

Advent II



St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
November 16, 2025
10:00 a.m.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Opening Hymn: O Day of Radiant Gladness

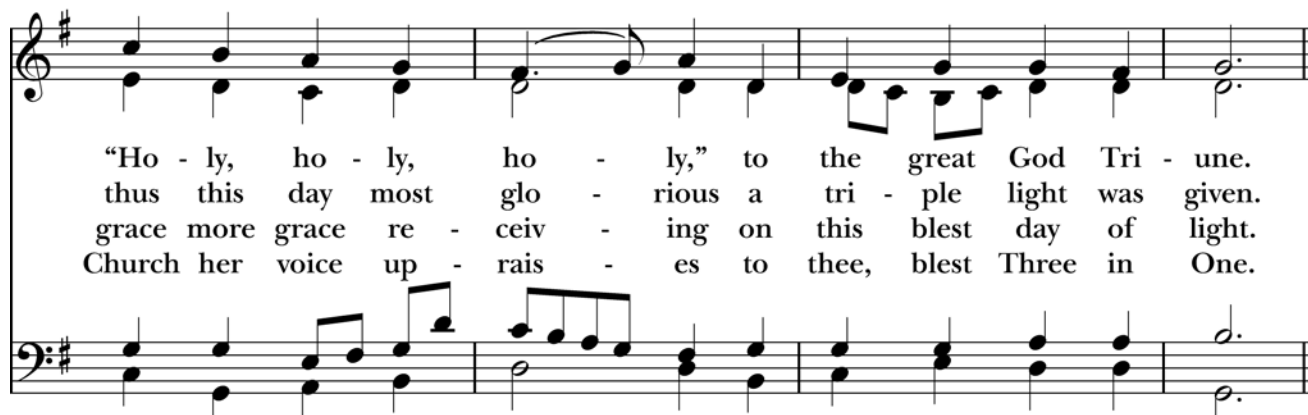
The Hymnal 1982 #48

1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and
2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most
birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ
hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through
way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and
rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -
Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -
end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,
to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and
liv - ing, re - newed with heav - en - ly might, from
prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the



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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living one.
People ***You come to your people and set them free.***

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Deacon or Presider

God of peace, your reign is revealed in the transforming of swords into ploughshares, the mending of rent garments, the binding up of broken hearts.

As we light these candles, come among us, open our hearts, infuse us with your life, that together we manifest your justice, your compassion, your peace.

The Advent candle(s) is (are) lit as we sing.

Song of Praise: Peace Before Us

Wonder, Love, and Praise #791, v. 1



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The Collect of the Day

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

O Lord our God, you gave your law that righteousness might abound. Put it into our hearts to love justice for others as much as we desire it for ourselves, that, as we know you to be our judge, so we may welcome your reign as it is manifested through Jesus Christ our savior; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Lector A reading from Malachi (4:1-2a).

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

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

Psalm 98

The Deacon or Presider introduces the Psalm and reads the Antiphon. All join in reading the bolded text.

Antiphon Jerusalem, rejoice with great rejoicing; for your Savior comes to you. Hallelujah.

- 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.***

Antiphon Jerusalem, rejoice with great rejoicing; for your Savior comes to you. Hallelujah.

The Second Reading

Lector A reading from the letter to the 2 Thessalonians (3:6-13).

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Kindred, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Lector
People

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

Sequence Hymn: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Lift Every Voice and Sing #196

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

1. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; What a bless - ed - ness,
2. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; O how bright the path
3. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; I have bless - ed peace

1. what a peace is mine, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
2. grows from day to day, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
3. with my Lord so near, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;

Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

The Gospel

Deacon or Presider
People

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke (21:5-19).
Glory to you, O Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Deacon or Presider
People

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, O Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Eric Metoyer

Silence

After the sermon, a bell will sound to mark a brief period of silence. The bell will sound a second time to mark the conclusion of this time.

Sung Creed

The musical score for the Sung Creed is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system contains the first three lines of the Creed, and the second system contains the next three lines. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1:

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,

System 2:

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 . . .

Prayers of the People

Deacon or Presider

God of hope, in this Advent season,
When Christ your Son, Emmanuel, appears;
may he find us not asleep or idle,
but active in his service and ready to serve as his hands and feet in the world.

Intercessor

God of Faith, we pray for the universal Church and for the Church's work to bring light and love to a divided world.

Deacon/Officiant/Presider shares the cycles of prayer from the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church, the diocese, and our parish, inviting additional prayers.

Intercessor

In Jesus' name we pray,

People

Help us to be people of peace and beacons of hope.

Intercessor

God of Justice, we pray for immigrants and refugees throughout the world and in our community. May they be safe. Be with us in our commitment to practice sanctuary and care for our neighbors.

Deacon/Officiant/Presider pauses and invites additional prayers.

Intercessor

In Jesus' name we pray,

People

Help us to be people of peace and beacons of hope.

Intercessor

God of Peace, we pray for the many conflicts that burden our world and endanger our siblings near and far. Inspire the world's leaders to seek lasting and peace-filled solutions.

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

Intercessor

In Jesus' name we pray,

People

Help us to be people of peace and beacons of hope.

Intercessor

God of Compassion, we pray for all who seek healing, particularly those who have requested our prayers. May they be surrounded by your love and care.

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

Intercessor

In Jesus's name we pray,

People

Help us to be people of peace and beacons of hope.

Intercessor

God of Hope, we remember those who have died. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Be with us in our sorrow.

Deacon/Officiant/Presider shares the names of those who have recently died and invites additional prayers.

Intercessor

In Jesus' name we pray,

People

Help us to be people of peace and beacons of hope.

Intercessor

God of Joy, we pray in gratitude for the blessings of our lives and we reflect in wonder about blessings yet to come from your bounteous grace.

Deacon/Officiant/Presider shares the names of those celebrating birthdays this week and invites additional gratitude.

Intercessor

In Jesus' name we pray,

People

Help us to be people of peace and beacons of hope.

Presider

Christ, Emmanuel,

you are our way, our truth, and our life.

We await your arrival in a world that hungers for your love.

We give thanks for your presence, your peace and your hope. ***Amen.***

The Confession and Absolution

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

A space of silence is kept.

All

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

Presider

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen..***

The Peace

Presider

The peace of God be always with you.

People

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace or if you are on Zoom, unmute and greet each other in the name of Christ.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Presider "I pray that God may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you." Let us bring offerings of our life and labor to God.

Offertory: Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing

The Hymnal 1982 #526 vs. 1-2,4-5

1 Let saints on earth in con - cert sing with those whose work is done;
2 One fam - i - ly we dwell in him, one Church, a - bove, be - neath,
4 E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went be - fore,
5 Je - sus, be thou our con - stant Guide; then, when the word is given,

1 for all the ser - vants of our King in heaven and earth are one.
2 though now di - vid - ed by the stream, the nar - row stream of death.
4 and greet the ev - er - liv - ing bands on the e - ter - nal shore.
5 bid Jor - dan's nar - row stream di - vide, and bring us safe to heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Dundee*, melody from *The CL Psalmes of David*, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.

The Liturgy of the Table

Presider God be with you.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

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

Presider

Mystery of winter skies, we thank you in the darkening hours for opening our eyes to see your starlit beauty; for parting the wide heavens to send your gentle light; for offering your word to take our mortal flesh.

Christ was promised by those who shared your dream of peace; John the Baptist cleared his way with words of desert fire; Mary and Joseph accepted his coming with tenderness and faith; we know that he draws near again to reveal the in-breaking of your reign.

Now we take up the song of hope that we might awaken to his coming among us and the world be touched by the footfall of his glory:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

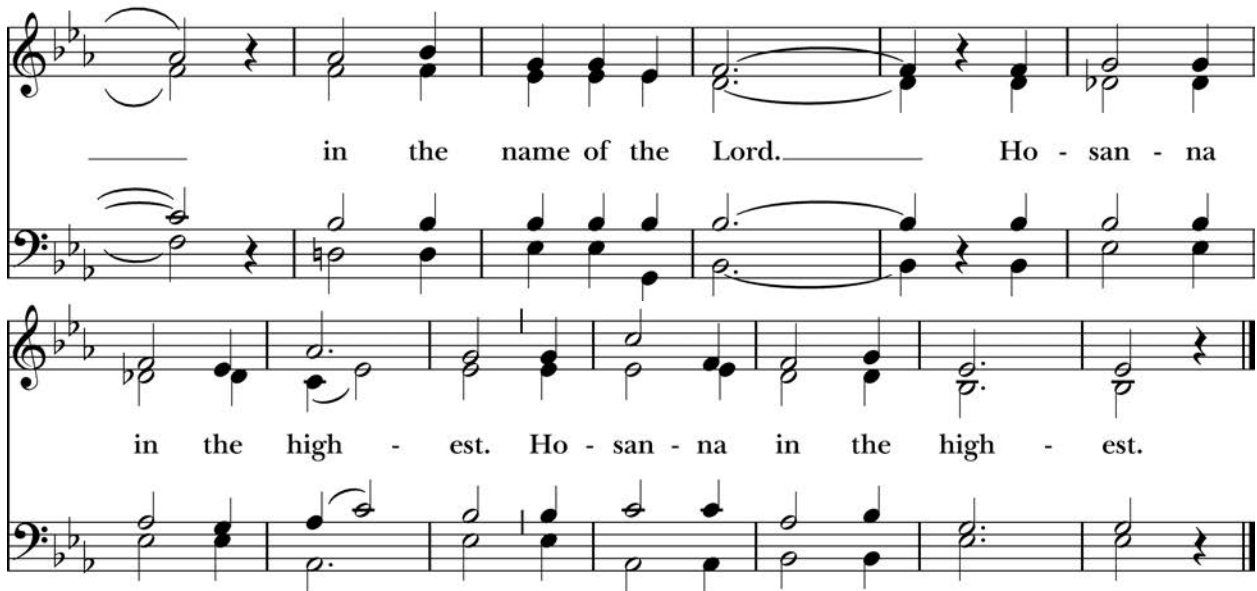
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

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. Bless - ed is he who comes



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Presider

We ask that your Holy Spirit fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Savior and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me.'

In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.'

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in taste and touch beyond what words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon/Presider As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray,

All ***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 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 for ever. Amen.***

The Fraction

The Presider breaks the bread in silence.

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.

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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 and/or wine, you are also welcome to receive a blessing;
simply come forward and 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 throughout 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.

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

Communion: Longing for Light

My Heart Sings Out, #59

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less, long-ing for
 5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone has
 wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
 hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants

your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.____
 pow-er to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.____
 bro-ken for o-thers, shared un-til all are fed.____
 shel-ter-ing o-thers, wall made of liv-ing stone.____
 to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.____

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark-ness. Christ, be our light!

1.-4. Last time

Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.____

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Postcommunion Prayer

Presider
All

Let us pray.

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

Healing Prayer

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

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

Blessing

Presider

The peace of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God; and the blessing of God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: Soon and Very Soon

Lift Every Voice and Sing #14



1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —
2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —
4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King; —



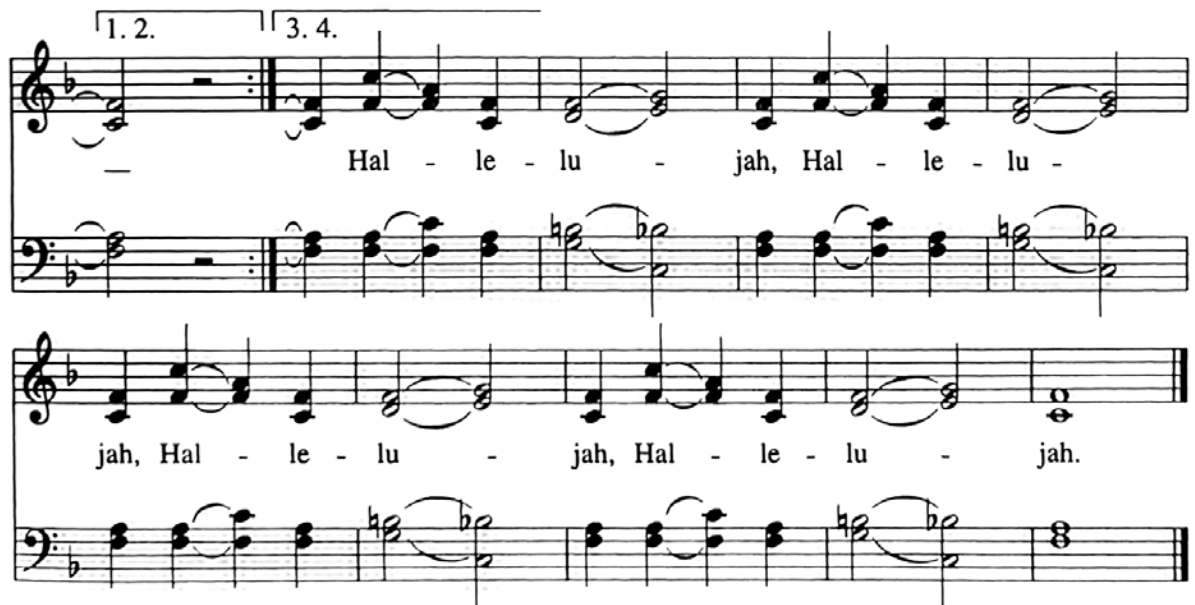
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4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King,



— Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King!



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The Dismissal

Deacon or Presider Let us bless God.
People ***Thanks be to God!***

Postlude

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Announcements

Extended Advent

Sunday, November 9, we began our observance of an extended seven-week Advent. This expanded Advent is part of a movement to observe Advent with greater intentionality, even as we continue to use the same readings assigned by the lectionary to the wider church. You can read the [rationale for this movement on the website of the Advent Project](#) or in *What Are We Waiting For: Reimagining Advent for Time to Come* by William Peterson. In a context where (a secularized) Christmas culture lurks everywhere – even before Halloween now! – an extended Advent *resists this spread, and its mischaracterization of the season*. Advent is not simply a countdown to Christmas. It is an embrace of the in-breaking reign of God. We share a longer Advent observance [with our Greek Orthodox neighbors](#), even as other Christian denominations take on this spirit of intentionality with slightly different framings: this part of the church year [has been called Kingdomtide in some Protestant traditions](#) and liturgical calendar of the Church of England is now in countdown to Advent, calling this Sunday the “Fourth Sunday Before Advent” (you can look at their church calendar [online here](#)). *Welcome to Advent.*

Action Opportunities in Support of Trans Rights This Week

There are two upcoming opportunities for solidarity with the trans and non-binary community, both in observance of Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR):

- **Today, Sunday, November 16, the 6 PM service at Grace Cathedral** will mark Trans Day Of Remembrance, including special prayers of the people, confession, and preaching
- This **Thursday, November 20**, there will be a TDOR rally at the SF City Hall steps at 5 PM, followed by a march to the SF LGBTQ Center on Market Street from 6-6:30 PM, with a program that will begin at 7 PM. SF Transmarch has described the event as follows: “On November 20th (Thursday) we invite our community, friends, and allies for our annual Trans Day of Remembrance celebration to honor and remember our lost trans elders and siblings, and recharge the people to fight against oppression.

This year's theme is ‘Stages of Grief,’ where we create and share space to collectively mourn, imagine, and strive for a future where all peoples are liberated from systematic repression.

As transgender and gender non-conforming people continue to face unprecedented rates of state sanctioned discrimination, harassment, and fatal violence across the globe, we believe that community is the path to safety. Join us this November.”

Thanksgiving Neighborhood Dinner

Join us on Thanksgiving Day from 12-2 PM for St. Aidan's Neighborhood Thanksgiving dinner with turkey and all the fixings. The meal will be catered by Curveball, as we've enjoyed over the last several years. We look forward to seeing you at this meal, and please feel free to bring friends!

Martin de Porres House of Hospitality Thanksgiving Pies

Martin's is looking for folks to bake homemade pies of your choosing (Pumpkin, Pecan, Apple, Berry, or your family's favorite fall pie).

Drop off will be **Tuesday November 25th from 4:00 to 6:30 pm.**

If you're interested in participating, please RSVP to martinsdropoff@gmail.com and let them know how many pies you will be making.

JoEllen Brothers is participating and would be happy to deliver your pies to Martin's.

She would like them at St Aidan's by noon of the 25th. Please let her know if you plan to drop off pies for her to deliver: Joellen.brothers@yahoo.com

Advent Formation Series

PEOPLE OF PEACE: Grounding Ourselves in Nonviolence

Four Zoom sessions, beginning Wednesday November 12

6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer; 7 – 8:15 Program

Amid the turbulence of our current political climate, we hear a lot about "peaceful protests" and "nonviolent resistance." For the most part, our public conversation uses the term nonviolence to indicate merely the absence of something, rather than the presence of a courageous and active spiritual practice that confronts evil with love. In our Advent Wednesday evening series this year, we will ground ourselves in nonviolence by exploring the work of leaders whose faith has shaped and led this living tradition. Please join us on Zoom via the link for Evening Prayer. If you have questions or need the link, please contact Susan Spencer or Barbara Stevenson.

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.

Sign-on Letter to the Presiding Bishop

Several weeks ago a group of St. Aidanites met to reflect upon this moment in history, the impact of this political moment on our lives and relationships, and what ways we are called to act in response. Between the 8 and 10 AM services as well as after the 10 AM service, we have now met twice. At the second such meeting, the group used Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe's July 4th op ed, published in *Religion News Service*, as a grounding text for reflection. During that conversation the group decided to write to the Presiding Bishop thanking him for the boldness of his words and asking him to please continue speaking out, inviting more Christians to be "engines of resistance," bearing witness to the values of God's just reign. Print-outs of this letter will be at church this Sunday for people to sign on. If you cannot be present and would like us to add your signature, please let us know at office@staidansf.org.

Wrestling with the Scriptures meets every fourth Tuesday at 10:30 am (via Zoom). The next meeting will be **November 25**. 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, December 1, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**
 - *Spying on the South: An Odyssey Across The American Divide* - by Tony Horwitz - The author follows the trail of landscape architect, Frederick Olmstead, who was an undercover correspondent for the New York Times before the outbreak of the Civil War. Amidst the discord and polarization of our own time, Horwitz searches for an answer to the question "Is America still one country?" (496 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

Calendar for the Week of November 16, 2025

Sunday, November 16	Holy Eucharist at 8 AM (In Person) & 10 AM (Hybrid)
Monday, November 17	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM
Tuesday, November 18	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM
Wednesday, November 19	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM Evening Prayer (via Zoom) at 6:30 PM
Thursday, November 20	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Kaffeeklatsch (via Zoom) at 3 PM
Friday, November 21	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) at 7:30 AM Food Pantry (at church) from 1-2 PM
Saturday, November 22	

St. Aidan's Vestry

Barbara Stevenson, *Senior Warden*;
Lee Hammack, *Junior 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 Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For Austin, our bishop; for St. Edmund's, Pacifica.

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

For those with birthdays this week: Cameron, Margaret.

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., Darren, 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, Pete M., Peter G., Rocky V. and Ruth S., Ron B., Stephanie M., Tawanda, Zakaria E., and on behalf of our St. Cyprian's friends for Adrian W., and Jasmine H.

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: Lovie Spencer, Dick Young, Kim Fellner, Gayle Rosenkrantz, Audrey DeLoache, Lois Roach, Shirley Sabin, and Angela Hunkler; on behalf of our St. Cyprian's friends, for Pia Harris.

To place a name on our prayer list, please contact the church office at 415-285-9540, ext. 3 or office@staidansf.org. Names of the living are printed by first name and will be kept on the prayer list for four weeks. To keep someone on the list for longer, please notify the office.



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