

# ST AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

APRIL 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 ushers, or by contacting the church office, or by add petitions and thanksgivings silently or aloud at designated times.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Adult Forum:** 9:15—9:45 a.m.

### ADULT FORUM

Exploring Contemporary  
Subjects and Topical Issues  
through a Biblical Lens

Letting the Bible speak to us about contemporary topics and how to navigate them with faith and faithfulness. In a group setting with honesty and grace.

Sunday mornings,  
9:15—9:45 a.m.

### NEWCOMERS CLASSES

New or newish to St Aidan's?

Consider signing up for our newcomers class.

Sunday nights, 4pm,  
May 3, 10, 17, 24

Sign up in Dietel Hall.

### SUMMER FESTIVAL KICK-OFF DINNER:

May 7, 2026 — 5:30 p.m.

## 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 Easter Acclamation	BPC 323
The Collect for Purity	BPC 323
The Summary of the Law	BPC 324
The Gloria	BCP 324
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<i>Announcements; Birthdays, Anniversaries, Travel prayers</i>	
The Offertory	
The Presentation	
Priest: All things come of thee, O Lord.	
People: <b>And of thine own have we given thee.</b>	
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 Dismissal	

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST LESSON:

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### THE RESPONSE: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they  
comfort me.

You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### THE SECOND LESSON:

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because

Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### THE GOSPEL



Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear

his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

### 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 **Bill Poindexter, Ray Riches, Don Perry, Cooper Kline, Chris Clark, Thomas Semkow, Robert Semkow, Barbara Brooks, Patty Clark, Crystal Colombo, Carri Williams, Jessica Larsen, Bob Stevens, 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, especially **Phil Lewis;** 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.**

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of  
God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one  
Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with  
the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of  
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and  
glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes  
called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the  
three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to  
reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle  
the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's  
Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus'  
teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's Gospel gives us the opportunity to reflect on  
Christian leadership. Leaders will recognize that Jesus

is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a  
good relationship with Jesus is the primary  
characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory  
also suggests that faithful Christian leadership  
requires a good relationship with the community:  
the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him.  
Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the  
Good Shepherd, by being faithful to  
him and by being good shepherds.



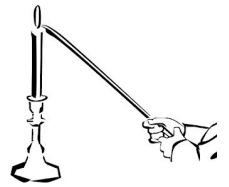
## ALTAR SERVERS

### 8:00 AM

Lector  
Chalice Bearer  
Acolyte  
Usher

### April 26

Kathy Hosley  
Ann Morgan  
Jim Miller  
JoAnn Moffett



### ALTAR GUILD

Patty Vermilye, Freda McKeown, Donna Myers

### FLOWER GUILD

Gayle Thomas (Next week: Mary McConnaughey)



Today's Altar Flowers were given by

Julie Vaux

In memory of Bill Vaux

## BIRTHDAYS

Roslyn Buffington,  
*April 28*

Patty Paddock,  
*April 30*

Edward Wurtz,  
*May 2*

## ANNIVERSARIES



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