

St Aidan's Episcopal Church

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 this digital bulletin. When we resume for in-person worship, we hope you will visit us and fill out a guest information card so we can get to know you better. A few tips for when we come back together for worship...

- **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. Extra name tags may be found in your pew basket.
- **All who desire a deeper walk with Christ** are welcome at the altar for Holy Communion of bread and/or wine. You may drink from the chalice, or dip the bread in the chalice before eating it. If you need gluten-free bread, please inform the priest when you go up to receive.
- **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.
- **Prayers of the People:** To add names to our prayers you may tell a priest or the ushers, contact the office during the week, or add petitions and thanksgivings silently or aloud at designated times.
- **Nursery Care:** The nursery is located behind the double glass doors at the front foyer of the main building. Need help? Just ask an usher, they'd be happy to help guide you to where you need to be.
- **A Word to Families and Children:** When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about bible study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together.
- **Quiet meditation before worship...** Being quiet during the prelude helps prepare us & others prepare for worship.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lector: Nancy Pates-Riches & JoAnn Moffett

Officiant: The Rev. S. Drew Foisie

Music: Nancy Pates-Riches, *Song leader*

Jeff Maxwell, *Cantor and Song leader*

Bill & Adele Lee, *Voice, Guitar, Keys*

BIRTHDAYS Donna Myers *Sept. 17*

Bill Potts, *Sept. 17*

Chad Knowles, *Sept. 19*

ANNIVERSARY Patrick & Carrie Buffington, *Sept. 14*

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

WELCOME

WORSHIPING TOGETHER VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

You've done the most important first step by downloading this bulletin onto your tablet or smartphone. Simply move through the bulletin as the worship progresses, voicing the responses in bold and adding your own prayers when you wish, or at designated times.

To join this morning's worship visit www.Facebook.com/staidancamanoisland and scroll down until you find the live video in progress. Click to expand. Share thoughts, greetings, and 'amens' if and when desired.

A link to a video recording of this service can be accessed on St Aidan's website after 11:30 a.m. today.

www.StAidanCamanoIsland.org

Virtual Coffee Hour at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom is now being offered twice a month (every other Sunday). An email with a link to join will be in your email inbox for each Sunday it's offered.

PRELUDE MUSIC

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 78

Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name; make known the his deeds among the peoples.

Psalm 105:1

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*

Send out your light and your truth that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

THE CONFESSION

BCP 79

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together,

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

BCP 81-82

Antiphon

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:
Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Antiphon

The earth is the Lord's for he made it:
Come let us adore him.

THE PSALM APPOINTED *Ps. 103:1-13*

BCP 733

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON: A READING FROM GENESIS 50:15-21 *(Common English Bible)*

When Joseph's brothers realized that their father was now dead, they said, "What if Joseph bears a grudge against us, and wants to pay us back seriously for all of the terrible things we did to him?"

So they approached Joseph and said, "Your father gave orders before he died, telling us, 'This is what you should say to Joseph. 'Please, forgive your brothers' sins and misdeeds, for they did terrible things to you. Now, please forgive the sins of the servants of your father's God.'" Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

His brothers wept too, fell down in front of him, and said, "We're here as your slaves."

But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I God? You planned something bad for me, but God produced something good from it, in order to save the lives of many people, just as he's doing today. Now, don't be afraid. I will take care of you and your children." So he put them at ease and spoke reassuringly to them.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth, *
with all their vast array.
All things quake with fear at your presence; *
they tremble because of your power.
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
You hold back your hand; *
you do not punish as we deserve.
In your great goodness, Lord,
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness only too well.
Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth your goodness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON: A READING FROM ROMANS 14:1-12

(Common English Bible)

Welcome the person who is weak in faith—but not in order to argue about differences of opinion. One person believes in eating everything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Those who eat must not look down on the ones who don't, and the ones who don't eat must not judge the ones who do, because God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servants? They stand or fall before their own Lord (and they will stand, because the Lord has the power to make them stand). One person considers some days to be more sacred than others, while another person considers all days to be the same. Each person must have their own convictions. Someone

who thinks that a day is sacred, thinks that way for the Lord. Those who eat, eat for the Lord, because they thank God. And those who don't eat, don't eat for the Lord, and they thank the Lord too. We don't live for ourselves and we don't die for ourselves. If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God. This is why Christ died and lived: so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. But why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you look down on your brother or sister? We all will stand in front of the judgment seat of God. Because it is written,

As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow to me, and every tongue will give praise to God.

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Bless the Lord my soul!

H 411

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

THE GOSPEL: A READING FROM MATTHEW 18:21-35

(Common English Bible)

Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?”

Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. Because the servant didn’t have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan.

“When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, ‘Pay me back what you owe me.’

“Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt.

“When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt.

“My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don’t forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. S. Drew Foisie

THE APOSTLES CREED

BCP 96

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANKSGIVINGS

BIRTHDAY BLESSING (BCP 830), TRAVEL PRAYER (BCP 831),
& ANNIVERSARY BLESSING (BCP 431)

OFFERTORY & OFFERTORY ANTHEM

CLICK TO GIVE ONLINE

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THE PRAYERS

Priest & People stand or kneel

Officiant
People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

BCP 97

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Then follows Suffrage A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 233

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

BCP 99

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PEACE

BCP 815

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all people may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FOR RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS

BCP 458

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and during this pandemic grant to your beloved children here and around the world, the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned to health, and sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

BCP 824

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR MISSION

BCP 101

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

**PLEASE OFFER ADDITIONAL PRAYERS, PETITIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS
SILENTLY OR ALOUD...**

We pray especially for **Seth** Myers, **Nic** Whitaker, **Robin** Ringland, **Kara** Hunt, **Joyce** Feris, **Martha** Bowen Smith, **William** Smith, **Arlyne** Whitescarver, **Barb** Fox, **Patty** Paddock, **Edward** Wurtz, **Nancy** Leuschel, **Sylvia** Stephens, **Pat** Van Almkerk, **Dana** Chapman, **Bill** Martin, **Will** Swain, **Danny** Donovan, **Janine** Clark, **Dareld** Clark, **Janice** Minear, **Nancy** Burns, **Caleb** Marc Pieper Redman.

And for all who have died, especially **Basil** Dymytryshyn; may light perpetual shine upon him.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 836

Officiant and People

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you

have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Officiant may then conclude with the following...

BCP 102

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

SENDING FORTH *The officiant sends forth the congregation with these words**

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.
May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

+In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

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