

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

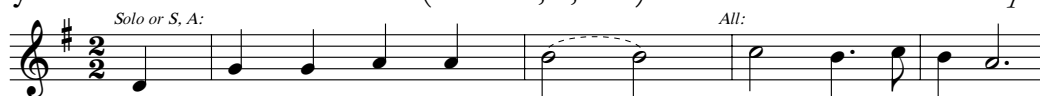


St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
August 2, 2026 10:00 a.m.

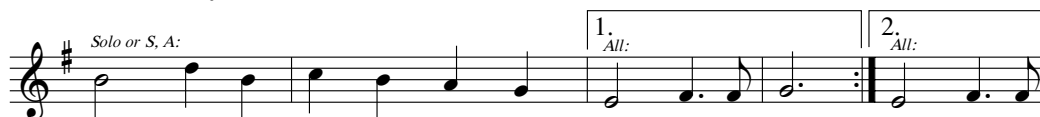
The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn: Come to the Feast (verses 1, 2, & 5)

Gather Comprehensive #503



1. Ho, ev - 'ry - one who thirsts:
and ev - 'ry - one who la - bors:
2. Ho, ev - 'ry - one who seeks:
and ev - 'ry - one who mourns:
3. Let all who seek their God: Come to the wa-ters!
the ev - er - last - ing stream:
4. And you who are en - slaved:
To all who live in fear:
5. And all who are op - pressed:
and you, the lost and bro - ken:



- here is an end to hun - ger:
all you who have no mon - ey:
hear me and share the rich - es:
now is an end to sad - ness:
heed now the One who calls you: Come to the feast! Come to the
drink deep the Cup that saves you:
this is the feast of free - dom:
join in the feast with cour - age:
this is the feast of jus - tice:
this is the feast of heal - ing:



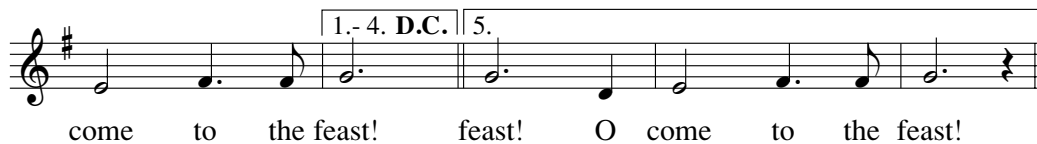
1. the wa - ters of the Jor - dan:
2. the streams of joy and glad - ness:
feast! For this is life: 3. the floods that o - ver-whelm you: For
4. the wa - ters that have freed you:
5. to die and rise in Je - sus:



- the wa - ters of your birth:
the rains that bring you joy:
this is life: the streams of death and life: For this is
the sav - ing stream of God:
to share the life of Christ:



- the wa - ters that re - new you:
the wa - ters that re - store you:
life: the wa - ters that sus - tain you: O come to the feast! O
to share a - round the ta - ble:
the bread and wine of jus - tice:



Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Chant of Praise: Jubilate Deo

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)



The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

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

Presider Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O God, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 the Book of Genesis (32:22-31).

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

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

Psalm 17:1-7, 16

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

Antiphon Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.

- 1 *Hear my plea of innocence, O God; give heed to my cry;*
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.*
- 2 *Let my vindication come forth from your presence;*
let your eyes be fixed on justice.*
- 3 *Weigh my heart, summon me by night,*
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.*
- 4 *I give no offense with my mouth as others do;*
I have heeded the words of your lips.*
- 5 *My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law;*
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.*
- 6 *I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;*
incline your ear to me and hear my words.*
- 7 *Show me your marvelous loving-kindness,*
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.*
- 16 *But at my vindication I shall see your face;*
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.*

Antiphon Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.

The Second Reading

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (9:1-5).

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

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

Gospel Hymn: What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Lift Every Voice and Sing #196

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

1. Lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; What a bless - ed - ness,
 2. Lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; O how bright the path
 3. Lean-ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; I have bless - ed peace

1. what a peace is mine, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 2. grows from day to day, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 3. with my Lord so near, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms;
 Lean - ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,
 Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean-ing on the ev-er - last-ing arms.
 Lean - ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

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The Gospel

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew (14:13-21).

People

Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephen Siptroth

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

The 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly 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,
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

In the spirit of Pentecost, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit, activating the disciples with tongues of flame. Fill us with your Spirit, O God, and send us out into the world renewed for the work of your kingdom.

Intercessor

As we celebrate the living faith handed on to us by generations of Christians, enliven us with the same gifts of the Holy Spirit that energized the early Church. May your Church be a flame of justice and hope.

Deacon or Presider reads the Anglican, Episcopal, & Diocesan cycles of prayer, inviting additional prayers.

We pray to you, O God,

People ***Shine, Holy Spirit!***

Intercessor

We pray for St. Aidan's, that we continue to be a beacon on the hill and a renewed space of nourishment and hospitality in Diamond Heights.

Deacon or Presider shares the St. Aidan's Parish Cycle of Prayer and invites additional prayers.

We pray to you, O God,

People ***Shine, Holy Spirit!***

Intercessor

We pray for the earth, our common home. Strengthen us to be caring stewards of this holy place and of all creation.

The Intercessor pauses for additional prayers.

We pray to you, O God,

People ***Shine, Holy Spirit!***

Intercessor

We pray for our nation, that the Holy Spirit would help us to renew and redeem our democracy. Help us live up to our nation's Declaration of Independence, that all people are created equal.

Deacon or Presider shares our communal prayers for justice and invites additional prayers.

We pray to you, O God,

People ***Shine, Holy Spirit!***

Intercessor

We pray for the sick, for those who suffer, for those who are in any trouble, and for those who have asked for our prayers.

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

We pray to you, O God,

People ***Shine, Holy Spirit!***

Intercessor

We pray for those who have died to this life, that their spirit is united with the Holy Spirit in the communion of saints.

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

We pray to you, O God,

People **Shine, Holy Spirit!**

Intercessor

In this season of Pentecost, remembering the birth of the Church, we give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, and we express gratitude for all our blessings.

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

We pray to you, O God,

People **Shine, Holy Spirit!**

Deacon or Presider

Living God, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. **Amen.**

The Confession

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

A space of silence is kept

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

Presider

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

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet each other in peace

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Presider You know the Spirit because she abides with you and will be in you. Let us with joy lift up offerings of our life and labor to God.

Offertory Hymn: I Am the Bread of Life

The Hymnal 1982 #335



1	I	am	the	bread	of	life;_____	they who
2 (The)	Bread	that_____	I	will	give_____	is my	
3 (Un-)	less_____		you	eat_____	of the		
4	I	am	the	re -	sur -	rec - tion,_____	
5 (Yes,)	Lord,_____	we	be	-	lieve_____	that_____	

1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
 4 I am the life. They who be -
 5 you are the Christ, the

1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
 5 Son of God who has

1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
 5 come in - to the world.

Descant

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. _____ 5 Yes, day.

last day. _____ 2 The

3 Un- day.

4 —

5 Yes,

Final Ending

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

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The Deacon, Officiant, or Presider 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 God thanks and praise.***

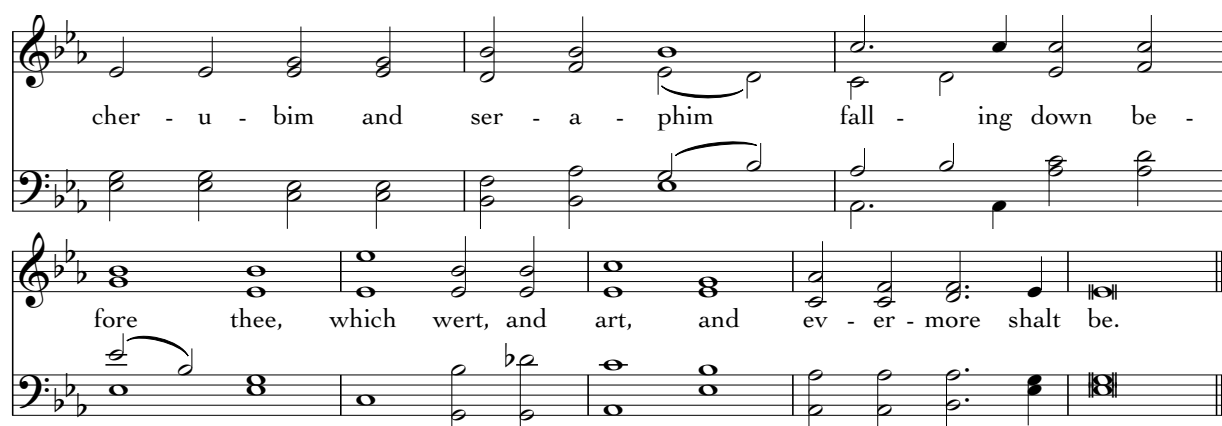
Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb. You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y,

ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:



Presider

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all. Your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Aidan and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,
All assembled **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 debts as we forgive our debtors. 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 Fraction

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

The Invitation

Lifting the bread and cup, the Presider invites the people, saying

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome at God's table.
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 shared 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.

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

Communion: What We Need is Here

Wendell Berry, Amy McCreath



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

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

Blessing

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God,
and the Grace of God strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: Halleluya! We Sing Your Praises

Gather Comprehensive #562

Hal - le - lu - ya! We sing your prais-es, all our
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - ya! We sing your
prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.
1. Christ the Lord sends to us all said: I am in
2. Now he sends us all out, strong in
bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
doubt, to pro-claim the joy - ful Gos - pel.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/4 time, key of D major. It consists of eight systems of staves. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some lines having two versions (1. and 2.). The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and repeat signs.

The Dismissal

Deacon or Presider
People

Let us go out into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

SOURCES

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Serving St. Aidan's

The Rev. Cameron Partridge, *Co-Presider*

The Rev. Stephen Siptroth, *Co-Presider & Preacher*

The Choir is on break for the summer and will return at the end of August.

JoEllen Brothers, *In-Person Greeter*

Margaret Tait, *Zoom Greeter*

Barbara Stevenson / Rebecca Gordon, *Lectors*

Peter Fairfield, *Prayers of the People*

Barbara Stevenson, *Altar Guild*

Robert Geesey, *Sound / Zoom*

JoEllen Brothers, *Bread Baker*

CoCo Lin, *Child Care*

Announcements

BINGO, BINGO, BINGO. It is true that Bingo is coming to St. Aidan's on Saturday, September 19, from 5:00 to 8:00. Please get your tickets for a family-friendly early evening of dinner, drinks, merriment and of course Bingo! Bingo players of all ages (particularly on the younger side) are invited to come and have fun on Sept 19. Prizes including a grand prize for the finale game are available for the Bingo winners.

Cost: Under 18: No charge for dinner/drinks and one bingo card, and additional bingo cards can be purchased for \$5 each;

Over 18: \$20 for dinner/drinks and one bingo card and additional bingo cards can be purchased for \$10 each.

Scholarships are also available, so don't let costs stop you from an early evening of Bingo fun.

Contact Maddy Partridge, Olivia Tait or Ray Wong for tickets and further information.

Our St. Aidan's Women's Spirituality Group will meet via zoom Saturday August 8th at 10:15. As before, we will have time for both checking in and personal sharing as well as time for spiritual growth. We are certainly open to formats and approaches such as reflections on a poem, scripture, narrative passage or another focus for our growth. We want our group to meet the needs and desires of those who participate. If you want to join us, and we hope you will, please contact Elaine Mannon at elaine@mannon.com to get the information for signing into our meeting.

You can help San Francisco immigrants from your own computer and using English!

Faith in Action Bay Area works directly with the SF Unified School District and United Educators, the SF teachers' union. The district has secured funding for two legal staff positions to assist the immigrant families of SFUSD students. **They could use our help keeping track of the ever-changing ICE and court appointments their community members have.**

The legal staff has asked Faith in Action to put together a little team to check the status of appointments monthly for this pool of roughly 500 people. This involves finding readily-available information on a DHS website, based on each person's "A Number" (the unique identifying number the US assigns to non-citizens). A group of 10 people could do this in a couple of hours each month, with each person looking up 50 people's information.

The work is a bit boring, but it's really important. It can prevent people from accidentally missing appointments and becoming liable for immediate deportation.

If you think you might be interested, contact Rebecca Gordon at rgordon@usfca.edu or 415-377-0945.

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

Good News Gardening - upcoming dates

We are continuing with the second Saturday of the month at our usual 12:30-2 pm time and our next dates will be **Aug 29 (updated date), Sept 12**, etc. Please reach out to Margaret at mdyerc@stanford.edu with any questions.

New Jim Crow Anti-Racist Book Group, Sunday, August 30, 4pm, via Zoom. We're reading *Devil in the Grove* by Gilbert King. Please feel free to reach out to Deacon Margaret with any questions at mdyerc@stanford.edu.

Artseed's 20th Annual Interactive Art Exhibition - Opening Reception - July 11th 3-5pm

Patti Fong has recently joined Artseed as their program coordinator and wants to invite you to their 2026 annual art exhibition *So What Now? Figments, Domains, & Advance Directives*, which will be showing artwork made by young people from San Francisco in response to artworks made by children in Gaza, as well as artworks by guest artists.

Artseed is a non-profit art education organization whose mission is to connect the most resourceful and gifted with the youngest and most vulnerable people of the Bay Area and beyond through art projects.

- **Opening Reception**, 3-5 p.m. Saturday, July 11
- **Closing Reception**, 5-7p.m. Friday, September 18
- **Location:** China Brotsky and Seed Galleries at Tides Converge in The Presidio, 1012 Torney Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94129
- Exhibition open to the public: Weekdays, 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **Learn more:** <https://www.artseed.org/presidio-exhibition-2> or email Patti Fong (patti@artseed.org)

Remembering Jessica Stevenson

We were very sad to learn that Jessica Stevenson has died. Jessica was a longtime leader of the Friday Food Pantry, for many years an integral part of our Diamond Diners ministry, and a contributor to many neighborhood events. Plans for a celebration of her life are still pending and we will share information when we know more. In the meantime, please hold all who knew and loved Jessica in your prayers, with gratitude for all the ways she contributed to our community and neighborhood. May she rest in peace and power, and may light perpetual shine upon her.

More 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: nlgssf.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.

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 leeanndesalles@comcast.net. If you would like to be on the Book Group's mailing list, please contact elaine@mannon.com

- NO MEETING IN AUGUST – HAPPY SUMMER VACATION!
- **Monday, Sept. 28, 2026 7:00 p.m.**
 - *Stone Yard Devotional* - by Charlotte Wood
A quiet, warmhearted novel that asks its readers not to rush ahead looking for a plot but to think about the deeper things that confront us all at one time or another. Shortlisted for the 2024 Booker Prize and praised for its gorgeous prose and profound emotional depth. (304 pages)

Contemplative Prayer: Tuesday & Thursday from 8-9 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

St. Aidan's Vestry

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Calendar for the Week of August 2, 2026

Sunday, August 2	Holy Eucharist, 8 AM (In-Person) & 10 AM (Hybrid)
Monday, August 3	Morning Prayer (Hybrid), 7:30 AM
Tuesday, August 4	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom), 8 AM
Wednesday, August 5	Morning Prayer (Hybrid), 7:30 AM Diamond Diners, 12 PM Evening Prayer (via Zoom), 7 PM
Thursday, August 6	Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom), 8 AM Kaffeeklatsch (via Zoom), 3 PM
Friday, August 7	Morning Prayer (via Zoom), 7:30 AM Food Pantry, 1 PM
Saturday, August 8	Women's Spirituality Group (via Zoom), 10:15 AM

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 Church of the Province of Uganda.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For Austin, our bishop; for Diocesan Schools including the Cathedral School for Boys, St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School, St. Paul's Episcopal School, Trinity School, and the Ventana School; and the preschools, daycare programs, and after-school programs housed in our churches.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer: For the Men's Group.

For those with birthdays this week: Patrick, Tom, Micah, Coco.

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

For those who have asked for our prayers: André E., Ann C., ;Bill W., Carol-Ann, Charles, Cindi G., Dave P., Debbie C., Denise, Felicia F., George C., Isaac C., Jaime, Janice T., Jean W., Jelly J., Jenny M., Jill, Jim O., Jodi F., Joe, Joelle, John, Judy B., Julie A., Ken E., Lucinda G., Lynne and Meg S., Margarita, Marc L., Mark, Matthew G., Mercedes, Michaela, Milo R., Mina Marie, Patricia, Patty, Peter G., Ping, Rocky V. and Ruth S., Ron B., Stephanie M., Tawanda, Tony F., Tony L., Vicky, Zakaria E.

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: Chandru Murthi, Jessica Stevenson, Carole Harper, Carol Bertaut, Kate Murphy, Anna Yang, Marilyn Whitcher, Albert Tam, The Rev. Jan Cazden, Emily Hopkins, & Thales, Vanessa and Augusto Ushizima.

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



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