

Advent II



St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
November 19, 2023
8:00 a.m.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are You, Holy and living One.
People ***You come to your people and set them free.***

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Deacon

God of grace and glory, you promised to make your transforming presence known among the nations and to strengthen your people in all times and places until Christ shall come to gather all creation to its completion.

As we light these candles, open our eyes to see all that separates us from you and one another. In your compassion, come among us, heal us, infuse us with your life, that together we might manifest your justice, your compassion, your peace.

The Collect of the Day

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

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

The First Reading

Lector A reading from Judges (4:1-7).

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

The Deacon or Officiant introduces the Psalm, prays the antiphon, and leads the congregation in reading the verses together in unison.

Psalm 123

Antiphon Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy.

1 To you I lift up my eyes,* to you enthroned in the heavens.

***2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,*
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,***

3 *So our eyes look to you, O God,* until you show us your mercy.*

4 *Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy,* for we have had more than enough of contempt,*

5 *Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,* and of the derision of the proud.*

Antiphon Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy.

The Second Reading

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (5:1-11).

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 Matthew (25:14-30).

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Lisa da Silva

Silence *After the sermon, a bell will sound to mark a period of approximately one minute 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

Deacon

During this Advent season, we wait in joyful anticipation for Jesus, Emmanuel. We pray that in this season we may be active and patient as we listen to the Spirit at work in our waiting. Let us unite our hearts and intentions, trusting that God is ever near.

Intercessor

God of Light, in this season of Advent, we pray for the universal Church that it may always seek new paths to bring light to all God's beloved people. We pray especially for the Diocese of California as we elect and prepare to welcome our next Bishop. Guide us in your ways.

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

Intercessor Help us to live our lives with joyful hope.

People *O come, o come Emmanuel.*

Intercessor

God of Justice, we pray for immigrants and refugees in our community, country, and around the world as they, like Mary and Joseph, take great risks to find safety. Be with us in our work as a sanctuary people, committed to reaching out to those in need of refuge.

Deacon/Officiant/Presider shares the land acknowledgement.

Intercessor Help us to live our lives with joyful hope.

People *O come, o come Emmanuel.*

Intercessor

God of Peace, we pray for our world and the many conflicts that weigh heavily on our hearts. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine and Gaza, that we will see an end to all violence. Guide us as we navigate the suffering of the world, as we ourselves seek solutions of peace and compassion.

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

Intercessor Help us to live our lives with joyful hope.

People *O come, o come Emmanuel.*

Intercessor

God of Healing, we pray for all who wait for healing and wholeness, particularly those who have asked for our prayers. May they experience care and compassion. Guide us as we hold our siblings in prayer and lovingly embrace them through life's many challenges.

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

Intercessor Help us to live our lives with joyful hope.

People *O come, o come Emmanuel.*

Intercessor

God of Hope, we remember those who have died to this life and commend them to your embrace. Be with us as we carry our own grief, and lead us as we accompany others through their sorrow.

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

Intercessor Help us to live our lives with joyful hope.

People *O come, o come Emmanuel.*

Intercessor

God of Joy, we give thanks for the many blessings of our lives. Help us to live lives of gratitude, giving thanks for our earth and one another.

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

Intercessor Help us to live our lives with joyful hope.

People *O come, o come Emmanuel.*

Presider

Emmanuel, we know that you are with us always. Help us remember your presence as we wait in patient hope for your coming. Amen.

The Confession

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

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

Presider

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

The Peace

Presider

The peace of God be always with you.

People

And also with you.

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

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Presider

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

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

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

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

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

***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.***

The Presider continues

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

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

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

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

***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

The Presider continues

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

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

The Lord’s Prayer

Deacon As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,
All ***God in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our 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 for ever. Amen.***

The Presider breaks the bread and says,

Presider This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
All ***Whoever eats this bread will live forever.***

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.

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

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

Healing Prayer

*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.*

Blessing

Presider

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the shadows from before your path; and the blessing of God, one holy and undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve God.

People ***Thanks be to God!***

Serving St. Aidan's

The Rev. Cameron Partridge & The Rev. Hannah Cornthwaite, Co-*Presiders*

The Rev. Dr. Lisa da Silva, *Deacon & Preacher*

Kate Fritz, *Altar Guild*

Barbara Stevenson, *Bread Baker*

SOURCES

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Announcements

Thanksgiving Meal at St. Aidan's – 12 PM on Thursday, November 23rd

Come sit down with us on Thanksgiving Day for a meal of turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and pumpkin pie! This will be the first time we have gathered for a community meal since 2019. Leftovers will be available to take home after the meal has drawn to a close, as in pre-pandemic years. We are grateful for all who have made the take-out version of our Thanksgiving meal possible over the last four years, and we feel it is time to gather around the table, in-person once again. Please come, enjoy the food, and one another's company. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Thank You to All Who Made *Ranch Dressing* a Success!

The Sanctuary was transformed into a lively barn for *Ranch Dressing*, St. Aidan's 17th original musical comedy on Nov. 10, 11 and 12. Over 200 people attended the show that was the first Dymphna Production since the pandemic.

What may be remembered most about *Ranch Dressing* besides the amazing singing; musical direction and accompaniment by Scrumby Koldewyn; awesome choreography by Deborah Shaw; and the wonderful script and direction by John Wilk; were the fun and lovely country western songs.

The ensemble included Mark Asterisk, Robert Ayala, Anne Benninger, Alleya De Los Santos, Megan Dueck, Dave Frangquist, Robert Geesey, Rebecca MurrayMetzger, Dan Rosen, and Deborah Shaw. Sadie, played by Nancy Sabin started the showoff with a video created by Nancy and her daughter, Michaela Hinds. The set was designed and constructed by John Wilk and Ed Sheffner.

Many volunteers were needed to support Ranch Dressing. Special thanks to Dave Frangquist who rented and hung lights with his son Joel, managed Brown Paper Tickets, helped with props, did all the accounting and much else; to Cameron Partridge who reviewed the script, did a special message to the parish, and included information on the church website; to Cary McCullough who included many announcements in the Flame, printed the programs and provided much support; and to Gilbert Chavez who helped with everything at all the shows. JoEllen Brothers and Betty Carmack provided delicious meals for the cast. Bartenders, publicity, setup, ticket sellers, and welcome volunteers included Doug Baird, Kit Cameron, Betty Carmack, Margaret Dyer-Chamberlain, Tim Fabatz, Lee Hammack, Sue McDonald, David Mealy, Nicole Miller, Maddy and Brendan Partridge, Kateri Paul, Mia Shaw, Ted Speros and Margie Wolcott.

For those who missed the show or want to see it again, a digital link will be available soon. A small donation for the video would be appreciated to help with the donation total.

With thanks and love to all who created a marvelous event that raised funds for St. Aidan's and its community programs! Betsy Eddy, Producer

St. Aidan's Gourmet Book Group - Next Date: Monday, November 27, 2023, 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<mailto:leeanndesalles@comcast.net>. If you would like to join the Book Group, please contact elaine@mannon.com<mailto:elaine@mannon.com>.

- **Monday, November 27, 2023 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**
 - *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck – Steinbeck's best-known novel traces the migration of an Oklahoma Dust Bowl family to California and their subsequent hardships and struggles as migrant workers. Published in 1939, it won the Pulitzer Prize and is regarded as an American classic.
- **DECEMBER – NO MEETING – HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Bishop Nominees: Last month the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of California announced the final slate for the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of California.

The Reverend Canon Augusta Anne Anderson

The Reverend Austin K. Rios

The Reverend Phil Brochard

More information about the finalists is available on the Bishop Search & Transition website, including photographs and video messages.

Bishop Election. The special convention to elect our next bishop is coming soon: December 2 at Grace Cathedral. Your two lay delegates, Peter Fairfield and Dave Frangquist, and all your clergy will be voting. We are interested in your opinions. Please speak to us individually or join us for a discussion on Zoom, Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm (right after Evening Prayer and using the Wednesday Evening Prayer Zoom link). Information about the candidates can be found at [Slate | The Episcopal Diocese of California Bishop Search](#) (diocalebishopsearch.org).

Kathy O'Loughlin Service coming up December 3rd

As previously shared in worship and in this space, our dear friend and community member Kathy O'Loughlin died on October 12. Kathy had been a longtime neighbor and contributor to the Diamond Heights community, and a member of St. Aidan's since about 2017. Her obituary appeared in last Friday's San Francisco Chronicle: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sfgate/name/kathleen-o-loughlin-obituary?id=53425761>

We will honor Kathy's memory and celebrate her life at St. Aidan's on the afternoon of Sunday, December 3 at 1:30 PM.

New Jim Crow Anti-Racist Book Group - Sunday December 3 at 4:00 PM

We are reading *Poverty*, by America. Written by Michael Desmond. All are welcome – please contact Margaret for the zoom link (mdyerc@stanford.edu).

Music On the Hill - Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 7:30 PM: Cecilia Ensemble

Cecilia Ensemble performs string quartets by California composers.

Performers are Maki Ishii Sowash, violin; Michael Long, violin; Paul Ehrlich, viola; Vicky Ehrlich, cello; Bruce Foster, clarinet.

Tickets will be sold online for \$20. There will be a limited number of comp tickets for St. Aidan's members.

Individual tickets and season tickets can also be purchased at the door.

More information on the season: <https://www.musiconthehill.org/concerts>

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: 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. 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: 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

Our Seminarian Weston leads Evening Prayer on Wednesdays. The service usually lasts a half hour. 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: If you are comfortable removing your mask, you may do so during church services. We will respect the preference of anyone who feels safer by remaining masked. We will also maintain a well-ventilated sanctuary by opening doors and windows. We acknowledge that COVID is likely to be with us in some form for the foreseeable future, and we will be monitoring public health advisories. Our mask policy may be modified again as appropriate. Please pray for the health and safety of all our members and friends as we continue to navigate this challenging time.

Building Reminders: Locking Up & Heat in Wajnert Room

Please check that both front doors are locked when leaving the church. The red door and the outside black door closest to the Wajnert Room use the same key now and both are being used. It's important to always make sure that both are locked when leaving. Also, please make sure to turn off the heat in the Wajnert Room when leaving.

To add an announcement to the weekly bulletin of the Flame, please send your edited text no later than 11:00 am Wednesday to office@staidansf.org

Calendar for the Week of November 19, 2023

Sunday, November 19	Holy Eucharist (Hybrid) at 8 & 10 AM
Monday, November 20	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM
Tuesday, November 21	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM
Wednesday, November 22	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM Evening Prayer (via Zoom) at 6:30 PM
Thursday, November 23	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Thanksgiving Diner at Noon Kaffeeklatsch (via Zoom) at 3 PM
Friday, November 24	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) at 7:30 AM
Saturday, November 25	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM

St. Aidan's Vestry

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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; for all lay and ordained leaders in our diocese.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. Edmund's, Pacifica and for our diocese as we prepare to elect a new bishop in December.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Vestry.

For those with birthdays this week: Alain, Mark, Cameron, Margaret, Patricia.

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, Alice, Azaleah G., Betty Ch., Charlotte, Dawn, Dick Y., Dustin, the family of Edward Gardner, Emily P., Era, Faith G., George C., George J., Harlean D., Herbert, Jeff, Jetty, Jim F., Jim & Karen H. & family, Joan T., John W., Judy B., Justin, Karin G., Kathy R., Mark H., Maureen, Michael & Elaine J., Mikayla H., Naomi, Nathan C., Norma & Walt, Patrick M., Peg S., Richie M. and family, Shay, Shirley, Sylvia, Terry M. & Jay H., Tim F., Willie & Tommy.

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, Tyre Nichols, 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: Mary Readé, Kathy O'Loughlin, Edward Gardner, Zachariah Nethercott, Lester Lopez, The Rev. Iain Stanford, Barry Koron, Addison Miller, Tim Anderson, Dorothy Banks, Riven Stevenson, The Rev. Stephen Whitney-Wise, Molly Person, Howard Mel, Nancy Wakeman, Wayne Foley, Jack Miller, Sally Young, Melba Junker, The Rev. Dr. Norman Somes, John Anthony Fabatz, Roger Wolcott and also on behalf of the St. Cyprian's community, for Ms. LeeDora, Ms. McClain, Mr. Easton, Ms. Canida.

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.



Rooted in Abundance

Deep Roots

Roots run deep in Appalachia. A college graduate was asked why she returned to Harlan, far from opportunities to use her degree. Smiling she said, "I came home because I want to pick blackberries off of the same bush my grandparents picked from." Another graduate returned home and explained, "If I don't come home, who will take care of grandma?"

This rootedness reminds the Venerable Bryant Kibler, Priest-in-Partnership with St. Timothy's Outreach Center in Estill County, KY, of the Syrian commander and leper Naaman, who took loads of dirt back to Syria with him because God's healing presence was rooted in that soil (2 Kings 5). As Bryant ministers alongside communities in Appalachia, he witnesses how deeply rooted God's people are to the land where they have known God's healing through community and family. A place where abundance is known in caring for loved ones and tasting berries from ancestral bushes.



Questions for Reflection:

Where do you plant your roots? How does your location and history of being in or from a place impact your ministry?

The mountains and valleys of Appalachia have abundantly provided resources to the rest of the world, especially coal that is used to create electricity elsewhere. Companies have taken from the abundance and cleared out as soon as resources grew scarce, leaving whole communities unemployed. Some families migrate elsewhere. Others stay on the land they love, in mountains and valleys abundant in natural beauty and family connection.

St. Timothy's partners with many congregations to explore Appalachian culture and to repair homes during summer work weeks. When a team came to assist a homeowner rebuild after the devastating recent flooding along the Kentucky River, the homeowner graciously pointed the team to a neighbor's house, whose home was more destroyed. "They need you more than we do," the homeowner announced.

In this place, abundance is rooted in a community that trusts God's grace to heal what is broken. TENS.org



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