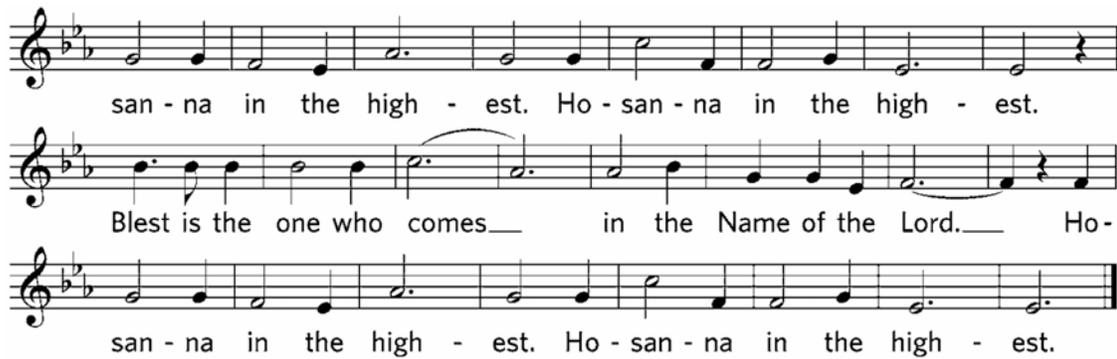
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 -



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. Unite 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 in silence.

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:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 and Deacon invite the people.

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 Chant: I am Giving You

freely

I am giving you what no eye sees

I am giving you what no ear hears

I am giving you what no hand holds

I am giving you what no mind knows

in time

be - yond all sight, be - yond all sound,

be - yond all gift, be - yond all bound

I am giving you

Darlene Franz

Communion Carol: Silent Night

The Hymnal 1982 #111

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

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.

Blessing

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

Closing Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

The Hymnal 1982 #87 vs. 1-3



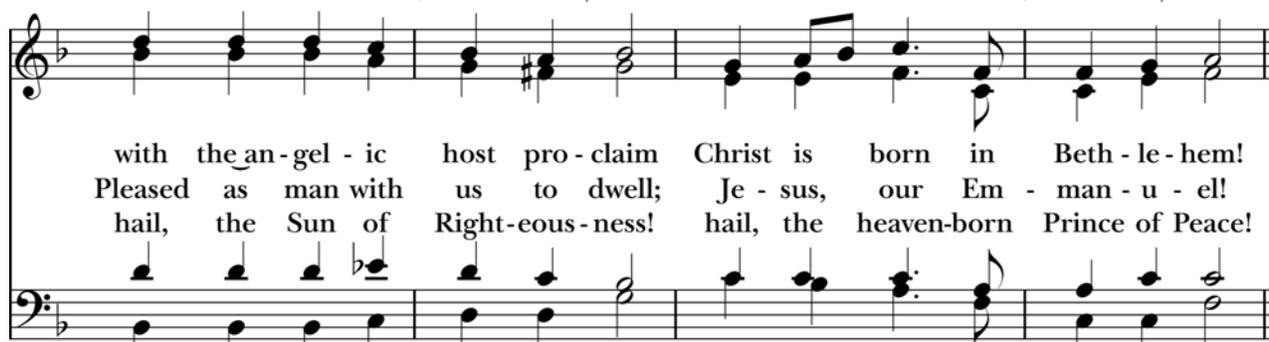
1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



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:

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25 Eucharist at 9 AM

Serving St. Aidan's

The Rev. Cameron Partridge, *Co-President*
The Rev. Don Fox, *Co President*
The Rev. Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain, *Deacon*
Doris Weyl Feyling, *Storyteller*
Charles Rus, *Interim Music Minister*
Anne Benninger, Sarah Glover, Lee Hammack, Jacqueline Lewey, Mileva Lewis, Janet Lohr, Paul Nocero,
Jim Oerther, Kateri Paul, Barbara Stevenson,
Nancy Sabin, *Marimba*
Susan Spencer, *Lector*
Kateri Paul, *Prayers of the People*
Doris Weyl Feyling, *Altar Guild*
Dave Frangquist, *Sound / Zoom*
Elena Wong, *Bread Baker*
CoCo Lin, *Child Care*

Sources

- Please note: We affirm that God embraces all genders, even when the texts of our tradition refer to God with male/masculine language.
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Announcements

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

- 5 PM December 24th, Christmas Eve – Carols, Storytelling, and Communion
- 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 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 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.

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.

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.

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, 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.

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.

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 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

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*;
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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. 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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