

## AROUND THE PARISH

March 22, 2024

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 – March 24

#### Palm Sunday

8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services. Masking is currently voluntary; those who prefer to continue wearing their masks are encouraged to do so.

9:15am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

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

Go to <https://stalbansedmonds.org/> and click on either YouTube for Facebook to watch service online.

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



Fr. Greg Peters

The cherry trees are blooming and are they beautiful! But the magnolias are coming on too and for my money, they're even more spectacular. Our neighbors have a tree with those deep purple blossoms, and it is magnificent.

Isn't it a wonder how we humans spend so much time, energy, and resources on some things purely for their beauty. And some of that beauty is so fleeting. I mean, really, these flowering trees don't produce fruit and the blossoms only last a couple of weeks, but still, we plant them.

At least, flowering trees and bushes grow for decades. Annual flowers are even more transitory, and we plant those with reckless abandon. We might get a season of flowers, but usually it's just a few weeks. Thankfully they attract bees and other pollinators.

Of course, our lavish expenditures on the transitory are not confined to plants. Going to hear live music, for example, only lasts for the time that the musicians are actually playing or singing, then all we have left is memories.

Even food and drink, for all their deliciousness and healthful benefits to the body, are little more than lingerings in the mouth.

But then there's love. Love may be intangible, but can you imagine the love for your dearest one or their love for you ending – ever? No, love lasts beyond the here and now.

And yet, if our pension for things of beauty is any indication, we are hardwired exactly and explicitly for this way of knowing the world, knowing what's truly important. In a single individual, we grasp the presence of the universal. In the short span of a single life, we glimpse eternity. In things that are passing, we inhabit that which endures.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

3/23 Habitat Build, Everett  
Boy Scout Troop Clean-up of Church Grounds

3/25 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

#### **SEE HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE**

4/1 9:30am-12:30pm, Episcoplayers, Sanctuary  
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

4/3 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook

4/4 1:00-3:00pm, Small Group Mtg, Parish Hall  
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

4/5 7:30-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

4/6 3:00-5:00pm, Philadelphia Eleven, Parish Hall

4/7 Tartan Sunday



#### PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY

Lord God, today we join the crowd of people mentioned in Matthew Chapter 21, who spread palm branches on the road shouting, "Hosanna in the highest!" As we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey, we recognize the humility He displayed. Even though He was the King of Kings, He humbled himself as a gentle Savior. Help us to follow His example of humility and peace. To those around us, make us a light of Your love and a witness of Your Gospel. In Jesus' name. Amen

Perhaps this is the image and likeness of God in us. Or at least an aspect of it. Somehow, we see as God sees. Somehow, we know something of the mind of God. Somehow, we love as God loves.

Easter is upon us. Again, we enter upon the contemplation of the eternal in the face of the cold, hard facts of this brief and passing life. Eternal life encapsulated in transitory flesh. The infinite and eternal God indwelling the finite body and time-bound person of Jesus of Nazareth.

Death has no dominion over this. No dominion over beauty. No dominion over love. No dominion over what is good and whole. Death has no dominion over that which is true.



### **March 24, Palm Sunday**

8:00am, Eucharist, In Person  
10:30am, Eucharist, In Person/Live Streamed  
*Easter Egg stuffing after each service.*

### **March 25, Monday in Holy Week**

6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook only

### **March 26, Tuesday in Holy Week**

6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook only

### **March 27, Tenebrae (Psalms & Lessons)**

6:00pm, In Person/Facebook

### **March 28, Maundy Thursday**

6:00pm, Agape Supper with Eucharist, Foot/  
Hand Washing, Stripping of Altar  
(In Person only)

### **March 29, Good Friday**

12:00pm, Service, In Person/Live Streamed  
6:00pm, Service, In Person only  
12:00-6:00pm, Stations of Cross, Labyrinth

### **March 30, Holy Saturday**

12:00pm, Meditative Service, Facebook only  
7:45pm, Easter Vigil, In Person/Live Streamed

### **March 30, Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00pm**

### **March 31, Easter Sunday**

8:00am, Eucharist, In Person only  
10:30am, Eucharist, In Person/Live streamed



## **MAUNDY THURSDAY -- MARCH 28**

Please join us for the special, meaningful service and evening on **Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 6:00pm**. We begin with an Agape Supper of an Eastern Mediterranean theme. The main course of baked chicken will be provided. You are invited to contribute salads, sides, desserts and beverages of your preference that go along with our theme. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

The meal is followed by a Eucharist and hand/foot washing. We then move into the Sanctuary as we remember Gethsemane and strip the altar.

This is a very special service and event in our church year. We worship and eat together, as our Lord did with his friends, and we witness the solemn act of removing all items from the altar area in recognition of this holy event. We leave this service in quiet meditation of what has happened and what is to come.

### **GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING**

On Good Friday, March 29, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites us to remember the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East through a gift to the Good Friday Offering.



This offering supports the life-giving ministries in the province, including St. George's, Baghdad; the eye clinic in Ras Morbat, Yemen; the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza; and numerous other institutions identified by their dioceses. Mark your offering "Good Friday."



### **EASTER EGG HUNT -- SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2:00pm**

Thanks to Shannon Duggan's leadership, we are almost ready for children to descend upon us in search of hidden Easter eggs on **Saturday, March 30, at 2:00pm**. There are plenty of plastic eggs on hand, but **there is still a need for wrapped candy.**

The eggs will be stuffed on Palm Sunday, March 24, after both services by members of the congregation.

If you are able to help with the Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, please come to the Parish Hall at 1:00pm.

Many thanks to all who have so generously contributed to this project. It's a joyful occasion for all our visitors and church family.



**FEBRUARY FINANCIALS**

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Income for February was \$17,187 compared to a budget of \$13,348 or \$3,839.09 over budget. Year-to-date income was \$30,924 compared to a budget of \$26,708 or \$4,216 over budget.

Expenses for February were \$16,635 compared to a budget of \$15,991 or \$644 over budget. Year-to-date expenses were \$32,611 compared to a budget of \$34,272 or **(\$1,661)** under budget. We have not received the bill for the new copier yet. Other categories are close to budget.

We have spent **(\$1,687)** more than we have received, but that is normal for this time of year.

The Parochial Report was submitted in advance of the March 1 deadline. The Financial Review (Simplified Audit) has begun.

<b>Total Income</b>	\$30,924
<b>Total Income</b>	\$26,708
<b>Income minus Budget</b>	\$4,216
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$32,611
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<b>Expenses minus Budget</b>	<b>(\$1,661)</b>



**MINISTRY FOCUS REPORT #4**  
**(What and How We Operate)**

Jan Skidmore, People's Warden

**Third Wednesday Gatherings/Soup Suppers** – A varied program follows a 6:00pm Evening Prayer and a 6:30pm potluck of soup, salad, bread and dessert.

**Rita Bennet Bequest** - Rita Bennett's Bequest that was earmarked for "inner healing," will provide for programs defined as "helping people experience the

truth identity through a personal encounter and ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ."

**Thursday Study Group** – Women's Group led by Maryellen Young and Pat Chandler, meet on alternate Thursday afternoons from 1:00-3:00pm to discuss issues in shared readings related to faith.

**HABITAT BUILD IS TOMORROW!**

We send our prayers for safety and our good wishes with those St. Albanites who are participating in the Habitat Build on Saturday, March 23. This particular project is the rehabilitation and restoration of a home in Everett.

Donating their time and talent for this project are Jeannie Burpee, Ed Murphy, Claire Norris, the Austin family and Jim Gilman.

**NARROW GATE**

If you are a follower of Jesus, choices must be made each day regarding what you carry with you in your heart. Not everything that you hold dear will actually fit through the narrow gate. Not everything is fit for the Kingdom of God. It has to go! We cannot serve two masters.

Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE



Scotland Map Multi Tartan by ScottishHeritage

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**GET READY FOR TARTAN SUNDAY!**

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, April 7, 2024**, and dust off your kilt. It's time to celebrate Scottish heritage.

This celebration grew out of the time when the Scots were being persecuted by the English and were not allowed to wear kilts and tartans.

As a form of resistance, the Scots would carry a small patch of tartan hidden in their clothes. Once a year they would have it blessed in church. Wear your family tartan to church on April 7 and celebrate your clan with your church family.

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Colyn LaVergne is working toward his Eagle Scout project, which is to extend the path on the south side of the Preschool to permit wheelchair access. The project is estimated at a cost of \$500.

Colyn has obtained permission from Vestry for the project itself and for requesting donations to help him with his project. He would very much appreciate contributions from the congregation to fully fund his Eagle Scout project. If you are able to help, you can give money directly to Colyn or to the church (designate "Eagle Scout Project").

## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

### MARCH 24 – PALM SUNDAY

Psalm 31:16 says, *"Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me."* And our ever-loving God reaches out with all His mercy, time after time, to bring help and consolation to those who put their whole trust in Him as faithful stewards of His blessings and gifts.

### MARCH 30 – THE EASTER VIGIL

The stories told at the Easter Vigil repeat time after time, the many ways in which God has entered the lives of His people in saving and grace-filled manifestations. And He has promised to live in us and through us, too, as we allow Him to undergird our daily lives of discipleship. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### MARCH 24 – PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47

### Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and Everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon Him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of His great humility. Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

### MARCH 28 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14P  
Psalm 116:1, 10-17  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-34

### Collect for Maundy Thursday

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### MARCH 29 – GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42

### Collect for Good Friday

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



## **CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS**

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- \*Mail check – 21405 82<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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—International Relief
- 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sheilahreidburn@comcast.net) or 206-427-1920.

**Prayers of the People:**

Prayers of the People are used during 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.

