

ST AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CAMANO ISLAND, WASHINGTON

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 20025

Welcome to St Aidan's

Thank you for sharing your worship with us. We pray you experience God's presence in today's worship and hope you join us again. If it's your first time with us, relax and simply follow along with those around you. They will be happy to help you find your way through the worship service with our various books. Please fill out a guest information card located in satchel on the shelf in front of you, or sign the guest register on your way out. A few tips:

- **We all use Name Tags** to help us get to know both ourselves *and* visitors more easily. Name tags and pens may be found in your pew satchel. Also, you may sign up for a permanent name tag in Dietel Hall. (no cost)
- **Holy Communion:** All who desire a deeper walk with Christ are welcome to join us at the altar for Holy Communion of bread and/or wine. You may drink from the chalice, or dip (intinct) the bread in the chalice before eating it. If you need gluten-free bread, please inform the priest at the altar rail. If you do not wish to receive communion but wish a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Or you may remain in your pew for prayer. If you are not baptized but want to be, please let somebody know. Our priest would love to work with you and talk with you about next steps.
- **Prayers of the People:** Contact the church office to add names to the Prayers of the People. Feel free to also add your petitions and thanksgivings silently or aloud at designated times.
- **Children in Church:** We love children in worship. The little noises and sounds they make are music to our ears. They are signs 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 activity 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.
- **Quiet meditation before worship...** Observing silence helps us—and others—become centered+ready for worship.
- **Pro Tip:** Use this bulletin as a bookmark with the Book of Common Prayer during worship. Fold it like an accordion on each center line.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour: 9:00 & 11:15 **Adult Forum:** 9:15 a.m.

Weekday Eucharist: Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

NEED A CHURCH DIRECTORY?

Visit the church office after the service.

Not yet featured in the Directory? Or photo missing?

Please contact the Parish Secretary, Lenore,
at the church office. (see right side panel)

STILL: A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

featuring Jeff Johnson and special musical guests
Saturday, December 6, 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE & BAZAAR

Come and find Christmas treasures and delicious holiday
baked goods at this celebrated annual event.
Saturday, December 13, 9:00—3:00 p.m.

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8 o'clock—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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

The Opening Acclamation BCP 323

The Collect for Purity BCP 323

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Announcements; Birthday, Anniversary, and Travel prayers

The Offertory

The Presentation

Priest: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer I BCP 333

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is for HOPE. The second candle is for PEACE.

The candles are lit.

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.”

Colossians 3:15

All in unison:

Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON:

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity
to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be
no more.

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON:

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Whatever was written in former days was written for
our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the
encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.
May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant
you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance
with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one
voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has
welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that
Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on
behalf of the truth of God in order that he might
confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in
order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his
mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him"

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, so that you may abound in hope by the
power of the Holy Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW:

GLORY BE TO THEE O LORD.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the
wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of
whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare
the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather
belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild
honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were
going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan,
and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan,
confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees
coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of
vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to
come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not
presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our
ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones
to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is
lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that
does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into
the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who
is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not
worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his
hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will

gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. 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 - designate; 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 **Thomas** Semkow, **Robert** Semkow, **Barbara** Brooks, **Patty** Clark, **Crystal** Colombo, **Carri** Williams, **Jessica** Larsen, **Bob** Stevens, **Colin** Kyles, **Arra** Morrison, **Kristi** Giles, **Rodger** Larsen, **Michelle** Swain, **Bill** Vermilye, **Tony** Conner, **Gino** Conner, **Sandra** Barnhill Harris, **Patty** Paddock, **Jerry** Sheehan, **Thomas** Hinrichs, **Wendy** Campbell, **Patty** Both, and **Robby** Both; and all those

who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

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, St Aidan, and 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**

WHY BLUE FOR ADVENT?

Blue was primarily popular in Scandinavia and the British Isles. “Sarum blue” according to the English Sarum rite was a darker hue than what’s used at St Aidan’s. Sarum blue is often favored due to its likeness to the night sky just before dawn. Like the nighttime appearances of good news, this time just before dawn signals hope and a new beginning. Scholars also point out that blue dye was cheaper for centuries. Blue is also the color of Mary, who bore the Savior of the world. Of course, Advent is partially about her, and from this standpoint, blue is very much considered a proper color.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar adornments will be simple greens during the season of Advent. Please donate Christmas poinsettias in honor/memory of someone, if you are able.

ALTAR SERVERS

8:00 AM

Lector
Chalice Bearer
Acolyte
Usher

December 7

Kathy Hosley
Ann Morgan
Jim Miller
JoAnn Moffett

Altar Flowers

Marilyn R.

Next week:

Lucy, Gloria

BIRTHDAYS

Patty Dunphy,
December 10

Joy Strain,
December 11

ANNIVERSARIES

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

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