

AROUND THE PARISH

May 19, 2023

St. Alban's seeks to be a welcoming, Christ-centered community,
committed to sharing Christ's love, empowering people to grow spiritually,
deepening our relationship with Christ and living out our faith in the community and the world.

SUNDAY – May 21, 2023

8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services for those fully vaccinated

9:15am Sunday Bible Study Class is cancelled for today, 5/21. Class resumes next week.

2:00-5:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Parish Hall

NOTE: No Facebook account? Watch the Sunday service on YouTube or later as a video on Facebook



Fr. Greg Peters

Shavuot, πεντηκοστή, Pentecoste, hamsin yortusu,
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پنٽيکوسٽه, 성령강림주일,
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Oh, no matter how you spell it, no matter how you pronounce it, no matter if you understand it or not (and, honestly, who does?) the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples (all of them, not merely the 11) at Pentecost is one of the most joyous celebrations of the Church's life.

The liturgical colors of the day are RED, but any fiery color will do. (If you look at a flame, you'll see blues, greens, oranges, yellows, reds, white; so really, whatever color you like, and that looks good on you, will do.)

During the services, we're going to sing – a lot! So start warming up those vocal cords, now.

We're going to renew our Baptismal Vows. So prepare for the administration of liberal amounts of water – bring something to clean your glasses.

If you can speak in other tongues, or in tongues, be prepared to speak them whenever you feel called.

Most of all, we're going to celebrate the Holy Spirit among us. The Spirit who binds us together in love, who gives us life and breath, purpose and will, joy and peace. The Spirit who sends us out proclaiming in word and deed. The Spirit who is Life.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 5/22 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 5/23 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
6:30-9:00pm, Girl Scout Parent Mtg, PH
- 5/24 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook
5:30pm, Howard Hayden Memorial Reception
7:00pm, Howard Hayden Memorial Service
- 5/25 1:00-3:30pm, Small Group, Parish Hall
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel Sanctuary
- 5/26 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 5/31 5:00-7:00pm, WECP Graduation, PH
- 6/9 6:00-8:00pm, Vestry Setup
- 6/10 10:00am, Mtg for Vestry Liaisons & Ministry Chairs and/or Ministry Contacts Individuals, PH

*The world now is too dangerous
and too beautiful for anything but love.
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.
Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.
May your hands be so blessed
that everything you touch is a sacrament.
Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.
May your feet be so blessed you run to those who need
you.
And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire,
that your love, your love, changes everything.*
– Black Rock Prayer Book

I don't really have anything else to say about it other than this: it's a feast day and we are going to celebrate all the good gifts that God has given us in and through each other. And, through us, to all those around us.

That's the true life of the Body of Christ – God's on-going, revelatory gift to the world.

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday's 9:15am bible study class is cancelled for Sunday, 5/21. Class will resume next week.



HOWARD MICHAEL HAYDEN

Howard Hayden passed away on Sunday morning, April 23. On Wednesday, May 24, there will be a reception at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall and a memorial service at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Please join us as we celebrate the life of our brother in Christ.



LIAISON

**REPORTS FROM MINISTRIES
TO THE VESTRY LIAISONS IN MAY**

Jan Skidmore

To say a lot goes on here at St Alban's is an understatement! I thought a summary of what is reported via liaison reports would be easy to do. Well, there is so much going on even a summary would take up most of the pages of this issue of ATP.

As a result, it is being sent as a separate attachment. **Please open the attachment** and be prepared to be amazed at what all our fellow parishioners are doing and accomplishing at St Alban's.

WOMENSPIRIT COALITION DONATIONS

Jim Gilman

For the first half of 2023, St. Albanites generously gave \$728 to Womenspirit Coalition. These monies help the coalition carry out its mission to protect and provide safety for indigenous women threatened by domestic/dating assault, violence, stalking, and trafficking, and to help find missing and murdered indigenous women. Thank you for your compassion and generosity!



APRIL FINANCIALS

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Income for April was \$18,764 compared to a budget of \$19,718 or (\$954) under budget. Year-to-date income was \$72,789 compared to a budget of \$68,141 or \$4,648 over budget.

Expenses for April were \$20,509 compared to a budget of \$18,856 or \$1,653 over budget. Year-to-date expenses were \$70,361 compared to a budget of \$72,448 or (\$2,087) under budget. About (\$1,900) of the underrunning of expenses continues to be the difference with paying a supply organist instead of a salaried employee. There are not any other significant differences of note.

<u>Year-to-Date Totals</u>	
Actual Income	\$72,789
Budget Income	\$68,141
Income minus Budget	\$4,648
Actual Expenses	\$70,361
Budget Expenses	\$72,448
Expenses minus Budget	(\$2,087)

We have received **\$2,428** more than we have spent.

- The Financial Review (Simplified Audit) was completed and approved at the May Vestry meeting.



**Saturday, June 24,
5:00-7:00pm
Celebration of St. Alban's
Parish Hall**



DAY BY DAY REFLECTIONS

This reflection is from a previous Forward Day by Day, and the author is unknown.

Psalm 37:7 – Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

Every weekday morning at my seminary begins with thirty minutes of silent meditation in the chapel. It is a defining discipline for the students and faculty.

Most of us struggle with it at times. God is always present no matter where we are, always waiting for us to approach with open hearts and minds. But we are not always able to make that connection at a prescribed time as though we were catching a bus.

Maybe it's a lack of concentration on our part. Maybe we're distracted by sadness, worry, or joy. Maybe we're simply not ready, willing, or able to hear what God is trying to tell us.

When those times occur – and they do and they will – all we can do is to be still and wait patiently for God. Often, that's enough. The blessing of simply being in God's presence is a powerful one.

Patience is not a virtue for many of us. We live busy lives in a busy world full of commitments, deadlines, chaos, and stress. Yet God waits patiently for us. The least we can do is return the favor.



For the **BEAUTY**
of the **EARTH**

The following reflection was written by Douglas Knight who was raised in central Arkansas to love the woods and all life he could find there. He attended the

University of Central Arkansas, married and moved to Japan for a year to work in the Episcopal Church's program, Young Adult's Service Corps.

God said...And it was so. I wonder if these words were said in the booming voice of a command. I suppose it is possible to have an image of God in creation as wielding power, ordering creation into being. But I can't quite wrap my head around that kind of tone coming from God.

Our ancestors teach us that our perspective of the world becomes our response to the world—it is a reflective relationship. If I were to see the world as a place where power and order rule, then I would treat the world in the same way. On the other hand, I would treat the world differently if I understand that I must listen closely and carefully to hear God whispering in the wind, sound traveling from the most fragile plants, flowers and trees.

Can you hear a seed sprouting? Do you hear when it makes its first appearance above ground? What about the fruit from the tree? Can we taste it without a sense of wonder? Think of the different types of fruit, their flavors, shapes, and sizes. It is beyond my imagination to understand how God brings all of these and more into creation by gently coaxing our Mother Earth to incubate, nourish, and care for them until they are ready. How else could our Mother Earth respond? As creation is whispered into being, all of creation stands by and rejoices in awe and wonder.

My Native American ancestor's words come back to me again suggesting that if I treat creation with awe and respect, creation will respond with the same and continue to amaze me and invite my heart to wonder each day.

Listen! God is speaking creation into being. And it is so.

FROM THE READER BOARD

Jim Gilman



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

MAY 21 – 7 EASTER

From Psalm 68: “...let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them be merry and joyful. Sing to God, sing praises to his name...” Being a faithful steward does not mean we need always to be serious and bowed down with the weight of our own or the world’s problems. God loves music, and joy, and all those things that create full and thankful hearts in the children so dear to Him. Make it part of your daily discipline to find at least one thing in which you can truly rejoice!

MAY 28 – FEAST OF PENTECOST

“Hail thee festival day, blessed day that is hallowed forever ... forth from the Father He comes with sevenfold mystical offering, pouring on all human souls the infinite riches of God.” (Hymn 225) How can whatever offerings we make begin to compare with ‘the infinite riches of God’? He is our perfect model, and we need to remember that we can’t outgive Him – it’s the spirit and gratitude with which we give that are all important.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MAY 21 – 7 EASTER

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Collect for 7 Easter

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. Amen

MAY 28 – 8 EASTER

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:25-35, 37
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- *Mail check – 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98926
- *Drop off through slot in Fr. Greg’s door.
- *Bank Bill Pay – have bank send check to St. Alban’s
- *Online, go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org and click on “Donate Now.”

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

- 1st week—Food Bank
- 2nd week—Discretionary Fund
- 3rd week—Outreach
- 4th week—Ukraine Refugee Offering
- 5th Week—Indigenous Women Support

ST. ALBAN’S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

Monday 10:30 - 12:30pm; 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Wednesday 2:00 - 4:00pm
Friday 10:30 - 12:30pm; 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or stalbansedmonds@gmail.com to make an appointment.
In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Greg Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506.

GREG’S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30am – 2:30 pm, Home
Wednesday Church Office – 10:00am – 2:00 pm
(Available by appointment)
Via email: gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com
Cell: 206-778-1506

SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm
(Available by appointment)

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn at sheilahreidburn@comcast.net or 425-745-1390

Prayers of the People:

Prayers of the People that are used during the Sunday worship.

Prayer Chain:

About a dozen people pray regularly for members of the congregation or other friends and relatives as requested.

Prayer Shawls:

Prayer shawls are available for those in need of comfort during challenging times.

