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Holy Week and Easter

March 24, Palm Sunday 10am Palms and Passion Communion

March 25, 26, 27 Monday - Wednesday 12noon Prayers and Communion

March 28, Maundy Thursday 5:30pm Holy Eucharist and Footwashing

March 29, Good Friday 12noon Good Friday Passion Liturgy 5:30pm Holy Week for Kids

March 30, Holy Saturday 7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter

March 31, Easter Sunday 10am Communion with Choir and Brass Nursery care (0-5) and egg hunt after church for kids 10 and under

Calendar of Events



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Click here to sign up for Bread+Belonging food Tuesdays at 6pm

The deadline for this every-otherweek email is on Wednesday the week before publication. Please send submissions to office@saintaidans.org.

Click Here for All Holy Week Services and Links

Click Here to Download the Holy Week Services Booklet (10mb)

News You Can Use

Dear Friends,

On Maundy Thursday, one of the details in John's Gospel is that Jesus asks "Do you know what I have done to you?" And he teaches us to wash feet, to serve.

On Good Friday, one of the details in the Passion of Matthew is that when Jesus breaths his last, "the earth shook, and the rocks were split." This week is a thin and holy place in the universe.

On Holy Saturday in the morning, we remember quietly and briefly in the chapel the searing brightness of grief after a loved one has died. We weep.

On Saturday night before Easter, we gather in the Great Vigil around a new fire and hear stories of God's saving work--from scripture and from our own congregation and we sing: "Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels." The joy is unstoppable.

This most beautiful week always holds more than I can stand, and exactly what I need. It leads us to Eastertide, seven Sundays of the Resurrection, of receiving again the Good News that Christ is risen from the dead and God is doing a new thing in *us* through the Resurrection. It is almost time, but not yet, to say "Alle......"

With hope and expectation, *M. Mary Kate Rejouis+*

P.S. Speaking of things cosmic, the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio has created a Bible Study resource to go along with the **solar eclipse on Monday, April 8** that will be visible in many areas of the United States. You can read it <u>here</u>. If you're traveling to see the eclipse, Godspeed and traveling mercies!

For your calendar....

- Sunday, March 24 Sunday, March 31 HOLY WEEK
- Monday, March 25, 12noon Holy Eucharist
- Tuesday, March 26, 12noon Holy Eucharist
- Wednesday, March 27, 12noon Holy Eucharist
- MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28, 5:30pm Holy Eucharist and Footwashing
- GOOD FRIDAY, March 29, 12noon Good Friday Proper Liturgy
- GOOD FRIDAY, March 29, 5:30pm Holy Week for Kids
- HOLY SATURDAY, March 30, 9am Holy Saturday Liturgy and Preparing the Church
- Saturday, March 30 St. Aidan's Keyboardist Jerimiah Stephen Otto and Eric Smith classical piano recital and performance (Denver)*
- SATURDAY, March 30, 7:30pm THE GREAT VIGIL of EASTER!
- SUNDAY, March 31, 10am Easter Day Holy Eucharist with Choir, Brass, and more

Planning far ahead.....

- June 22-29 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church (Louisville, KY)
- Sunday, July 7 2nd Annual Episcopal Worship at Boulder Reservoir
- July 15-19, Summer Vacation Bible School (kinder-5th grade) at St. John's (1419 Pine St, Boulder), register <u>here</u>.

*denotes more information below

See online calendar for weekly events, Choir, Bible Studies, and more.

Easter Hope: A Series on Faithful Endings SUNDAYS, APRIL 7 - MAY 12, 2024

Why have a funeral?

Theology of leaving something to the Church

How to leave something to the Church

Burial practices and funeral planning

Advance Directives and Crisis Planning

What do I do when my family won't talk about faithful endings?

Despite the certainty of death, we sometimes come to death unprepared. The crisis deepens and becomes even more painful if we are forced to make unplanned decisions. The emotional and financial repercussions can be significant for us and our families and friends.

As Easter people, for whom death means life is changed, not ended, the Church encourages us to think and talk together about faithful endings instead of waiting for the moment of crisis. Pre-planning with prudence and love yields many blessings, now and in the hour of our death.

Join St. Aidan's clergy for an exploration of these issues on Sunday mornings in Easter in the Chapel at 11:30 am (about 15 minutes after coffee hour begins).

We will discuss Christian perspectives on death, having conversations with family, burial practices and rites, advance directive planning, and stewardship in death.

Let us be encouraged to know "we are dust." By accepting the goodness of God in our mortality, we can embrace the liberating good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We pray this good news will shape our plans regarding our "last things" and enrich and gladden our lives in the present!

> All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave, we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (BCP, 499)

Announcements

Volunteer to Prepare Food.

Did you know that **Food Not Bombs prepares food every Saturday at 11am at St. Aidan's** to be delivered to unhoused persons in downtown Boulder? If you'd like to volunteer to help, you can show up on a Saturday or email <u>here</u> for more information.

Wednesday Mornings 7am Hybrid Holy Eucharist and Bible Study

For decades a small group gathered at 7am for Holy Eucharist in the Chapel, with a

rigorous, thoughtful, charitable, and deep Bible Study. Then COVID happened. But now, we have **at last returned to in-person** (and added hybrid as an option) Wednesday mornings. This service can be a great way to be in church every week, especially if other things take you away over the weekends. We are currently doing a chapter by chapter study of Genesis. Eucharist finishes by 8am, and those who can stay for bagels and coffee.

Looking for a Monthly Bible Study for Women?

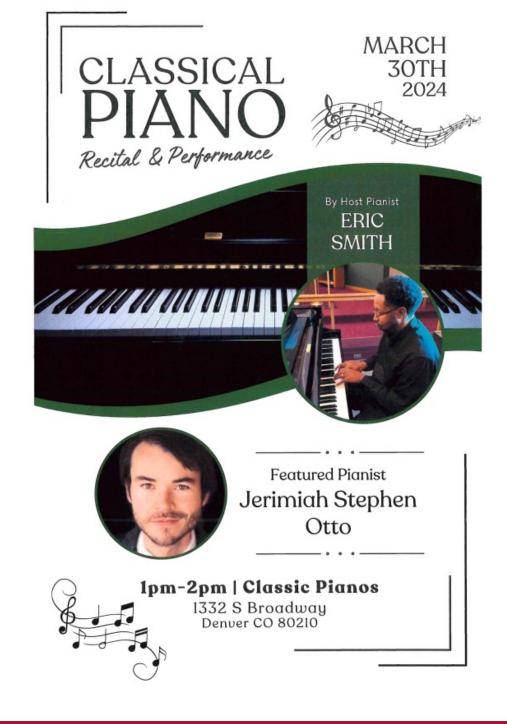
Canon Katie Pearson at St. John's Cathedral, Denver, leads a marvelous Bible Study Monthly on 2nd Tuesdays at 5pm by Zoom. Currently studying the genealogy of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, read the Book of Ruth and join on April 9. Email Canon Pearson for the Zoom link.

> Starting at Roosevelt Park, near the Memorial Building, and walking to 3rd and Martin (1.3 miles). We will stop at six sites where the KKK was active in the 1920's to remember and to pray. Good Friday March 29nd 1:00pm

Stations of the Cross for 2024 Led by Light of Christ A Boldy Inclusive Catholic Church Call for more information: 303-772-3785 A Silent Walk to End Bigotry and Exclusion: A Good Friday Reflection

Another way to observe Good Friday in Longmont. Meets at Roosevelt Park 700 Longs Peak, Longmont, 1pm to 2:30pm.

Offered by Light of Christ Ecumenical Catholic Community.



Parishioner Dr. Sarah Sokhey invites anyone interested in joining the following speaker events:

Civil Society & Ukrainian Resilience



Weekly Speaker Series on Fridays 12-1pm EST March 1-April 19, 2024

See More Info, Recordings, & Register Here



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PONARS Eurasia George Washington Univ. Upcoming Events

- March 1: Dispelling Myths about Ukraine
- March 8: Women in War
- March 12: Kidnapped & Orphaned Youth
- March 22: Youth & Civic Engagement
- March 29: War from a Teenage Perspective
- April 5: Impact of War on Families & Immigration
- April 12: Diversity in Ukraine
- April 19: Stand-Up Comedy in the Time of War

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Online Directory in Realm--let's use it!

St. Aidan's has been using **Realm** as our membership and donation management software for a while. It is a useful tool for us to stay connected as a congregation. The first step is for each person to get connected with your Realm account and opt in to the directory.

If you need to call or reach out to someone from church by email or phone, but you don't have a directory (we haven't printed updates for a while), this is how you can find that information in a safe, secure format.

First, you need to have a login and credentials (your email and a password you choose).

- If you give, or have given online, you have a login already.
- If you can't find yours, or don't have a login, you'll need to ask for an invitation to be sent to your email. You do that by sending an email to Kelly Champion, our Realm Manager at <u>realm@saintaidans.org</u>.

To ensure you're included in the directory, please take a moment to opt in by following

these simple steps:

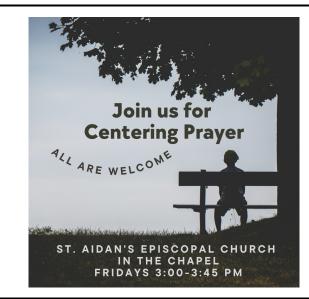
- Log in to Realm using your credentials.
- Click on your profile picture in the screen's top right corner.
- Select "Settings" from the dropdown menu.
- Choose who you would like to see your contact information:
- Select "Anyone in the church" to be added to the church directory.
- Alternatively, if you prefer, you can only have leaders see your information for added privacy.

By using Realm this way, you are supporting a connected church community. You can also download a Realm app to your smartphone, and have the church directory at your fingertips that way!

Thank you for being part of St. Aidan's!

Click Here to Make Your 2024 Annual Giving Pledge Online

Now



Centering Prayer on Fridays 3pm!

Join us Fridays in the Chapel from 3 - 3:45pm from now until May 10.

Curious what this time may look like? Find out more info <u>HERE</u>.

St. Aidan's Book Group

*Next Meeting is April 3rd (No meeting 3/27 due to Spring Break)

This group meets by Zoom Video on Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. All are welcome, friends and neighbors too! The reading schedule is the on church calendar. On April 3 we will complete our discussion of Ivan Turgenev's novel "Fathers and Sons" (aka "Fathers and Children") translated from the Russian.

If you are interested and are not currently

Healing Prayer

Monday Nights at 7pm by Zoom



The Healing Team invites you to a quiet time of praying silently and voicing the requested prayers of our community. The prayer room is also open for individual, confidential prayer.

> New Meeting Link as of 1/15/24 is www.tinyurl.com/HealingMeet

-Individual, confidential healing prayer every Sunday in the chapel after 10am worship receiving book group emails, please email Jim Paine

at office@saintaidans.org (mention "Wednesday Book Group" in the subject) to receive the weekly Zoom meeting ID and password, and other information about the schedule and readings (and for any questions). -A brief, communal healing prayer is available after Stations of the Cross on Fridays through March 29

From Care for Creation — A Meditation for Holy Week

Bishop Kym reminds us that Holy Week is an "invitation for each of us to walk with Jesus the way of the cross." With Jesus we are in communion with all who are suffering and with the life-giving planet we live on.

We adore you and we bless you, Lord Jesus Christ because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Commended to our Prayers

For our CU Campus, and especially the Bread+Belonging community and the LCM Board during this time of transition and search for the next Chaplain for our shared Campus Ministry.

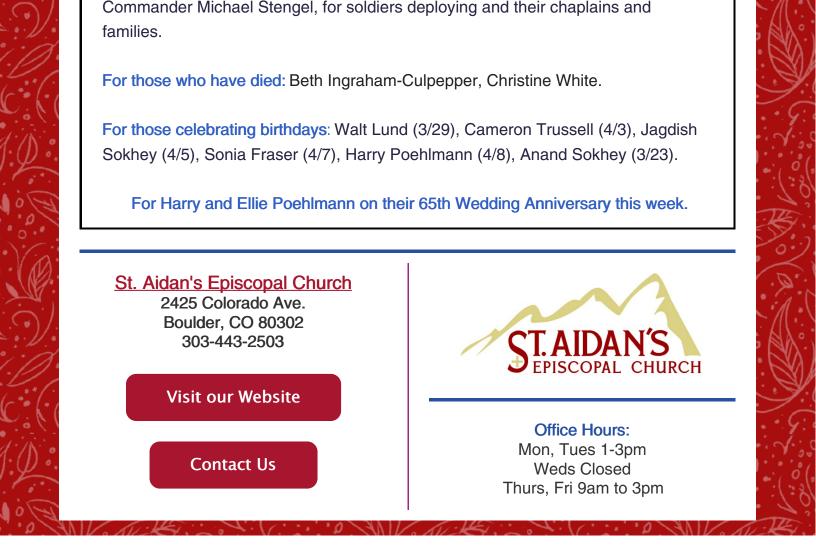
Pray for an **end to war throughout the world**, for an end to war in the Middle East and freedom for all hostages of October 7, and for all who have died, been injured, and lost homes and livelihood.

For those in need of bodily healing: Roy Faverty, Kay Gibson, Troyanne Thigpen, Dowell Williams, Lou Patterson, Pat Galvin, David Huff, Kelly Boyer and family, Nancy Costello, Kevin Costello, Sally Chesnick Ingraham, Mary and Dave Kraus, Emily, and Dave, Fran Zankowski.

For those seeking God's guidance and strength all who seek employment, for all who struggle with addiction, Patrick Costello and family, Barb Williams, Travis, Jonathan Nelson, Heidi, Derek and Lauren Huff, Tyler, Jack, Jennie, Christianne, the Ingraham family, Debbie, Frank, The Rev. Bain White.

For those in need of prayers for our mission abroad: Richard and Catherine Ranger, former parishioners of St. Aidan's, are missionaries with SAMS, (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders) and serve Uganda Christian University (UCU).

For those who serve in the US Military, especially: Parker Rost (Marine Corps),



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