

ST AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2026

Welcome to St Aidan's

Welcome to St Aidan's! Thank you for sharing your worship with us. We pray you will experience God's presence in our worship and hope you join us again. If this is your first time with us, relax and simply follow along with those around you. Please fill out a guest information card located on the chair shelf, or sign the guest register on your way out. A few tips...

- **We all use Name Tags** to help us not only get to know our visitors more easily, and vice versa, but to refresh our memories about who we are. If you do not have a name tag, please fill one out for yourself and place it on your chest. Name tag supplies may be found in the green satchel on the shelf of the chair in front of you. If you want or need a permanent St Aidan's name tag, sign up for one on the sheet next to the name tag rack in Deitel Hall. (*no cost*)
- **Children in Church:** We love children in worship. The little noises and sounds they make are music to our ears. They are an indication of life, and God's grace. Teaching children how to worship and pray in church is one of the greatest gifts a parent can give a child. There are activities packs in the narthex for little ones who need more tactile engagement. If children become especially noisy (screams, yells, cries, etc) feel free to leave the service and return when things are more calm. We have a nursery space near the main entrance that is quiet and has tables, toys, and things that may help. Coming and going from worship as needed is never a problem.
- **Prayers of the People:** Add names to the Prayers by telling the priest or the usher, by contacting the church office via phone or email, or by adding petitions and thanksgivings silently or aloud at designated times.
- **Silence & Sacred Space:** Observing silence before the service helps others prayerfully prepare for worship.
- **Hearing Assistive Devices** are available at the back of the church, behind the piano and organ.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour: 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Adult Forum: 9:15—9:45 a.m. **Weekday Eucharist:** Wed. 10am

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

ST FRANCIS DAY, OCT. 4, 10AM
(8:00 for the allergy sensitive)

BISHOP'S STAFF VISITATION—10/11

The Canon to the Ordinary, The Rev. Cristi Chapman,
will be with us for a special visitation on Oct. 11.

A special forum at 9:15 a.m. will be held for a congregational
Q & A with Rev Cristi.

Ministry Leaders at St. Aidan's

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8 o'clock—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Procession ~ *You are invited to stand at the striking of the bell*

The Opening Acclamation	BPC 323
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<i>Announcements; Birthdays, Anniversaries, Travel prayers</i>	
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Priest: All things come of thee, O Lord.	
People: And of thine own have we given thee.	
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer I	BCP 333
Sanctus & Benedictus	BCP 334
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 337
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 337
The Communion	
Thanksgiving after Communion	BCP 339
The Blessing	

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT:

A READING FROM THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

THE RESPONSE: *Psalm 25:1-8*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

THE EPISTLE:

A READING OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

THE GOSPEL

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Phil, our Bishop, and Drew, our Rector; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly

grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, our President and Bob, our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Theresa Strain, Marno Goetsch, Emily Lisdahl, David Miller, Judy Trammell, Don Perry, Chris Clark, Thomas Semkow, Robert Semkow, Barbara Brooks, Crystal Colombo, Jessica Larsen, Arra Morrison, Michelle Swain, Bill Vermilye, Tony Conner, Gino Conner, Sandra Barnhill Harris, Patty Paddock, Jerry Sheehan, Wendy Campbell, and Patty Both.** And all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed St Aidan, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP—A WAY OF LIFE WITH GOD

While I served as bishop in the Diocese of Maine, we pursued a productive companion relationship with the Diocese of Haiti. My first visit to Haiti was shocking; I saw the ravages of poverty as I had never seen before. Starving children with swollen bellies were everywhere. I felt deep guilt about the disparity between my privileged life and the bare subsistence I saw. I toured many schools, clinics, programs and agencies. Every place I visited I was received with songs, speeches and genuine hospitality. Everywhere I visited a gift was presented: a carving, a painting, a bracelet, an embroidered shirt or

scarf. This generosity and my unprocessed guilt prompted me to say to the kind Haitian priest who was my driver, “Can you please tell the people not to give me any more gifts? I wish they would take the money they have spent on gifts for me and use it to buy food for their children. I already have too many things.” He looked at me with kind eyes as he said, “So, bishop, you want to me to tell the people not to give you gifts, but to save that money and buy food for their children? Oh, bishop don’t take away our dignity! It is our great human dignity to GIVE. Just say “Thank you.” I have never forgotten that. Indeed, human dignity is expressed in our giving, and in our willingness to receive we affirm that dignity in others.

- The Rt Rev. Chilton R. Knudsen,
Assistant Bishop of Maryland

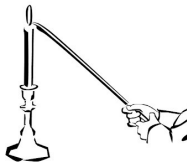
ALTAR SERVERS

8:00 AM

Lector
Chalice Bearer
Acolyte
Usher

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JoAnn Moffett
Ann Morgan
Donovan Knouse
Kathy Hosley



ALTAR GUILD

Susie White, Micki-Jo, Sue Perry, Addie A

FLOWER GUILD

Marilyn Rockwell (next week: Lucy A & Gloria A)



ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers were given by
Jackie Humes-Fear
in honor and memory of Stanley Fear

BIRTHDAYS

Jerri Feris, *Sept 27*
Frank Spina, *Sept 30*
Janine Clark, *Oct 1*
Nancy Minear, *Oct 1*
Karen Rogers, *Oct 1*
Drew Foisie, *Oct 3*

ANNIVERSARIES

If your birthday or anniversary has been missed, please contact the church office and let the Parish Secretary, Lenore, know. Thank you!

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