

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



March 9, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word

A Word about the Stones

As our service begins you are invited to pick up a stone to hold through the majority of our worship. The stone is meant to signify something(s) we are carrying in this holy, challenging season. At Communion when you come forward, we invite you to place your stone in the container of sand near the altar. Together, we lay our burdens down and receive the nourishment of holy food to sustain us in the desert.

Prelude

Opening Hymn: Forty Days and Forty Nights

The Hymnal, 1982 #150

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major/D minor). The first system contains five verses of lyrics. The second system contains five verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smytton (1822-1870), alt. Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

Opening Sentences

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

Confession

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

A space of silence is kept

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

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

Kyrie

The musical score for the Kyrie is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son." followed by "Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son." The second staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "Chri - ste e - le - i - son." followed by "Chri - ste e - le - i - son." The third staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son." followed by "Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son." The tempo markings "Cantor" and "All" are placed above the first and second measures of each staff respectively.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider Hear our cry, O God.
People *And listen to our prayer.*
Presider Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading

Lector A reading from Deuteronomy (26:1-11).

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Deacon or Officiant introduces the Psalm and reads the Antiphon at the beginning and ending of the Psalm. All join in reading the bolded text.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Antiphon God will have charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

- 1 **They who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,* abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**
- 2 **They will say to our God, "You are my refuge and my stronghold,* the one in whom I put my trust."**
- 9 **Because you have made our God your refuge,* and the Most High your habitation,**
- 10 **There shall no evil happen to you,* neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**
- 11 **For God's angels will have charge over you,* to keep you in all your ways.**
- 12 **They shall bear you in their hands,* lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
- 13 **You shall tread upon the lion and adder:*
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.**
- 14 **Because you are bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver you,*
I will protect you, because you know my Name.**
- 15 **You shall call upon me, and I will answer you;*
I am with you in trouble; I will rescue you and bring you to honor.**
- 16 **With long life will I satisfy you,* and show you my salvation.**

Antiphon God will have charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

Second Reading

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (10:8b-13).

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: When We Are Tested

All Creation Sings #922



- 1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
- 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
- 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
- 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,

fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,

nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,

food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: Irish traditional
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The Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke (4:1-13).
All ***Glory to you, O Christ.***

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
 and serve only him."

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
 to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
 so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Deacon
All

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Cameron Partridge

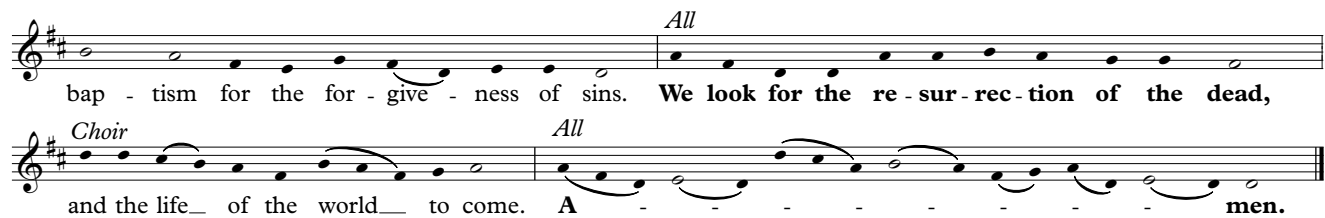
Silence

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

Sung Creed

music: Credo III. adapt. Mina Marie Jelinek (b. 1996)

Choir
We be-lieve in one God, the Au-thor, the Al-might-y, mak-er of heav'n and earth,
All
of all that is, seen and un - seen. **We be-lieve in one Lord, Je - sus Christ,**
Choir
the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly be - got - ten of the Au - thor.
All
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be - got - ten not made,
All
of one Be-ing with the Ma - ker. Through him all things were made. **For us and for our sal - va - tion**
Choir
he came down from hea - ven: By the po-wer of the Ho - ly Spi - rit he be-came in - car - nate
slower
from the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and hu-man he be-came. *All*
For our sake he was cru - ci - fied
un - der Pon - tius Pi - late; he suf - fered death and was bur - ied.
Choir
On the third day he rose a - gain in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; *All*
he a - scend - ed in - to hea - ven
Choir
and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Ho - ly One. He will come a - gain in glo - ry
All
to judge the liv - ing and the dead, and his king - dom will have no end. **We be - lieve**
in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the Ma - ker
Choir
and the Son. With the Ma - ker and the Son he is wor - shiped and glo - ri - fied. He has spo - ken through
All
the Pro - phets. *Choir*
We be - lieve in one ho - ly cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church. We ac - know - ledge one -



The Prayers of the People

Deacon or Presider

Let us bring our cares and concerns to the One who is always ready to be our guide and help in troubled times.

Intercessor

We pray for the leaders and people of our Church and all people of faith, that we may courageously give witness to the way of love.

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

Intercessor O God, give us the joy of your saving help,
People **and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

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

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

Intercessor O God, give us the joy of your saving help,
People **and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

Intercessor As Jesus turned to solitude in the wilderness to prepare for the beginning of his ministry, let us honor and restore your natural world.

Deacon or Presider reads the Land Acknowledgement and invites additional prayers.

Intercessor O God, give us the joy of your saving help,
People **and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

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

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

Intercessor O God, give us the joy of your saving help,
People **and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

Intercessor As the angels ministered to Jesus in the desert, we pray that angels will minister to all who have died and all who mourn.

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

Intercessor O God, give us the joy of your saving help,
People **and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

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

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

Intercessor O God, give us the joy of your saving help,
People **and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

Presider

O God, accept the prayers of your people; look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, One God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

Presider

The Peace of God be always with you.

People

And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of Christ.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

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

The Deacon and/or officiant set the table.

Offertory Hymn: Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

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1. Je - sus, tempt - ed in the des - ert,
2. Je - sus, tempt - ed at the tem - ple,
3. Je - sus, tempt - ed on the moun - tain
4. When we face temp - ta - tion's pow - er,



Lone - ly, hun - gry, filled with dread: "Use your pow'r," the
High a - bove its an - cient wall: "Throw your - self from
By the lure of vast do - main: "Fall be - fore me!
Lone - ly, strug - gling, filled with dread, Christ, who knew the



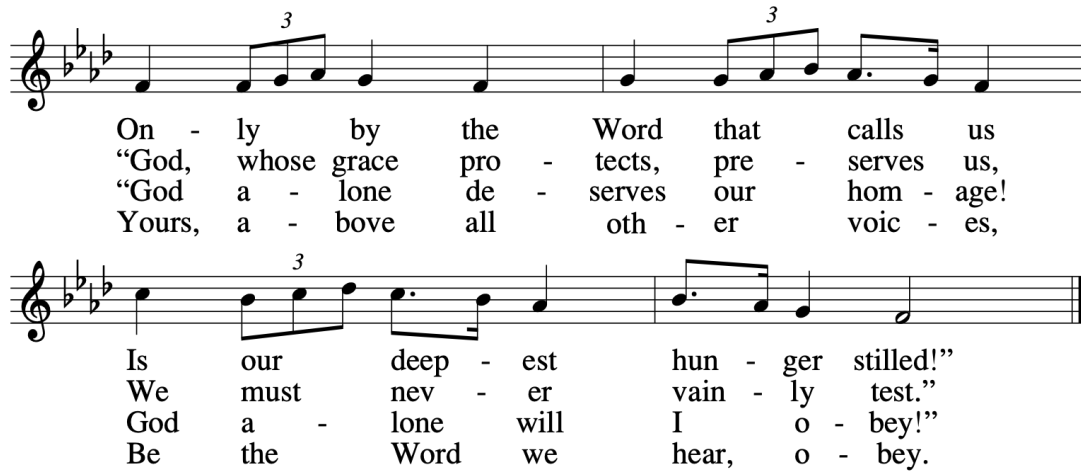
tempt - er tells him; "Turn these bar - ren rocks to bread!"
loft - y tur - ret; An - gels wait to break your fall!"
Be my ser - vant! Glo - ry, fame, you're sure to gain!"
tempt - er's ho - ur, Come and be our liv - ing bread.



"Not a - lone by bread," he an - swers,
Je - sus shuns such emp - ty mar - vels,
Je - sus sees the daz - zling vi - sion,
By your grace, pro - tect, pre - serve us



"Can the hu - man heart be filled.
Feats that fick - le crowds re - quest:
Turns his eyes an - oth - er way:
Lest we fall, your trust be - tray.



On - ly by the Word that calls us
 “God, whose grace pro - tects, pre - serves us,
 “God a - lone de - serves our hom - age!
 Yours, a - bove all oth - er voic - es,
 Is our deep - est hun - ger stilled!”
 We must nev - er vain - ly test.”
 God a - lone will I o - bey!”
 Be the Word we hear, o - bey.

Text: Matthew 4:1–11, Luke 4:1–13; Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923–2007, © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.
 Tune: EBENEZER, 8 7 8 7 D; Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

Liturgy of the Table

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to God.**
Presider Let us give thanks to God.
People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the firstborn from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human, stay with us, and create clean hearts in us even when we turn from you to sin.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ. You make all things new. In Christ’s suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

By Christ’s journey into the wilderness are we all brought home; by his agony and death are we come finally to life; the cross of shame is now the tree of glory.


In your mercy you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and sing:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Blest is the One who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; 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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Divine Parent, Creator, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, God our Creator. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

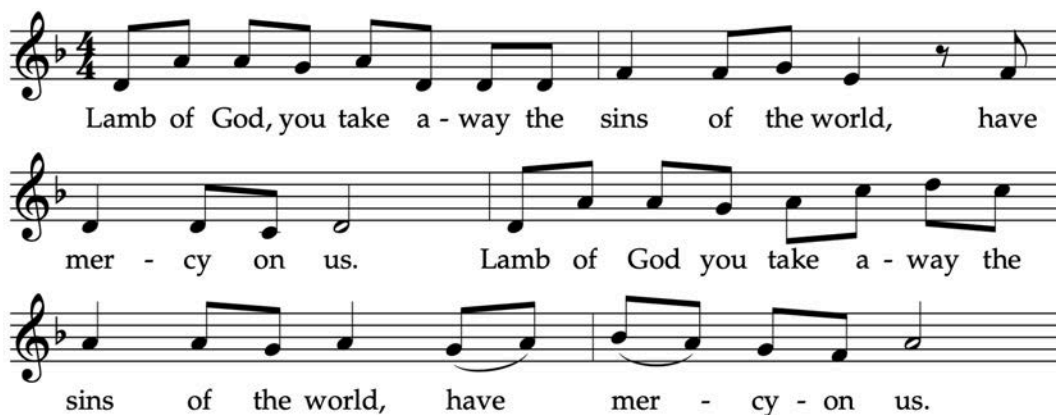
After a brief pause, the Deacon says,

As Christ taught us, we now pray,

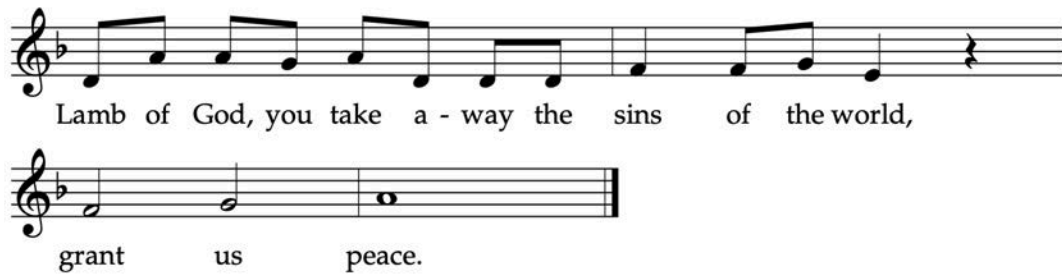
God in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Fraction

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God you take a - way the
 sins of the world, have mer - cy - on us.



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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.

*When you come forward, we invite you to place your stone in the container of sand near the altar.
Together, we lay our burdens down and receive the nourishment of holy food to sustain us in the desert.*

This Altar belongs to God and all are welcome to partake, wherever you are on your journey of faith. If you choose to not receive the bread or wine, you are also welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms over your chest.

The bread and wine are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven; The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

During Communion, those present via Zoom are encouraged to pray the following prayer for Spiritual Communion:

In union, O God, with your people at every altar of your Church, we offer you praise, giving thanks for your presence in the holy gifts of bread and wine. In our spatial distance we invite you to come spiritually into our hearts, nourishing and strengthening us as members of your body.
Amen.

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

Verse 1

1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a -
 bide in his shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My
 ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain $\text{\textcircled{S}}$

And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the
 breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and
 hold you in the palm of his hand. *Last time to coda $\text{\textcircled{D}}$ To verses* 2. The

Verse 2

snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, and
 fam-ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings your
 ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield. **D.S.**

Verse 3

3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the
 ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -
 bout you, near you it shall not come.

Verse 4

4. For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a- gainst a stone.

⊕ Coda

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Psalm 91; Michael Joncas, b.1951
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The Deacon or officiant removes the bread and wine from the table.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Most loving God, Creator and Redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.
People ***Through Christ, with St. Aidan and all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Liberator. Amen.***

Healing Prayer

*The people are invited to share a request for healing prayer.
You may make a request for yourself or on behalf of another. The Presider then offers a prayer.*

Blessing

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

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993
 Music: Welsh tune, 19th cent.
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Dismissal

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

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Announcements

Save the Date: Community Kitchen Capital Campaign Public Launch & Dinner coming up Saturday, April 5th!

As you may recall from our sneak preview at the Annual Meeting in January, we are preparing to launch a Community Kitchen Capital Campaign to fund the building of a kitchen on our main floor in support of our food ministries. We are very excited about this project and look forward to sharing it with you and inviting your support at an official campaign launch dinner on the evening of **Saturday, April 5th. Please save the date!**

Forgiveness, Revisited Wednesdays, March 12 - April 9

6:30 p.m. - Evening Prayer

7 - 8:15 Program

on Zoom

Sunday forum featuring Kaya Oakes

Sunday April 6

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

in person and on Zoom

In her provocative book, *Not So Sorry: Abusers, False Apologies, and the Limits of Forgiveness*, Catholic journalist and culture critic Kaya Oakes examines the mandate to forgive that effectively exists in many Christian communities and in our culture as a whole to some extent. She also asks the question: Is it ever better NOT to forgive? Our Adult Formation series this Lent will wrestle with *Not So Sorry* for the weeks leading up to Kaya Oakes' visit with us on Sunday, April 6. Along the way we will also re-engage with some of the core material from William Countryman and Desmond and Mpho Tutu that we studied in our Lenten series on forgiveness in 2018, considering how *Not So Sorry* relates to it. ***We have copies of the book available for \$22 apiece.*** Please contact Cameron to arrange to get one.

Call to Action from Faith in Action

Email Mayor Lurie and the Board of Supervisors

The group of recently arrived immigrant families working with Faith in Action ask for our support in their efforts to prevent children from being turned out onto the streets. Use this link to email Mayor Lurie and the Board of Supervisors: <https://tinyurl.com/4c4hfxbn>

Here is part of the statement the parents issued:

Last year, we worked with Supervisor Ahsha Safaí and Mayor London Breed to secure \$50 million in much-needed additional funding for hotel vouchers and rental subsidies for unhoused families with children, yet months later the approved resources have yet to become available. Instead of evicting families and causing more chaos and instability for us and our kids, we need Mayor Lurie to ensure that these resources are spent properly to ensure that we have no more children living in the streets of San Francisco.

For more background, see this Mission Local article (<https://tinyurl.com/47fn7c7z>) about families being evicted from shelters.

The Altar Guild is in need of new members for the 10 o'clock service. Members set up the Altar for the service and put away items after the service. Twice a year members gather to clean, polish and shine items used in the services. If you are interested in this mission, please phone or text me. Jackie Buckley, Altar Guild Chair 650-534-7875

Video Link Available for Stage Fright

Most of the Stage Fright cast gathered on January 25 for a potluck and viewing of the video of the show. Many people commented after seeing Stage Fright, St. Aidan's 18th original musical comedy, that the show was a welcome and fun escape from politics after the November election. If you need a break from all that is happening now, please contact Betsy Eddy at betsy.eddy@gmail.com for the free link.

Wrestling with the Scriptures now meets every **fourth Tuesday at 10:30 am (via Zoom)**. The next meeting will be **March 25**, led by Betty Carmack. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org.

St. Aidan's Gourmet Book Club

We will continue to meet via zoom with LeeAnn DeSalles serving as our zoom master. If you need the link or would like help with zoom, please contact LeeAnn at leeannesalles@comcast.net. If you would like to be on the Book Group's mailing list, please contact elaine@mannon.com.

- **Monday, March 31, 2025 7:00 p.m.**
 - ***West with Giraffes***—by Lydia Rutledge: Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, and the passing of time.
- **Monday, April 28, 2025 7:00 p.m.**
 - ***Funny in Farsi: a Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America*** - by Firoozeh Dumas . A humorous memoir recounting stories about her childhood in Iran and her adolescent and adult life in her adopted country. (240 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. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org.

Morning Prayer: M/W/F at 7:30 AM (Mon & Wed Hybrid, Fri Zoom)

We offer Morning Prayer in hybrid mode (at church and via Zoom) on Mondays and Wednesdays, 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 will also maintain a well-ventilated sanctuary by opening doors and windows. Our mask policy may be modified again as appropriate.

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 March 9, 2025

Sunday, March 9	Holy Eucharist (Hybrid) at 8 & 10 AM
Monday, March 10	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM
Tuesday, March 11	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM
Wednesday, March 12	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM Evening Prayer (Hybrid) at 6:30 PM Lenten Series (Hybrid), 7 PM
Thursday, March 13	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Kaffeeklatsch (via Zoom) at 3 PM
Friday, March 14	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) at 7:30 AM Food Pantry (at church) from 1-2 PM
Saturday, March 15	

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; and for our bishop Austin.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: For the Anglican Church of Canada.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For St. Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer: For the Prayer Chain.

For those with birthdays this week: Julian, Simon, Elaine, Joel, Morgan.

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, Denise, Don F., Harlean D., Isaac C., Jaime, Janice T., Jean W., Jenny M., Jim O., Joe, Joelle, Judy B., Lynne and Meg S., Margarita, Marc L., Mark, Matthew G., Mercedes, Mina Marie, Nicole M., Pat K., Patricia, Paul M. and family, Pete M., Peter G., Rebecca, Richie and family, Sarah G., Susan R., Tim F., and in the St. Cyprian's community for Adrian W., and Jasmine H.

For the 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 our 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: Shirley Sabin, Angela Hunkler, The Rev. Robert Cromey, Irma Pride, Marilyn Joyce Thomte, Father John Shozawa, Alton Woo, Kathy Randlett, Michelle Henry, and in the St. Cyprian's community 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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