

# Creation Season

## Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost



St. Aidan's Episcopal Church  
September 29, 2024 8:00 a.m.

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Opening Acclamation and Prayer of the Directions

*Presider* Blessed be the One who creates all things.

*People* ***The Holy One's love is new every morning.***

*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. May the divine mystery open us to new beginnings.

*People* ***Renew 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 its waning light and hallow all endings, remembering our own sundown. Open us, we pray, to the transformations of letting go.

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

*Officiant*

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

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

*Officiant*

We turn to the south, O God, and give thanks for your irrepressible joy in our lives. May that joy inspire us to celebrate the dignity and support the flourishing of all creation.

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

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Creator be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

***O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## The First Reading

*Lector* A reading from Esther (7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22).

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

## Psalm 124

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

*Antiphon* Our help is in the Name of our God.

- 1 If God had not been on our side,\* let Israel now say.***
- 2 If God had not been on our side,\* when enemies rose up against us;***
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive\* in their fierce anger toward us;***
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us\* and the torrent gone over us.***
- 5 Then would the raging waters\* have gone right over us.***
- 6 Blessed be our God,\* who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.***

*Antiphon* Our help is in the Name of our God.

## The Second Reading

*Lector* A reading from the Letter of James (5:13-20).

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My kindred, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

## The Gospel

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark (9:38-50).  
*People* ***Glory to you, O Christ.***

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my

name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

*Deacon*            The Gospel of our Savior.

*People*            ***Praise to you, O Christ***

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Cameron Partridge

**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.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*Deacon*            Together, let us join in saying the Nicene Creed.

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;  
Who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

*We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*Officiant*

In his book, *Spirit Wheel*, Steven Charleston, a citizen of the Choctaw nation of Oklahoma and retired Bishop of Alaska, shares his ancestors' tradition of praying the four directions. He writes that the prayer of the directions encompasses all of creation – "...people and animals, animate and inanimate, rocks and trees, the whole universe." He implores us, in prayer, to "Enter the deep earth of our ancient longing and reach for the highest branches of our collective hope."

*Intercessor*

We pray for all who center Creation and proclaim God's good news in their witness and work among us.

*Deacon or officiant shares the Episcopal, Anglican, and Parish cycle of prayers, inviting additional prayers.*

*Intercessor* To you, Creator God.

*People* **We pray in hope.**

*Intercessor*

We pray for those who speak the truth to power, holding up justice, mercy and peace in our divided world. We pray especially, in Creation season, for those dedicating their work and lives to climate justice, in the hope that our fragile earth might be healed.

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

*Intercessor* To you, Creator God.

*People* **We pray in hope.**

*Intercessor*

We pray for those among us who are in need of healing and mercy, particularly those we remember on our parish prayer list.

*Deacon or officiant shares our Prayer list, inviting additional prayers.*

*Intercessor* To you, Creator God.

*People* **We pray in hope.**

*Intercessor*

We pray for those who have died to this life, remembering them in our spirits and hearts. May they, and we, know God's loving care and presence.

*Deacon or officiant reads the names of those who have recently died, inviting additional prayers.*

*Intercessor* To you, Creator God.

*People* **We pray in hope.**

*Intercessor*

We give thanks for the blessings of our lives, giving thanks particularly for our natural world – for our gardens, for our beautiful city, for the fog and wind of our Diamond Heights home.

*Deacon or officiant reads the names of those celebrating Birthdays, and invites additional prayers.*

*Intercessor* To you, Creator God.

*People* **We pray in hope.**

*Officiant*

Holy and gracious God, source of all hope, hear the prayers of your faithful people this day and always. We pray with thanksgiving and love for the beautiful world that you have created for us. We pray for the strength and

reverence to care for your world just as you care for us. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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 Christ be always with you.

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

*You are invited to share a sign of peace.*

## Announcements

### Offertory Prayer

*Presider* O God, we give our minds to you, our hearts to you, our hands, our feet to you. Open our eyes, we pray, to your presence; our ears to your call, our hearts to your love. **Amen.**

## 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.***

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life.

Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.

And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*Presider*

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: "Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.

Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew.

Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Deacon*

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray,

*All*

***Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Mother, Father, Parent of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:***

***The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!***

***The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!***

***Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!***

***Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.***

***With the bread we need for today, feed us.***

***In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.***

***In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.***

***From trials too great to endure, spare us.***

***From the grip of all that is evil, free us.***

***For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.***

**The Fraction**

*The Presider breaks the bread and says,*

*Presider*

This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

*All*

***All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.***

**The Invitation**

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

*Presider*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. All are welcome at God's table.

*This Altar belongs to God and all are welcome to partake, wherever you are on your journey of faith.  
If you choose to not receive the bread and/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 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.

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* ***Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,  
that the gifts of your Spirit may work  
in us and renew the face of the earth.  
May we be one with you  
so that our work is yours  
and your work is ours.  
Lead us to transform our lives  
to reflect your glory in Creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior  
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever. 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.*

## **Concluding Prayer of the Directions**

*Officiant*

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* ***Renew us in the way of love.***

*Officiant*

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* ***Renew us in the way of love.***

*Officiant*

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, remain open to learn from our struggles, and listen for the heartbeat of God in each other.

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



## Blessing

*Presider*

God of the galaxies, God of the starburst and sunlit morning, God of the forest and shining seas, God of the blooming desert and rolling fog – bathe us in light and surround us with love.

And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son,  
and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you  
that you might be a blessing today and always. *Amen.*

## The Dismissal

*Deacon*

Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*

*Thanks be to God!*

## SOURCES

- Please note: We affirm that God embraces all genders, even when the texts of our tradition refer to God with male/masculine language.
- The cover image: Cameron took these photos in August-October of 2022-2024.
- The Liturgy for Creation Season is from the resource “Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration” which can be found online at [https://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation/#\\_id=TextAnchor010](https://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation/#_id=TextAnchor010).
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- Psalm translation is from the *CSF Office Book* (Community of St. Francis, 1995).
- The Prayers of the People for the 2024 Creation Season were written by The Rev. Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain, drawing upon Steven Charleston, *Spirit Wheel: Meditations from an Indigenous Elder* (Broadleaf Books, 2023), pp. 10 & 9.
- The Confession is from “Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration.”
- The Offertory Prayer is adapted from David Adam, *Flame in My Heart: St. Aidan for Today* (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 1997), 75.
- The Eucharistic Prayer was written by the Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley, drawing from Eucharistic prayers from around the Anglican Communion. It is published in the resource “Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration.”
- The rendition of the Lord’s Prayer is shared in “Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration” and is originally from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*.
- 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 Post Communion Prayer is from “Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration.”
- The Blessing is adapted from “Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration.”
- The Dismissal is from “Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration.”

## Serving St. Aidan’s

The Rev. Cameron Partridge, *Presider & Preacher*  
Kit Cameron, *Altar Guild*  
Kate Fritz, *Bread Baker*

# Announcements

## St. Francis & St. Clare Day Is Coming Sunday, October 6!

The Feast of St. Francis, which we put together with the Feast of St. Clare, is always a big day here at St. Aidan's. This year our observance will include:

- 8 & 10 AM Blessing of the Animals & Communion here at St. Aidan's. All (well behaved) pets welcome! We will also conduct blessings for those with us on Zoom
- Both of these services will also begin in our courtyard with a blessing of a garden plaque honoring the life of Kathy O'Loughlin at the one year anniversary of her passing. Kathy was very involved with our animal companion ministries
- Blessings at Upper Douglass Dog Park at 12 PM, led by our Deacons Margaret and Mark, together with Cameron and anyone else who would like to join
- Multifaith Companion Animal Memorial Service at 2:30 PM

Please join us for any and all of these parts of the day!

### Men's Group

**Saturday, October 5, 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 3, contact Dave Frangquist ([frangquist@acm.org](mailto:frangquist@acm.org)).

### Good News Gardens

Our remaining 2024 dates are: **Oct. 12, Nov. 9.** (We'll take December off...) Timing – 12:30-2 pm. Please feel free to reach out to Deacon Margaret with any questions at [mdyerc@stanford.edu](mailto:mdyerc@stanford.edu).

### October 13<sup>th</sup> Book Panel with Nico Lang, author of *American Teenager: How Trans Kids Are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy in a Turbulent Era*.

Join us at 11:45 on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> for a book panel with Nico Lang.

Media coverage tends to sensationalize the fight over how trans kids should be allowed to live, but what is incredibly rare are the voices of the people at the heart of this debate: transgender and gender nonconforming kids themselves. For their groundbreaking new book, journalist Nico Lang spent a year traveling the country to document the lives of transgender, nonbinary, and genderfluid teens and their families. Drawing on hundreds of hours of on-the-ground interviews with them and the people in their communities, *American Teenager: How Trans Kids Are Surviving Hate and Finding Joy in a Turbulent Era* (Abrams Press; October 8, 2024) paints a vivid portrait of what it's actually like to grow up trans today.

From the tip of Florida's conservative panhandle to vibrant queer communities in California, and from Texas churches to mosques in Illinois, *American Teenager* gives readers a window into the lives of Wyatt, Rhydian, Mykah, Clint, Ruby, Augie, Jack, and Kylie, eight teens who, despite what some lawmakers might want us to believe, are truly just kids looking for a brighter future.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided and books will be available for purchase and signing.

### Next Meeting of the New Jim Crow Anti-Racist Book Group

The group's next meeting will be **Sunday, October 27 at 4 pm via Zoom.** We're reading *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Please feel free to reach out to Deacon Margaret with any questions at [mdyerc@stanford.edu](mailto:mdyerc@stanford.edu).

### Discerning God's future for the Diocese of California

An invitation to join the Strategic Vision process. Last year, the Executive Council of the Diocese of California established a [Strategic Vision Committee](#) (SVC) to foster long-term planning for adaptive change in response to the challenges and opportunities facing our diocese. The SVC is working collaboratively with Bishop Austin to co-create a strategic vision plan. This work invites the active participation of the wider diocesan community as we prayerfully and joyfully discern God's promised and preferred future for our diocese. We are all in this together, and your involvement is essential to our success. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Strategic Vision process and read answers to frequently asked questions. In the meantime, we warmly invite you to attend one of the listening sessions scheduled for September:

- **Tuesday, October 3, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; Online Zoom Meeting**

Spanish interpretation will be available at all listening sessions, and written materials from each session will be translated into Spanish, Mandarin, Tagalog, and Tongan.

The SVC will present its learnings from the sessions at this year's diocesan convention (October 25 and 26).

### 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 [leeanndesalles@comcast.net](mailto:leeanndesalles@comcast.net). If you would like to be on the Book Group's mailing list, please contact [elaine@mannon.com](mailto:elaine@mannon.com).

- **Monday, September 30, 2024 7:00 p.m.**
  - *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide For Trying Times* by Jane Goodall, Douglas Abrams, and Gail Hudson – “Explores through intimate and thought-provoking dialogue one of the most sought after and least understood elements of human nature: hope.” (272 pages)
- **Monday, October 28, 2024 7:00 p.m.**
  - *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. An exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope tracing a widow's unlikely friendship with a giant Pacific octopus reluctantly residing in a local aquarium. A beautiful examination of how loneliness can be transformed. (368 pages)
- **November 25, 2024 7:00 p.m.**
  - *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern* by Stephen Greenblatt. Relates the quest of a Renaissance book hunter who located a copy of Lucretius' “On the Nature of Things” that had been lost to history for more than a thousand years. Its re-emergence, suggests the author, was a kind of secular miracle that linked virtue with living a full life and, what would be called the greatest thought mankind ever had, the concept that all matter is made up of atoms that are in eternal, swirling motion. (368 pages)

### Contemplative Prayer: Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@staidansf.org)**

## Calendar for the Week of September 29, 2024

Sunday, September 29	Holy Eucharist (Hybrid) at 8 & 10 AM
Monday, September 30	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM
Tuesday, September 1	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Wrestling with the Scriptures (via Zoom) at 12 PM
Wednesday, September 2	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM Diamond Diners at 12 PM Evening Prayer (via Zoom) at 6:30 PM
Thursday, September 3	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Kaffeeklatsch (via Zoom) at 3 PM
Friday, September 4	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) at 7:30 AM Food Pantry (at church) from 1-2 PM
Saturday, September 5	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Men's Group (via Zoom) at 9 AM

## St. Aidan's Vestry

Kate Fritz, *Senior Warden*; Lee Hammack, *Junior Warden*  
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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, with gratitude for their vital, ongoing relationship with this holy place.

**In the Episcopal Church:** For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Sean our presiding bishop-elect; for our bishop Austin.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** For The Church of Pakistan (United).

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** For St. Michael and All Angels, Concord; Grace Cathedral, San Francisco; Christ Church, Alameda.

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

**For those with birthdays this week:** Elizabeth, Megan, Timothy, Michael.

**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, Azaleah G., Cary, the family of Doug Y., Harlean D., Irma P., Jaime, Janice T., Jean W., Jenny M., Jim O., Joe, Joelle, Judy B., Lynne and Meg S., Margarita, Mark, Mercedes, Mina, Pat K., Patricia, Paul M. and family, Pete M., Rebecca, Richie and family, Sarah G., Susan R., Tim F.

**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:** Father John Shozawa, Alton Woo, Virginia Procter, Kathy Randlett, Michelle Henry, Marybeth Wallace, Doug Yorke, Cleo Fry, David Jamieson, Kay Wells, Barbara Purcell, Hazel Perkins, Mike Isaacs, Mary Readé, Kathy O'Loughlin and from the St. Cyprian's community for Charolette Canida and Norma Planizcka.

*To place a name on our prayer list, please contact the church office at 415-285-9540, ext. 3 or [office@staidansf.org](mailto: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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