Year A – Saint Aidan

Monday, August 31, 2026

Collect for Saint Aidan

O loving God, you called your servant Aidan from the peace of a cloister to re-establish the Christian mission in northern England, and endowed him with gentleness, simplicity, and strength: Grant that we, following his example, may use what you have given us for the relief of human need, and may persevere in commending the saving Gospel of our Redeemer Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 55:6-12

Deacon: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you. Or And with your spirit.*

Deacon: *May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips, and on our hearts as we hear His Holy Gospel. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.*

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Deacon: *We are reading from Matthew's Gospel chapter 28, beginning at verse 6.*

6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly
and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee;
there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.' 8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear
and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold,
Jesus met them, saying, 'Rejoice!' So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they
will see Me.' 11 Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and
reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. 12 When they had assembled with the
elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers,

Psalm 104

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32 He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke. 33 I will sing to the
LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. 34 May my meditation be
sweet to Him; I will be glad in the LORD. 35 May sinners be consumed from the earth, And the
wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

**At the end of the Psalms this is sung or said*

*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.

New Testament

Romans 12:6-13

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy,
let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who
teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads,
with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. 9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what
is evil. Cling to what is good.

10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one
another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in
tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to
hospitality.

Officiant: **The Word of the Lord.**

The People: Thanks be to God.

25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I
suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

After the Gospel reading, the deacon can elevate the book and says:

Deacon: ***The Gospel of the Lord.***

People: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*