



LENT

St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church

To know Jesus Christ and make Him known

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025
8:15 a.m.

Welcome to St. Aidan’s! Whether you are a visitor or long-time worshiper, we are glad you decided to join us today. Our service follows the red **Book of Common Prayer (BCP)** and this bulletin; hymns are in the blue **Hymnal 1982** and **Lift Every Voice & Sing (LEVAS)**.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: <i>Sicilienne</i>	Maria Theresia von Paradis
The Processional: Hymn #401 , “ <i>The God of Abraham Praise</i> ” (vs.1-2)	
Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Kyrie Eleison (<i>Spoken by all</i>)	BCP 324
The Collect of the Day	BCP 166

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament:	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
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The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

Psalm 27 *Dominus illuminatio* (*Spoken by all responsively by full verse*)

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 *When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.*
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 *And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.*
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 *To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.*
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 *Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.*
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 *Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.*
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 *Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.*
- 13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 14 *Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.*
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 *Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.*
- 17 What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!

*18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.*

The Epistle:	Philippians 3:17-4:1
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Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Sequence Hymn: LEVAS #88, “*My faith looks up to thee*” (vs.1-2, *Gospel*, vs. 3-4)

The Holy Gospel	Luke 13:31-35
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Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Sermon	The Rev. W. Reginald Simmons, Rector
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
The Prayers of the People	BCP 328
Confession of Sin and Absolution	BCP 330
The Peace	BCP 332

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized people are welcome to receive Communion.
If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward,
with your arms crossed over your chest, to receive a blessing.

The Offertory: Prelude in C Major J.S. Bach

Presentation Hymn #380 (vs. 3) Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer I BCP 333

Sursum Corda (Spoken by all) BCP 333

Sanctus (Spoken by all) BCP 334

The Great Amen (Spoken by all) BCP 336

The Lord’s Prayer (Spoken by all) BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 337

Fraction Anthem (Spoken by all) BCP 337

The Prayer of Humble Access BCP 337

Communion Music:
Air in F Major G.F. Handel
Hymn #321, “My God, thy table now is spread”
Hymn #689, “I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew”

The Post Communion Prayer BCP 339

The Blessing BCP 339

The Retiring Processional: Hymn #142, “Lord, who throughout these forty days”

The Dismissal BCP 339

[No Postlude during Lent]

† CHRISTIAN FORMATION †
The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century
Sundays, 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Book available at <https://a.co/d/4uUbTBd>
Children’s Chapel every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Children will join the Congregation during The Peace.
A Study of the Lectionary
Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Burtenshaw Hall Library)
Lenten Book Study and Simple Lunch
Wednesdays, 12:00 - 1:00, March 12 to April 16
Jesus and the Powers, by N.T. Wright and Michael F. Byrd
* NO BOOK STUDY ON MARCH 19. *
Bible Study: Romans
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Burtenshaw Hall Library)
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Children’s Bulletins & Crayons
Children’s bulletins and crayons are available in the back of the nave.

☀ BREAKFAST ☀
Sundays, 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (Burtenshaw Hall)

† Evening Prayer †
Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m.
Please join Tom Reynolds for a celebration of
the feast of *Saint Joseph*.

† Confession & Spiritual Direction †
Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. or by appointment.

† Pastoral Care †
If you have any Pastoral Care concerns, please let us know using
the cards in the pews or contact Father Reggie (fr.reginald@staidans.org).

We pray blessings on the following people with birthdays this week:
Janice Howard and Griffin Tomlin

We pray blessings on the following people with anniversaries this week:
Dwana & Tom Horner and Karen & Dan Vernon

♥ THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN THIS WEEK BY ♥
Matthew Chapman Seelye Jr. and Haley Davis Seelye in thanksgiving for
the baptism of Matthew Chapman Seelye III.

♥ THE TABERNACLE LIGHT IS GIVEN THIS WEEK BY ♥
Kristin Eastabrooks in thanksgiving for
Caroline and Jacob Cochran’s third wedding anniversary.

† Jesus, the Christ, Head of the Church †
The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop of Atlanta
The Rev. W. Reginald Simmons, Rector
Thomas G. Reynolds IV, Lay Worship Leader
Charles Higgs, Director of Music Ministries
Anita Hilbun, Parish Administrator & Director of Communications
Ann Dancy & Glenda Gray, Directors of Choristers
Leanne Klimavicius, Director of St. Aidan’s Preschool

Vestry
Sam Locklear, Senior Warden(2024)
Mary Kathryn Nix, Junior Warden (2026)
Emil Hoffman, Asst. Junior Warden (2026)
Ann Christensen, Treasurer
Janice Howard, Asst. Treasurer (2026)
Curtis Brison (2028)
Linda Leigh Brock (2028)
Kathy Bump (2028)
Allison Fisher (2026)
Kim Hottenstein (2025)
Barry Mansell(2025)
Karen Vernon (2025)

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