

ST AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 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.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Need a new parish directory?
Visit the office for latest edition.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

August 2, 2026

www.StAidanCamanoIsland.org

Ministry Leaders at St. Aidan's

JESUS CHRIST, HEAD OF THE CHURCH

The Rt. Rev. Philip N. LaBelle, Bishop

The Rev. S. Drew Foisie, Rector

rector@staidansci.org 360-629-3969

Michael Palmer, Senior Warden

MichaelPalmer855@gmail.com

Hellen DeMoyse, Junior Warden

HDeMoyse@comcast.net

Kathy McNally, editor of "The Torch"

McNallyK@outlook.com 360-572-3667

Steve Jensen, Director of Music

stmjensen95@gmail.com 360-420-0018

Heather Frakes, Organist

Lenore Challenger, Parish Secretary

office@staidansci.org 360-629-3969

JoAnn Moffett, Pledge Recorder

joannmoffett@msn.com, 360-387-4080

Jeffrey P. Maxwell, Treasurer

8 o'clock—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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

The Opening Acclamation	BPC 323
The Collect for Purity	BPC 323
The Summary of the Law	BPC 324
The Gloria	BCP 324
The Collect of the Day	Below
The Old Testament: I Kings 3:5-12	This Page
The Response: Psalm 119:129-136	This Page
The Epistle: Romans 8:26-39	Next Page
The Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Next Page
The Sermon	The Rev. Drew Foisie
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
The Prayers of the People	Next Page
The Confession	BCP 330
The Peace	BCP 332

Announcements; Birthdays, Anniversaries, 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

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

Recessional: God of Our Fathers Back Page

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 FIRST BOOK OF KINGS

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

THE RESPONSE: *Psalm 119:129-136*

Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.

Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

THE EPISTLE:

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS
Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GOSPEL

He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the

garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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 **Emily** Lisdahl, **David** Miller, **Judy** Trammell, **Don** Perry, **Chris** Clark, **Thomas** Semkow, **Robert** Semkow, **Barbara** Brooks, **Patty** Clark, **Crystal** Colombo, **Carri** Williams, **Jessica** Larsen, **Arra** Morrison, **Rodger** Larsen, **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.***

SUMMER BIBLE TRANSLATION (ending Sept. 1)

The English Standard Version (ESV) is a translation of the Bible in contemporary English building off the work of the RSV (Revised Standard Version). Published in 2001 by Crossway, the ESV was created by a team of more than 100 leading scholars and pastors. It relies on recently published critical editions of the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts. The ESV continues a legacy of precision and faithfulness in translating the original text into English.

It's a translation that adheres to an "essentially literal" translation philosophy, taking into account "differences in grammar, syntax, and idiom between current literary

English and the original languages." It's also a translation that emphasizes "word-for-word accuracy, literary excellence, and depth of meaning."

...more at [Wikipedia](#)



ALTAR SERVERS

8:00 AM	July 26, 2026
Lector	JoAnn Moffett
Chalice Bearer	Ann Morgan
Acolyte	Jim Miller
Usher	Kathy Hosley

ALTAR GUILD
Susie W, Micki-Jo P, Sue P

FLOWER GUILD
Gloria A. & Lucy A. (next week: JoAnn M.)

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's flowers are donated by Debby Philmlee in memory of Dick Philmlee.

BIRTHDAYS

Mark Hinrichs, *July 26*
Ron Graham, *July 28*
Nancy Larson, *July 28*
Karen O'Leary, *July 30*

ANNIVERSARIES

Jo Beecher
& Mary McConnaughey
July 29

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1318 SR 532, Camano Island, WA 98282
PO Box 145, Stanwood, WA 98292 / 360.629.3969
Office@StAidansCI.org / www.StAidanCamanoIsland.org
Like us on Facebook / All music used with permission.