

Creation Season

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost



St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
September 14, 2025 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 your 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 your 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 your 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 your love.***

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Creator be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the way through the wilderness: show us your truth in which we journey, and by the grace of the Holy Spirit be in us the life that draws us to God. Amen.

The First Reading

Lector A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (4:11-12, 22-28).

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-- a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish,
they do not know me;
they are stupid children,
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil,
but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;
 and to the heavens, and they had no light.
 I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking,
 and all the hills moved to and fro.
 I looked, and lo, there was no one at all,
 and all the birds of the air had fled.
 I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,
 and all its cities were laid in ruins
 before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn,
 and the heavens above grow black;
 for I have spoken, I have purposed;
 I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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

Psalm 14

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

Antiphon God is in the company of the righteous.

- 1 ***The foolish have said in their hearts, "There is no God."****
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
- 2 ***God looks down from heaven upon us all,****
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 ***Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;****
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 ***Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers****
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God?
- 5 ***See how they tremble with fear,* because God is in the company of the righteous.***
- 6 ***Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,* but God is their refuge.***
- 7 ***Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!****
when God restores the fortunes of the people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad.

Antiphon God is in the company of the righteous.

The Second Reading

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to Timothy (1:12-17).

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost

patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Canticle: A Song of Pilgrimage

Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16, 20b-22

The Deacon or Presider introduces and leads the congregation in the Canticle.

Before I ventured forth, even while I was very young, *
I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.
In the forecourts of the temple I asked for her, *
and I will seek her to the end.
From first blossom to early fruit, *
she has been the delight of my heart.
My foot has kept firmly to the true path, *
diligently from my youth have I pursued her.
I inclined my ear a little and received her; *
I found for myself much wisdom and became adept in her.
To the one who gives me wisdom will I give glory, *
for I have resolved to live according to her way.
From the beginning I gained courage from her, *
therefore I will not be forsaken.
In my inmost being I have been stirred to seek her, *
therefore have I gained a good possession.
As my reward the Almighty has given me the gift of language, *
and with it will I offer praise to God.

The Gospel

Deacon or Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke (15:1-10).
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Deacon or Presider 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 or Presider 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 or Presider

O God, we begin our intentions today with words from the Anglican Communion's Season of Creation prayer for 2025:

Beloved Christ, who spoke "Shalom" to frightened hearts, stir us to compassionate action. Inspire us to work for the end of conflict, and for the full restoration of broken relationships – with you, with the ecumenical community, with the human family, and with all of creation.

Intercessor

We pray for all people of faith, who remind us of God with us. We pray for collaboration across all religions and for partnership in protecting the beautiful world you have created for us.

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

Intercessor We pray to you, God, our foundation.

People ***Guide us in hope.***

Intercessor

We pray for the peacemakers among us and in our world. We pray for strength in speaking truth and resistance to power, especially at this time 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 We pray to you, God, our foundation.

People ***Guide us in hope.***

Intercessor

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

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

Intercessor We pray to you, God, our foundation.

People ***Guide us in hope.***

Intercessor

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

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

Intercessor We pray to you, God, our foundation.

People ***Guide us in hope.***

Intercessor

We give thanks for the blessings of our lives. In this time of Creation season, we pray particularly for the natural world around us. We give thanks for our church gardens, and for the Good News Gardens ministry here at St. Aidan's.

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

Intercessor We pray to you, God, our foundation.

People ***Guide us in hope.***

Deacon or Presider

We hold fast to the words of scripture that guide us, particularly at this time in our world. We remember especially the wisdom of St. Paul's letter to the Romans:

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." ***Amen.***

The Confession

Deacon or Presider 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 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 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.***

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

***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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image

and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with Aidan and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon/Presider 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.

People ***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 shared with these words:

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

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All ***Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

Healing Prayer

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

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

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 your 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 your 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 your 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.

or Presider

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.
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- The Dismissal is from “Season of Creation: An Ecumenical Celebration.”

Serving St. Aidan’s

The Rev. Cameron Partridge, *Presider & Preacher*

Kate Fritz, *Altar Guild*

Kate Fritz, *Bread Baker*

Announcements

Grace Cathedral Eucharist Commemorating the Rev. Phyllis Edwards, who served St. Aidan's in the late 1960s – Today, Sunday, September 14 at 6 PM

A special Eucharist is taking place at Grace Cathedral on Sunday, September 14th at 6 PM, commemorating the life and ministry of the Rev. Phyllis Edwards (1917-2009). Rev. Edwards was the first woman in the history of the Episcopal Church to be recognized as an ordained deacon in a liturgy presided over by Bishop James Pike at Grace Cathedral on September 13, 1965. This service took place five years before General Convention affirmed the ordained ministry of women in the diaconate, and nearly a decade before the ordinations of the Philadelphia Eleven and the Washington Four helped open the doors for the ordination of women to the priesthood. Organized by members of the Bishop's Advisory Group for the 50th Anniversary Triennium of the Ordination of Women, the upcoming service will be presided over by the Rev. Canon Sierra Reyes, with co-preachers the Rev. Drs. Paula Nesbitt and Cameron Partridge. All are warmly invited and encouraged to attend in person. The service will also be live streamed from Grace Cathedral.

St. Aidan's Hosting the Memorial Service of the Rev. Dr. Vicki Gray Sat., September 27 at 2:30 PM, Reception to follow

St. Aidan's will host a memorial service for the Rev. Dr. Vicki Gray, a deacon of our diocese who died on August 3. Bishop Austin Rios will preside, and Cameron will preach. Clergy of the Diocese are invited to vest and wear white stoles and to arrive by 2 PM. The service will also be **livestreamed** on the **DioCal YouTube channel**.

Vicki was well known to some of you, and perhaps not known to others of you, but she was truly amazing and it is an honor for us to host her service.

To learn more about Vicki, you might read Episcopal News Service's article about her:

<https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2025/08/12/rip-vicki-gray-activist-deacon-and-first-openly-trans-person-ordained-in-diocese-of-california/>

Or TransEpiscopal's tribute:

<https://www.transepiscopal.org/blog/remembering-the-rev-dr-vicki-gray>

As previously shared, I was in touch with Vicki a just few weeks ago — a phone call in which she agreed that this summer I could record an interview with her ahead of the upcoming twentieth anniversary of her ordination in December 2026. She was also willing for our diocese to honor her ordination anniversary in a public service, and a committee I'm on was just beginning to plot that. I am so sad I didn't get to have and record that conversation with her in time. I am so grateful for all the many facets of Vicki's life, her passionate advocacy, her proudly diaconal ministry, and her fierce, smart, deeply compassionate witness for justice and peace. May she rest in peace and power with the saints in light.

- Cameron

Zoom/Hybrid Sunday Worship Now Only at the 10 AM

To everything here is a season: at the end of August we concluded Zoom worship access at the 8 AM service. Many, many thanks to the 8 AM altar guild group who worked valiantly to keep this aspect of our worship going over the last five years, and to Dave Frangquist who offered training and support. Our 10 AM Zoom/hybrid access continues, and we are grateful to all those who make that happen.

Sign-on Letter to the Presiding Bishop

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

Opportunities for Solidarity with Immigrants

Several local organizations offer opportunities to stand with immigrants facing Trump administration attacks.

Faith in Action(www.faithinactionba.org): Local branch of a national community-organizing group anchored in faith communities around the country. In the Bay Area they focus on housing and immigration.

Opportunities include:

- **Immigration Court.** Accompany immigrants to their court hearings. You'll need at least conversational Spanish, and you'll be trained before you get started. For more information and the sign-up link: www.faithinactionba.org/accompaniment.
- **Rapid Response Network (203) 666-4472:** Faith in Action operates the San Mateo County Rapid Response phone network, providing information for immigrants and their supporters in the whole Bay Area, not just San Mateo. Call the number:
 - If you or a loved one has been detained by ICE
 - If you learn that someone has been detained by immigration enforcement
 - If you see ICE activity in the community
 - If you need accompaniment at an ICE Check-In or court appearance
 - If you need support filling out your asylum paperwork within the first year of entering the country
 - If you think immigration enforcement is contacting you by phone call or text message

Immigration court demonstrations and vigils: Several groups maintain a presence outside the immigration court at 100 Montgomery in downtown SF. Here are a couple:

- **Interfaith Court Vigil** (www.im4humanintegrity.org/category/events/): Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday every week. Sponsored by the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity. Click here to sign up: bit.ly/CourtVigilVolunteer.
- **Tuesday and Friday demonstrations:** Loosely organized, pretty confrontative demonstrations, called by Democratic Socialists of America and others.

Immigration Court Observers: The National Lawyers Guild trains non-lawyers to participate in observing and documenting what happens in immigration courts in S.F. Click here for more information: nlg.org/programs-committees/nlg-sfba-programs/immigration-justice-program/

Comprehensive action calendar: (www.actiontogetherwest.org/bayarea) A project that grew out of the 2016 Pantsuits Nation group, this is a very well-maintained and up-to-date calendar of resistance activities in the Bay Area.

Action Opportunity in Support of Trans Rights

Demand that Kaiser restore gender-affirming surgical care for trans youth

In an act of preemptive compliance, Kaiser Permanente announced on July 23 that they are suspending gender-affirming surgical care for patients under the age of 19 beginning August 29, 2025. The National Nurses Union has organized a protest against this decision and is inviting people to email Kaiser executives Maria Ansari and Ramin Davidoff, demanding that they restore care to all patients. Use the following link to find a form you can use:

<https://act.nnu.org/letter/restore-care-to-all-kaiser-patients/>

Day of the Dead Altar Workshop

St. Aidan's parishioners are invited to make a Day of the Dead altar honoring a loved one or animal companion who is no longer with us. The altars may be displayed in your home or as part of the **November 2nd Day of the Dead SF** event sponsored by the Marigold Project. Guidelines for participation in the Marigold event will be provided for folks who are interested.

Supplies to assemble the altars will be provided. Folks only need to bring reproduced photos to use in the altar and any special decorations you may want to use. We will meet 2-3 times after church on Sundays at St. Aidan's in September and October depending on schedules. More on the history of altars can be found here:

<https://www.dayofthedeadsf.org/festival-of-altars>

Contact Nicole to join at: jnicolemiller@gmail.com

Remembering Lovie Spencer

Our friends at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Cupertino have shared that Lovie Spencer, who was a longtime St. Aidanite in the 1980s and 90s, has died. Several of us have been fortunate to see him in recent years when we have traveled to see the Guadalupe Play at San Juan Bautista. We will share the date of Lovie's service once it is scheduled. Here is St. Jude's message:

"With heavy hearts we announce the death of Lovie Spencer.

Lovie Spencer has long been a solid presence in the first row of pews every Sunday. His deep voice was often heard above the others as he sang the hymns he loved so much. Those of us who have attended the noon Good Friday Services won't forget his acapella rendition of "Take my Mother Home". His deep sonorous voice was poignantly moving. Lovie was named after his father and born in Indianola, Mississippi in 1940 to Lovie and Martha Spencer. Saturday, August 9th would have been his 85th birthday. He worked for thirty years in human resources in the hospitality business. His wishes were to be interred in the St. Jude's Memorial Garden. Services at St. Jude's are pending."

Remembering Dick Young

We have learned that Dick Young, husband of former St. Aidan's parish administrator Sally Young and longtime member of St. Francis Episcopal Church in San Francisco, died peacefully early in the morning of Sunday, August 10. He had been in hospice care since mid July. We will share information about his service here when we learn it.

Remembering Gayle Rosenkrantz

We have learned that longtime St. Aidanite Gayle Rosenkrantz passed away peacefully on Friday evening, July 18 at the Sequoias where she had lived since ~ 2017. Please keep the Rosenkrantz family in prayer as they make their way through this time of loss.

Wrestling with the Scriptures meets every fourth Tuesday at 10:30 am (via Zoom). The next meeting will be **September 23**. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org.

St. Aidan's Gourmet Book Club

We resume meeting via zoom with LeeAnn DeSalles serving as our zoom master. She has set up a zoom link that will serve for all our meetings. If you would like help with zoom, please contact LeeAnn at leeannedsalles@comcast.net. If you would like to be on the Book Group's mailing list, please contact elaine@mannon.com

- **Monday, September 29, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**
 - *The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage, and a Girl Saved by Bees*- by Meridith May (336 pages)
- **Monday, October 27, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**
 - *The Sense of an Ending* – by Julian Barnes – A novel that explores themes of memory, regret, and the selective edits of one's personal history (163 pages)
- **Monday, December 1, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**
 - *Spying on the South: An Odyssey Across The American Divide* - by Tony Horwitz - The author follows the trail of landscape architect, Frederick Olmstead, who was an undercover correspondent for the New York Times before the outbreak of the Civil War. Amidst the discord and polarization of our own time, Horwitz searches for an answer to the question "Is America still one country?" (496 pages)

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

We offer Contemplative prayer via Zoom. Contemplative Prayer is silent with the beginning and ending marked by a bell. You can practice meditation, silent prayer, journal, or otherwise enjoy the collective quiet. Thank you to Susan Spencer for anchoring this practice. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org.

Morning Prayer: Mon, Wed, Fri at 7:30 AM

We offer Morning Prayer in hybrid mode (at church and via Zoom) on Mondays and Wednesday, and on Fridays via Zoom only. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org.

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 6:30 PM via Zoom

We offer Evening Prayer via Zoom. Readings for the day are from the Episcopal Church's daily lectionary or calendar of saints, and the service includes a brief reflection time on the readings. Please feel free to reach out to the office for the Zoom access information: office@staidansf.org

Mask Policy: We respect the preference of anyone who feels safer by masking. We continue to monitor public health advisories and may modify our mask policy, as appropriate. Please pray for the health and safety of all our members and friends as we continue to navigate this challenging time.

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

Calendar for the Week of September 14, 2025

Sunday, September 14	Holy Eucharist (Hybrid) at 8 & 10 AM Grace Cathedral Eucharist Commemorating Rev. Phyllis Edwards, 6 PM
Monday, September 15	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM
Tuesday, September 16	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM
Wednesday, September 17	Morning Prayer (Hybrid) at 7:30 AM Evening Prayer (via Zoom) at 6:30 PM
Thursday, September 18	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom) at 9 AM Kaffeeklatsch (via Zoom) at 3 PM
Friday, September 19	Morning Prayer (via Zoom) at 7:30 AM Food Pantry (at church) from 1-2 PM
Saturday, September 20	

St. Aidan's Vestry

Barbara Stevenson, *Senior Warden*,
Lee Hammack, *Junior Warden*
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St. Aidan's Prayers

In Your Prayers, Please Remember:

In acknowledgment that St. Aidan's is located within the unceded ancestral land of the Yelamu tribe of the Ramaytush Ohlone people, with gratitude for their ongoing relationship with this holy place.

In the Episcopal Church: For Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Julia, President of the House of Deputies, and for the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: For the Anglican Church of South America.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For Austin, our bishop; for St. Cyprian's, San Francisco; and Holy Cross, Castro Valley.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer: For the Vestry.

For those with birthdays this week: Jason.

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, Aubrey M., Bernard D., Darren, Denise, Harlean D., Isaac C., Jackie L., Jaime, Janice T., Jean W., Jelly J., Jenny M., Jill, Jim O., Joe, Joelle, Judy B., Julie A., Liz S., Lynne and Meg S., Margarita, Marc L., Mark, Matthew G., Mercedes, Mina Marie, Nicole M., Owen, Patricia, Paul M. and family, Pete M., Peter G., Richie and family, Ron B., Tawanda, Tim F., Zakaria E., and on behalf of our St. Cyprian's friends for Adrian W., and Jasmine H.

For our ongoing work against intersecting forms of oppression, particularly racism and transphobia, and in affirmation of human dignity.

For our work in the world in our daily lives and for the ministries of the Friday Food Pantry and Diamond Diners.

For our congregation as we embrace our call to practice sanctuary: may we commit ourselves to prayer, education, and support for immigrants to this country and for all who are estranged, excluded, or threatened in 21st century America. We pray in thanksgiving for the numerous gifts our refugee and immigrant siblings have brought, and continue to bring, to this country.

For all who are struggling in this time of intensified injustice and polarization in our country and around the world: for strengthened relationships and deepened commitment to our common life and the well-being of our planet.

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

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

SAINT AIDAN'S COMMUNITY MINISTRIES FUNDRAISER

Saints & Sinners

Halloween Costume Bash

Come as Your Favorite
Saint, Sinner or
Other Halloween Creature

Saturday, November 1st,
Our Doors Open at 6pm



Dinner and Dancing

Music by DJ Gregory Talbot

Live Auction and Silent Online Auction

In Person Tickets: \$45, Students: \$15, Table for Four: \$150,
Table for Six: \$225, Online Bidding Only: \$25



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