



Welcome to St. Alban's Episcopal Church
10:30 am Sunday, April 14, 2024
The Third Sunday of Easter

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

Descant

3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
 3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
 though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944)
 Music: *Sine Nomine* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); desc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)
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The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 3 beginning with the 12th verse

Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
 you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
 have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²*“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
 how long will you worship dumb idols
 and run after false gods?”*

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
 when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

⁴*Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
 speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.*

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, *
 and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶*Many are saying,
 “Oh, that we might see better times!” *
 Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.*

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, *
 more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

⁸*I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
 for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.*

The Second Reading

A Reading from 1 John, Chapter 3 beginning with the 1st verse

1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who

have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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Sequence Hymn: *Celtic Alleluia*

Refrain 1st Time: Cantor, Followed By Congregation

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Verses

Now he is liv - ing the Christ! Out of the tomb he has ris - en, he has
He is the first fruits from death, fil - ling the world with his glo - ry, Dark-ness
Let us give praise to our God, and to our Lord Je - sus Christ, let all

To Refrain
con - quered death, - o - pened hea - ven to all - - be - liev - ers. -
van - ish - es - in the light - of - - his pow - er.
peo - ple - give - - praise - for ev - er more!

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker.

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 24:36b-48

^{36b}Jesus stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Father Greg Peters

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*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.*

Priest: Holy God,
you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son,
and to care for those who are our companions,
not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love.
Seeking to be true friends of all,
we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world.

Intercessor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

For the Holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love,
and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O
Lord .

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, for
Melissa our Provisional Bishop, for all bishops, for Jim our Deacon, Greg
our Priest, for David who will serve as our Sabbatical Pastor, for other
ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our diocese as we prepare to call our next bishop, and for the four
nominees: Phil, Hillary, Jordan, and Kate, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions
may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray
to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the mission of the church, especially St. John's in Gig Harbor, Faith Church in Poulsbo and St. Andrew's in Port Angeles, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, especially in Palestine and Israel, Russia, Ukraine, Sudan, and all places of violence and oppression; that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, President of the United States, Jay, Governor of this State, and Mike, Mayor of Edmonds, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who live and work in this community, especially Chase Lake Community School, West Edmonds Cooperative Preschool, Habitat for Humanity, the outreach ministry that we are supporting this quarter; for Scout Troop 300, Girl Scout Troop 46254 and Cedar & Sound Community Camp Service Unit 245, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For a blessing on all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; for those served by the Edmonds Food Bank, Episcopal Relief and Development, the Refugee Resettlement Office, and Women's Spirit Coalition that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this congregation, especially Melissa Hicks for whom we give thanks this week, and for the ministries of this congregation, especially our Fellowship Ministry, for those who are present, for those who are absent, and for all of us who, though scattered, are one in Christ, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Giving thanks for Pat Chandler as she celebrates her birthday, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors, especially Carrie, Jackie, Robin, Kären, Susie, Marilee, Christa, Abbie, Susan D., Tom, Linda, Cindy, Barbara D., Linda,

Brad, Jake, Dee, Harvey, Donna, Howard, Bishop Curry, Michael, and Caroline that being freed from anxiety, they may live in peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph, her husband, Alban, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Priest: Guide us in the path of discipleship,
so that, as you have blessed us,
we may be a blessing for others,
bringing the promise of the kingdom near
by our words and deeds. *Amen.*

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

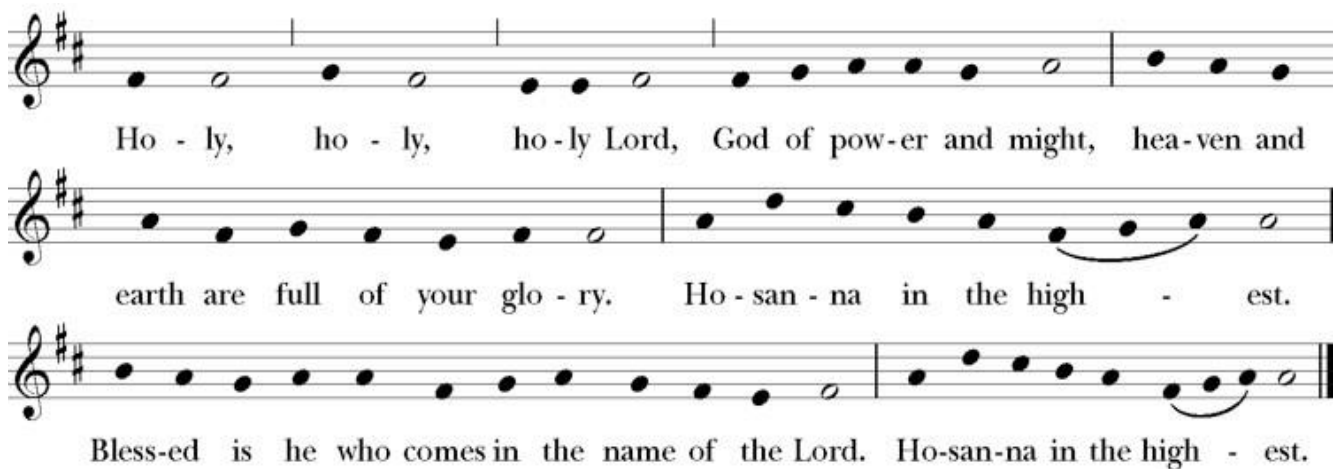
And also with you.

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Announcements

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the

Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph her husband, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Alban patron of this house, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died and is risen for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

For those who unable to attend worship in person

Beloved Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the
Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things, and I
desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive
you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you.
Let me never be separated from you in this life
or in the life to come. Amen

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Communion Hymn: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* Hymn 193

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.*

*And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn:

Shepherd of Souls

Hymn 343

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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Music Director/Organist
Lectors

Chalice Bearers

Altar Guild

A/V Ministry

Father Greg Peters
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Susan Hanson
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Ed Murphy
Donna Hoffman
Denise Robertson
Phil McClelland
Denise Robertson
Brad Goergen

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Gretchen Munsey
in thanksgiving for her four sons and their families.*

Weekly Sunday Outreach Basket Offerings

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Quarterly Outreach Offering

4th week—International Relief Offering

5th Week—Indigenous Women's Offering

Scripture Readings for April 21st

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Announcements

Adult Bible Study Sundays at 9:15am: Join us for Adult Christian Education class (Bible Study) led by Eric Hanson Sundays at 9:15am. This hybrid class meets in the Annex and on Zoom. Please join us. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Soup Supper, Wednesday, April 17th: As you know, Greg is going on Sabbatical from May through July. It's a time for renewal, study, reflection, and visioning. Members of the congregation too are engaged in this time of renewal, study, reflection, and visioning. Come to this Soup Supper discussion to learn about Greg's hopes and plans, and come to hear about what he and the Vestry plan and hope for you all during this time.

As is our usual practice, the evening begins at 6:00pm with Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary and on Facebook, followed by a simple but hearty dinner and the presentation and discussion from 7:00-8:00pm, ending the evening with Compline.

Supper consists of soup, salads, bread and dessert. You are invited to bring a dish to share if you are able. There is always plenty of food!

Chase Lake Pantry & Bus Snacks Request: We recently received a request from Chase Lake Community School indicating that they are in need of food for their Chase Lake Pantry & Bus Snacks. They pack 23 bags a week for families in need and hand out 28 bus snacks per day.

Although we have a food drive for Edmonds Food Bank in May, our congregation also has a heart for Chase Lake too. There is a list of requests, and a crate in the Parish Hall for "Chase Lake." Or if you want someone else to do the shopping, you can make a donation designated "Chase Lake." We'll collect during April for this need.

Food Bank Drive By Drive Saturday May 4th: Join us for another wonderful drive by Food Bank Collection led by Lee and his crew. They will be available from 11am -1 pm to collect cash and nonperishable food items for our hungry neighbors in need. As we all know, some of our neighbors depend upon our donations to feed their families, so please give generously!

Save the Date ECW Coffee May 11th: Please come and join us for fellowship on May 11th from 10:30 - 12:00. The presentation will be by Pat Chandler and her daughter Shannon Roedee. They will be presenting "From Prague to Budapest & Highlight of their River Boat Cruise. Photos of the cities on their trip through Czech Republic, Germany, Austria and Hungary will be shown. Light refreshments will be served. You won't want to miss this great coffee!