

Creation Season

Feast of St. Francis & St. Clare



St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
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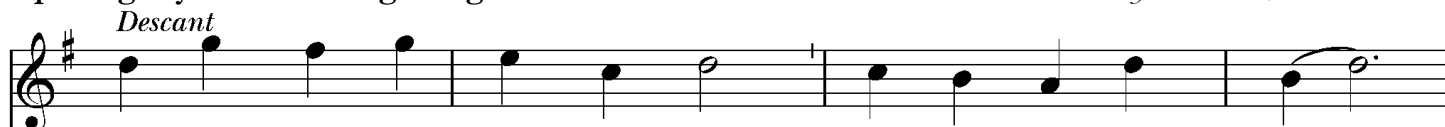
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The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful

The Hymnal 1982, #405

Descant



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea - tures great and small,

Refrain



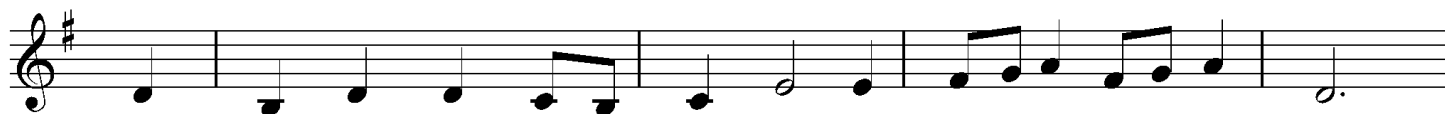
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



Repeat Refrain

he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Opening Acclamation and Prayer of the Directions

Presider
People

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

Officiant

We turn to the east, O God, and offer thanks to you whose creative mystery shines in the rising of the sun. May we honor the breath of life that flows through all creation, and the intricate web that connects all things. Open us, we pray, to new beginnings.

People **Root us in the way of love.**

Officiant

We turn to the west, O God, and give thanks to you who laid the course of the sun's setting. May we welcome the beauty of its waning light, hallow all endings, and accompany one another in compassion, remembering our own sundown. Open us, we pray, to the transformations of letting go.

People **Root us in the way of love.**

Officiant

We turn to the north, O God, with reverence for the wisdom of your holy ones, living and departed, honoring especially the Yelamu tribe of the Ramaytush Ohlone people who have lived in vital relationship with this, their unceded land for thousands of years. May we be strengthened to engage the deep work of repair for which the very soil cries out.

People **Root us in the way of love.**

Officiant

We turn to the south, O God, and give thanks for your irrepressible joy in our lives. Together may we receive that joy, responding in creativity, mutuality, laughter, and love. May your joy inspire us to celebrate the dignity and support the flourishing of all creation.

Officiant **Root us in the way of love.**

Officiant Together let us pray,

God of mystery and majesty, whose imagination and desire embrace all: We seek to discern you in the interplay of forces, in the order and the chaos of the universe, and in the complexities of every living system. Give us grace to honor your goodness in what we know and in what we do not know, in the world's harmonies and turbulence, and in its promise and change. For you are in, through, and beyond all that is: one God, made known to us in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, our inspiration and guide. Amen.

Song of Praise: Through North and South and East and West

Wonder, Love, and Praise #822

The musical score is written for a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/2. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are: "Through north and south and east and west May God's im-mor-tal name be".

blessed: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Till

ev' - ry - where be - neath the sun, God's reign be - gins; God's will is

done: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Collect of the Day

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

God of all mercies, may we strive always to imitate the way of holy simplicity, humility, and poverty, shown us by our forebears Francis and Clare, and in our conversion to Christ. Spread the fragrance of a good name, we pray, from those who live faithfully according to your will. May we love one another with the charity of Christ. May the love that we have in our hearts show itself in our actions. And may our love and example increase love of God and charity for one another in all places. ***Amen.***

The First Reading

Lector A reading from Job (39:1–18).

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?
Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling-place?
It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?
Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.
For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.
When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider."

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

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

Psalm 121

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

Antiphon: My help comes from our God, the maker of heaven and earth.

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;*
from where is my help to come?

- 2 *My help comes from our God,*
the maker of heaven and earth.*
- 3 *God will not let your foot be moved*
the one who watches over you will not fall asleep.*
- 4 *Behold, the one who keeps watch over Israel*
shall neither slumber nor sleep;*
- 5 *The Holy One watches over you;*
God is your shade at your right hand.*
- 6 *So that the sun shall not strike you by day,*
nor the moon by night.*
- 7 *God will preserve you from all evil;*
the Most High will keep you safe.*
- 8 *God will watch over your going out and your coming in,*
from this time forth for evermore.*

Antiphon: My help comes from our God, the maker of heaven and earth.

The Second Reading

Lector A reading from Clare of Assisi.

May you reflect the glory of the Lord. Place your heart in the divine substance through contemplation. Transform your being into the image that we reflect, the Godhead Itself. Then, you will feel what love is. Then, you will feel the sweetness that is revealed to us through the Spirit, what no eye has seen and no ear has heard, the love that God has for [God's] lovers.

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

People *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn: Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom

All Creation Sings, 1064

1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,

from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.

All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice
 Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:

as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

The Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew (11:25–30).
People ***Glory to you, O Christ.***

Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

The Sermon

Weston Morris

Sung Creed

*Play 4 sung parts on organ manual, bass part in whole notes in pedal.
Consider not repeating, but rather tying many of the repeated notes.*

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

*last time
bass hold G flat
instead of A flat*

Prayers of the People

During the pause after each bidding, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Deacon

In the beginning, God was. Here and now, God is. In the future, God will be. Let us pray for God's creation, now and always.

Intercessor

We pray for this earth, our fragile, island home. We acknowledge that St. Aidan's is located on the unceded, ancestral land of the Yelamu tribe of the Ramaytush Ohlone people. Enable us to be good caretakers and stewards. May we enrich the earth and be enriched by it. We pray to you, O God,

Intercessor God, Giver of life,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor

Author of creation, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits. We pray for the Church, for our Diocese as we search for our next Bishop, and for other ministries, leaders, and communities we name silently or aloud.

Deacon or Presider reads from the Anglican and Diocesan cycles of prayer.

Intercessor God, Giver of life,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor God, Giver of life,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor

Source of hope, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. We pray especially for indigenous communities threatened by climate change, and for justice for all earth's people either silently or aloud.

Intercessor God, Giver of life,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor

Great Healer, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence, especially those who have asked for our prayers.

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

Intercessor God, Giver of life,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor

Comforter of all the earth, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died.

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

Intercessor God, Giver of life,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

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

Intercessor God, Giver of life,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider

Great Spirit God, we give you thanks for another day on this earth. We give you thanks for this day to enjoy the compassionate goodness of you, our Creator. Bind us together in the circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and one another. **Amen.**

The Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and God's Creation.

A space of silence is kept.

All **Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 the flowing rivers be with you; of the shining stars and the warming sun, of the blowing air, the growing grass, and the shimmering sand. The peace of the creatures of this earth: creeping, crawling, swimming or flying; the peace of the God of all Creation be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Announcements

Blessing of Animal Companions

Presider God be you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider **O God, we thank you for making the animals to brighten our lives. Help us to save them from danger as Noah did. Help us to love and care for them as St. Francis did. And when we see all the creatures you have made, help us to remember that you are holy and worthy of praise; in the name of the creator who dreamed the giraffe and zebra into being, and of the Son who was named after the beautiful white lamb, and of the Holy Spirit who came to us in the form of a dove. Amen**

All **With all creatures gathered around the divine throne, may we bless God and become a blessing.**

At this time you are invited to bring your companion animal (or a photo) forward if you are in the church space, and to bring your companion animal to your device if you are connected remotely, to receive a blessing.

Officiant N (animal name) may you be blessed in the Name of God who created you, and may you and (human/ caretaker name) enjoy life together with God."

After the blessings have been offered, we will turn to a closing prayer in memory of our animals who have died. We will refer to the photographs that have been placed at a table adjacent to the altar as we do this blessing, and to the photographs that people are sharing via zoom..

Prayer Honoring Animal Companions Who Have Died

Officiant

We close our blessings today in memory of animals who have died, whom we hold in our hearts, with this prayer:

Heavenly Creator, we come before you mindful that you have filled the earth with a web of life; we come before you grateful for those companion animals that have shared our lives.... But we are also mindful that a part of life is death and today we come before you with sadness at the death of our beloved pets. Comfort us in our grief. Lovingly embrace those creatures that we can no longer touch. Teach us to love more dearly, show us the way to care for all of your creation.

Offertory Prayer

Presider

O God, may we cling wholeheartedly to you: whose tender touch and kindness, whose ever fresh remembrance and fragrance, whose radiant visage and clarity continually shares heavenly joy with us and with all the citizens of the heavenly city. Amen.

Offertory Hymn: Lord Make Us Servants of Your Peace

The Hymnal 1982, #593

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

The Deacon sets the table.

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People

By your will they were created and have their being.

Presider

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Presider

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

And so, O God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Presider Lord God of our forebears: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Hagar, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People ***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Presider Accept these prayers and praises through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,

People ***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 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 and says,

Presider We are the Body of Christ.

All ***We behold who we are; may we become one with the One we receive.***

Lifting the bread and cup, the Presider and Deacon invite the people.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

This Altar belongs to God and all are welcome to partake, wherever you are on your journey of faith.

*At this time in our pandemic context, in accordance with diocesan guidance about refraining
from the common cup, we are sharing communion "in one kind" — bread only.*

*If you choose to not receive the bread, you are also welcome to come forward for a blessing;
simply cross your arms over your chest.*

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

During Communion, those present via Zoom are encouraged to pray the following prayer for Spiritual Communion that we have all been sharing 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.

Communion Hymn: Taste and See

LEVASII, #154

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.

1. His praise shall al - ways be on my
2. To - geth - er let us all praise His
3. You'll want for noth - ing if you

1. lips; my soul shall
2. name. I called the
3. ask. Taste and

1. glo - ry in the Lord; for
2. Lord and He an - swered me; from
3. see that God is good; in

1. He has been so good to me.
2. all my trou - bles He set me free.
3. Him we need put all our trust. **D.C.**

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Holy, gracious, and loving God, you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us in body and spirit. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth, this day and evermore. Amen.**

Healing Prayer

Anyone is invited to make a request for healing prayer.

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

Concluding Prayer of the Directions

Deacon

Lifting our hands up, O God in the heavens, we pray that you would deepen our connection to the sky above and the cosmos beyond, knowing that we are always united with you and all things.

All **Root us in the way of love.**

Deacon

Facing the palms of our hands toward the ground, Creator of the earth, we pray that you would teach us your life-giving ways so that we too can care for all creation as you do.

All **Root us in the way of love.**

Deacon

Placing our hands over our hearts, God of the heart, we give thanks for each other. May we remember to rise up as one for the good of all in need, may our hearts remain open to learn from our struggles, and may we listen for the heartbeat of God in each other.

All **Root us in the way of love.**

Blessing

Presider

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, always walks with you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Sing to the Mountains

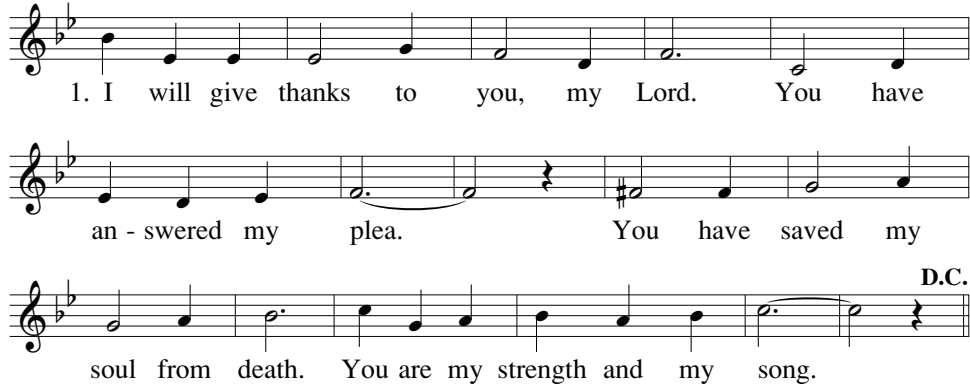
Gather, #435

Refrain

Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your
voic - es, lift your hearts. This is the day the
Lord has made. Let all the earth re - joice.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Verse 1



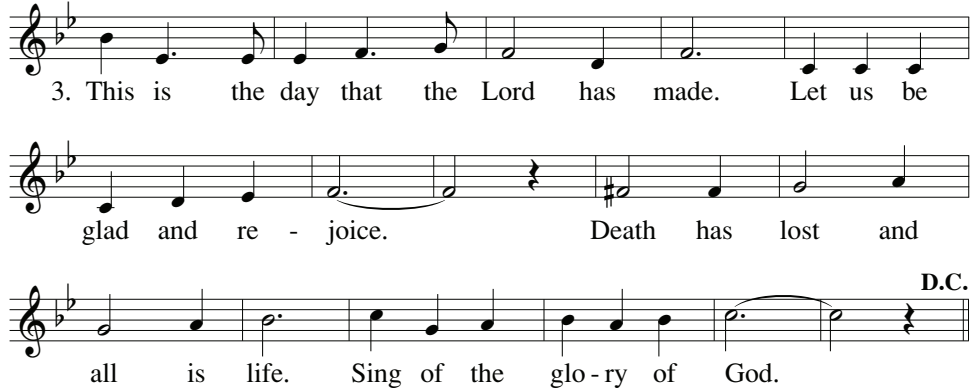
1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have answered my plea. You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song. D.C.

Verse 2



2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. D.C.

Verse 3



3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re - joice. Death has lost and all is life. Sing of the glo - ry of God. D.C.

The Dismissal

Deacon

Let us bless God.

People

Thanks be to God!

Serving St. Aidan's

The Rev. Scot Sherman, *Presider*

Weston Morris, *Preacher*

The Rev. Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain, *Deacon*

David Austin *Guest Music Minister*

Anne Benninger, Lee Hammack, Elaine Jennings, Michael Jennings, Janet Lohr,
Jim Oerther, Kateri Paul, Jill Tollefson, & Rolf Tollefson, and perhaps you!, *Choir*

JoEllen Brothers, Betty Carmack, *Lectors*

Patrick Hall, *Intercessor*

Sue McDonald, *In-Person Greeter*

Elena Wong, *Zoom Greeter*

Dave Frangquist, *Sound/Liturgical DJ*

JoEllen Brothers, *Bread Baker*

CoCo Lin, *Child Care*

Barbara Stevenson, *Altar Guild*

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- * The cover image is of the “Nueva Creación” cross that hangs in the St. Aidan’s Parish Office. Photo and editing by Azaleah.
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- * The prayer of Creation is from “Liturgical Materials Honoring God and Creation” by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, Supplemental Report to the 78th General Convention, p. 236. It can be found online at https://episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/liturgies_honoring_god_in_creation_sclm.pdf
- * The text of the Sung Creed is by Sylvia Dunston and can be found in *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (New York: Church Publishing, 1997), #760. The music was composed for St. Aidan’s by our former Music Minister Charles Rus.
- * The Prayers of the People are adapted from “Prayers Honoring God and Creation,” Form 2, compiled by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, Supplemental Report to the 78th General Convention, p. 241-243. The text can be found online at https://episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/liturgies_honoring_god_in_creation_sclm.pdf The concluding prayer, among three collects concluding Form 2, is identified as Native American/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Liturgies, prepared for the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, Anaheim, California, July 2009.
- * The Confession is from “Prayers Honoring God and Creation,” compiled by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, Supplemental Report to the 78th General Convention, p. 246. The text can be found online at https://episcopalchurch.org/files/documents/liturgies_honoring_god_in_creation_sclm.pdf
- * The Peace is adapted from a traditional Gaelic blessing.
- * The blessing for the animals was written by the Rev. Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain
- * The prayer honoring companion animals who have died was written by the Rev. Mark Henderson
- * The Eucharistic Prayer and Post Communion Prayer are adapted from *Supplemental Liturgical Texts: Prayer Book Studies 30* (New York: Church Hymnal Corporation, 1989), 69-75.
- * The Prayer of Spiritual Communion (“In union, O God...”) is adapted from the excerpts from *Saint Augustine’s Prayer Book* that can be found online at <https://news.forwardmovement.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Spiritual-Communion.pdf>
- * The Blessing is adapted from the Blessing of St. Clare, *Enriching Our Worship I*, 71.

Announcements

Vital + Thriving Listening Campaign Launches

Our next activity in the Vital + Thriving process is a listening campaign. Our Listening Team (Betty Carmack, Will Crockett, Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain, Mileva Lewis, Kathy O'Loughlin, George Slaiman) will be conducting 25 interviews with members and friends of the congregation as well as community members engaged in ministry with us. If one of them contacts you for an interview, please say yes!

Creation Season at St. Aidan's

We are planning a number of offerings for Creation Season at St. Aidan's to celebrate and live into this season of our church year. The season will begin the Sunday after the Feast of St. Aidan and will include:

- On **Sunday October 2**, the Feast of St. Francis and St. Clare will be observed with services at 8 and 10 AM - Like last year, the service will include in person and Zoom blessings of companion animals, as well as acknowledgement of the loss of companion animals in the past year. After the 10 AM service there will be a blessing of the dogs in Upper Douglas Dog park.
- On **Saturday October 15th**, the St. Aidan's community is again invited to join the Diamond Heights Median work day, which works to create sustainable and beautiful medians in our neighborhood.

Blessings of our Animal Companions is today, October 2 – St. Francis and St. Clare day!

As is our custom, we will be offering blessings for our animal companions on October 2 as we celebrate the Feast day of Saints Francis and Clare. In our amazing hybrid world, we will offer blessings in a variety of ways, at both of our services. We will offer blessings for both our companions who are living and for those who have died. These are the range of options that you can bring your companion animals to our blessings:

- In person at St. Aidan's – We will bless animals in person at both of our services.
- On-line – We will bless animals who join you on zoom (or their photos) at both services.
- For animals who have died – We will have a special blessing for our companions who have died, at both services. If you'd like to bring a photograph of your companion to church on October 2, we'll set up a table where we can view these beloved images. If you are on zoom, you are invited to hold up a photograph as we do our blessing for animals who have died.
- At the Upper Douglass Dog Park – And last but not least, we will be blessing companions at the Dog Park on October 2 at from 12-1 pm. People are invited to bring photos of departed animals to that gathering as well.

Cameron is on Sabbatical

Cameron is on a long-planned sabbatical (August 1st – November 27th). While he is away, the Reverend Scot Sherman is serving in his stead, on a half-time basis.

This is a time of growth and opportunity for all of us-- for Cameron in this time of sabbatical, for St. Aidan's as we make our way into to Vital + Thriving program, and for Scot as he walks more closely with St. Aidan's on this journey.

Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship Continues This Week

This week our worship will continue to be hybrid, with both in person and Zoom platforms available. We encourage you to connect to with worship in whatever way is comfortable and feels safest for you.

As mask mandates increasingly lift in the Bay Area, and as COVID-19 moves in an endemic direction, we look forward to making masks optional for gatherings here at St. Aidan's. While we are not yet ready to take this step for everyone, we are moving in that direction by inviting worship leaders who are fully vaccinated and boosted, and who feel comfortable doing so, to remove their masks when exercising that leadership in order to be more clearly heard. One exception to this shift is that worship leaders will remain masked while consecrating the

elements at the altar. This modest step beyond our practice of the last several months is in accordance with diocesan guidance, the latest version of which can be found at: COVID-19 Health Guidelines

Our St. Aidan's Women's Spirituality Group will meet via zoom Saturday, October 15th, at 10:30. The Women's Spirituality Meeting will be held on the 3rd Saturday of October in order not to conflict with Habitat for Humanity which is on the 2nd Saturday in October. We will meet at our regular 10:30 a.m. time. October's topic, suggested by Kathy O'Loughlin, is "On the Shortness of Life." 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 Gardens – next date: November 5 at 12:30 pm

Many thanks to all who participated in our gardening day on Saturday, October 1.

The upcoming dates until the end of 2022 are: November 5 and December 3. Please join us! Question? Contact Deacon Margaret (Mdyerc@stanford.edu)

Habitat for Humanity Amber Drive Work Day (36 Amber Drive)

Please contact Deacon Margaret (mdyerc@stanford.edu or 650-619-0781) if you would like to sign up for this.....she will inform you about the Habitat on-line sign up process.

- **Saturday October 8, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, at the 36 Amber Drive building site, ages 16 and up.** This will be St. Aidan's 4th volunteer opportunity at the building site in our neighborhood! We've had a blast each time we've volunteered, and the progress at the site is inspiring and impressive. Please join us!

Men's Group

Saturday, October 8, 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 October 6, contact Dave Frangquist (frangquist@acm.org). Please note that the Men's Group has switched to the second Saturday of the month this year.

St. Aidan's Gourmet Book Group - Next Date: Monday, October 24, 7pm

We will continue to meet 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 join the Book Group, please contact elaine@mannon.com.

- **Monday, October 24, 2022 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**
 - **Disorientation** by Elaine Hsieh Chou (416 pages) A quirky satire with laser-sharp observations about cultural identity and the ugly truth of tokenism and racism in the world of academia.
- **Monday, November 28, 2022 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**
 - **Fierce Attachments** – Vivian Gormick (181 pages) An unsparing, deeply courageous memoir about the author's lifelong battle with her widowed mother for independence.

Thank you for the continuing flow of books ...

Many thanks for bringing your books for the **Little Free Library** and our prison book ministry. They just keep appearing as little gifts from God – but I think they are from all of you actually! Since I don't always know who has dropped them off, I just wanted to thank everyone collectively. Here is a photo of the Little Free Library full stocked. I'm also willing and able to pick books up from your home or meet you at the church with them. All best - Margaret

Christine Ingersoll Ortiz - Memorial Service - October 9, 2022 after the 10:00 AM Eucharist - Chris and her husband Oscar were core members of St. Aidan's many years ago. Oscar died in 2013. Chris's obituary can be found here: [Christine Ingersoll Ortiz Obituary](#)

Eleanor Elliott's Memorial Service - October 16

Eleanor Elliott's celebration of life service will take place on October 16. More details will be coming soon.

Natalie Lloyd

A memorial/celebration of life service will take place on December 4 at 2:30 pm at St. Aidan's.

Cards for Barbara Purcell

With the support of her children, our beloved long-time St. Aidanite Barbara Purcell has recently moved to the Sacramento area. Let's send our love to her and her family in the form of cards. They can be addressed to her

c/o Bill Purcell
4341 Galewood Way
Carmichael, CA 95608

Thank you in advance for your support!

Please send in your recipes for the COVID Connect Cookbook!

As shared in previous weeks, Peter Fairfield and Linnea Sweet are putting together the COVID Connect Cookbook. He's received several recipes thus far but would very much like more. He writes:

We are living through a time that will change our world in ways that we cannot yet begin to understand. We can hope that our shared vulnerability to this virus worldwide will help us see that all humanity is connected and that we must all work together. As we shelter in place, many of us are concerned with food. If we are not working, how will we afford it? If we cannot go out, how will we get it?

In our community of Saint Aidan's, many are able to feed themselves and to help others get fed. More than that, we appreciate the food that we get and are finding new ways of making the sharing of food as enjoyable as possible.

The soup recipes that Cameron has been sharing have made our diet much more enjoyable and have given Linnea and I the inspiration to collect recipes from all the congregation and share them. We ask that everyone with a favorite recipe email it to us at peterlinnea@earthlink.net. We will collect and edit them into a cookbook which will be a lasting reminder of this strange and special time in all our lives.

We hope to be able to publish this cookbook in printed form and sell it to raise funds in support of Saint Aidan's food ministries. We know you have been sharing food. Now please share your recipes!

Contemplative Prayer continues: Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday from 9-10 AM via Zoom

Contemplative prayer continues during this time of sheltering in place, 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 offering to anchor this practice once again, especially the Saturday, during this time. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org.

Morning Prayer continues: Mon, Wed, Fri at 7:30 AM via Zoom

We also continue to have Morning Prayer to help sustain and ground us, online/over the phone! Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org.

Evening Prayer resumes: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM via Zoom

Our in-coming CDSP Seminarian Weston Morris has resumed the service. Evening Prayer usually lasts a half

hour. Readings for the day often feature commemorations from the Episcopal Church's 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

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 October 2nd, 2022

Sunday, October 2	Holy Eucharist (Hybrid) at 8 & 10 AM Safe Church Training following 10 AM service
Monday, October 3	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) at 7:30 AM
Tuesday, October 4	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Wrestling With the Scriptures (via Zoom) at 10:30 AM
Wednesday, October 5	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) at 7:30 AM Diamond Diners To-Go at 12 PM Evening Prayer (via Zoom) at 6:30 PM
Thursday, October 6	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Kaffeeklatsch (via Zoom) from 3-4 PM
Friday, October 7	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) at 7:30 AM Food Pantry (at Church) from 1-2 PM
Saturday, October 8	Habitat for Humanity – Amber Drive at 8:30 AM Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Men's Group (via Zoom) at 9 AM

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St. Aidan's Prayers

In Your Prayers, Please Remember:

In deep acknowledgment that St. Aidan's is located within the unceded, ancestral land of the Yelamu tribe of the Ramaytush Ohlone people who have lived in vital relationship with this holy place for thousands of years.

In the Episcopal Church: Pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop; Marc our Bishop; the clergy of the Diocese; our Rector Cameron; our sabbatical priest Scot; our assisting priests Don and Gary; our Deacons Margaret, and Mark; our Music Minister Barry; our Guest Music Minister David; our seminarian Weston; our postulant Lisa; our Childcare Provider CoCo.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Anglican Church of Canada.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. Francis of Assisi, Novato; St. Francis, San Francisco.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Faith in Action.

For those with birthdays this week: Joy, Timothy, Michael, Anne, Harlean.

For all striving for mental and emotional balance and wholeness, and for their families and friends.

For those who have asked for our prayers: Barry, Dawn, Earl P., Janice L., Jeffrey E., John E., Kathy R., Margaret T., Mary P., Nancy P., Pam F., Sam C.

For the ongoing work against intersecting forms of oppression, particularly racism; and in affirmation of human dignity;

For our work in the world: Habitat for Humanity on Amber Drive, the Friday Food Pantry, Diamond Diners.

For Oscar Grant, Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, Elijah McClain, Walter Wallace, Adam Toledo, Daunte Wright, and all whose lives have borne deep witness that Black Lives Matter, and that systemic racism, white supremacy, and police brutality must be eradicated.

For our congregation as we embrace our call to be a sanctuary people, may we commit ourselves to prayer, education, and practices of sanctuary to support immigrants to this country and all people who are estranged, excluded, or threatened in 21st century America.

For all who are struggling in this time of pandemic, vulnerability, intensified injustice and division; for strength, support, and community across physical distances and for deepened engagement and commitment to our common life;

For those who have recently died: John, Natalie Lloyd, Sabra Sones, Eleanor Elliott, Joseph Potenti, Ellie McCarthy, Christine Ortiz.

Names of the living are printed by first name only unless otherwise requested.

Living prayer request names will be kept on the prayer list for four weeks;
to keep someone on the list for longer, please notify the office.

To place a name on our prayer list, please contact the church office

415-285-9540, ext. 3 or office@staidansf.org



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