



All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Sunday September 29, 2024
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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Sunday Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:15a.m.

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Serving in Today's Worship

Celebrant & Preacher

Deacon

Guest Organist

Crucifer

8 am Reader

10:30 am Readers

10:30 am Chalice Bearers

Altar Guild

A/V Ministry

Father Greg Peters

Jim Gilman

Linda Clugston

Colyn LaVergne

Teddi Balagot

Shirley Clark

Connie Forsberg

Dan Mullene

Donna Hoffman

Denise Robertson

Phil McClelland

Denise Robertson

Brad Goergen

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



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*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Judy Kistner
in memory of John Kistner.*

Prelude

Opening Hymn

We Gather Together

Hymn 433

Celebrant: Welcome to St. Alban's Episcopal Church. We're here in Edmonds, WA, and wherever you are in the world we're honored that you have welcomed us into your home today, as together we worship the God of all creation as incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth. Whether you're with us for an hour or a lifetime, we hope and trust that you will find this place a refuge that nourishes the Holy Spirit within you.

Before we begin, let us acknowledge that we are situated on traditional and ancestral Snohomish, Coast Salish land. They cared for this land for millennia before it was taken from them. We honor them, pray for the wisdom to care for it as well as they, recognize that we live together in this place, and are seeking ways of working together to be better stewards of this place and its people.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: This is the day the Creator has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Great Commandments

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

Gloria (*both services*)

1 All cre - a - tion danced in an - swer when God's
 2 Je - sus gave the tune new tex - ture, love song
 3 And the Spir - it comes, com - pos - ing mu - sic
 4 Come, my friends, sing, dance in an - swer as God's

voice first touched the air and the great e - ter - nal
 for a world set free: gos - pel sung in full, rich
 made of wind and fire, in its new - found tones dis -
 mu - sic fills the air and the great e - ter - nal

can - tor called a u - ni - verse to prayer, called to
 meas - ure, earth's voice, but God's mel - o - dy; pas - sion
 clos - ing all the heart and soul re - quire, forg - ing
 can - tor calls us yet to praise and prayer, bids us

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praise and to thanks - giv - ing all that filled the space a -
 mu - sic, sad and som - bre, dis - cord on a cross was
 from day's hum and thun - der, from that mix - ture sweet and
 join the end - less, sing - ing, till all earth - ly song shall

bout, sought a hymn from all things
 built, giv - ing way to bright new
 strong, psalms and hymns of awe and
 cease; heav - en's voice a - lone goes

liv - ing, bid the stones them - selves cry out.
 tim - bre in the Eas - ter morn - ing's lilt.
 won - der: dai - ly life as sa - cred song.
 ring - ing through a u - ni - verse at peace.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God the Creator be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Hebrew Scripture

This book tells the story of Queen Esther, who saves her people, the Jews, from the murderous schemes of Haman, advisor to the Persian king, her husband. Haman is hanged on the gallows he constructed for Esther's cousin Mordecai, and the Jews celebrate the feast of Purim to commemorate this victory over their enemies.

A Reading from Esther Chapter 7 beginning with the 1st verse

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

¹The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. ²On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” ³Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. ⁴For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be

annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” ⁵Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” ⁶Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. ⁹Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” ¹⁰So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

^{9:20}Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, ²²as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

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¹If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

*²If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;*

³Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

*⁴Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;*

⁵Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

*⁶Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.*

⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

*⁸Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.*

Christian Scripture

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

A Reading from James chapter 5 beginning with the 13th verse

James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should

call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (10:30 only): *Shepherd of Souls* Hymn 343

The final verse of the Sequence Hymn will be sung following the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel Reading

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well to others.

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

Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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Deacon or Priest: Please stand as you are able as we reaffirm our faith by saying the Nicene Creed.

*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.*

Prayers of the People: Creationtide Form

(Adapted heavily by Nina Ranadive Pooley from a form in Common Worship: Times and Seasons)

Priest: Creator God,
you call us to love and serve you
with body, mind, and spirit
through loving your creation
and our sisters and brothers.
Open our hearts in compassion
and receive these petitions
on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

Intercessor: Eternal God:
We thank you for the beauty of the World:
for the teeming life of the seas, the flight of birds, and the diversity of
animal life.

Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care; to protect
endangered species, to preserve the variety of habitats, and to honor the
delicate balance of nature.

God of life: *hear our prayer.*

We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea; for the
power of wind, and the warmth of sun. We pray for the nations of the
earth, give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its resources
sustainably for the welfare of all.

God of life: *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the faithful witness of the Church, called to reconcile and heal:

For this parish and our clergy: for Jim and Greg; for the members of this congregation, especially John Palmer for whom we give thanks this week, for the ministries and lay leaders of our congregation, our Worship Ministries, and ministries of our diocese, especially the retired clergy, clergy widow/widowers, and clergy households, Bishops: Justin, Michael, Sean, and Phil. We give thanks for Reilly Mannery and Jan Malloy who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

God of life: *hear our prayer.*

We pray for the human family. We exult in our diversity and giftedness, we repent of our sins, divisions and violence. By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us.

God of life: *hear our prayer.*

As every human being is known and loved by you, may we care for one another with love and respect. We pray for those you have commended to our care: Heather and Doug, Gretchen, Merilee, Christa, Abbee, Carolyn, Cooper, Molly, Kathleen, Marge, and Kris.

God of life: *hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who have died, especially Kristine, whom we entrust to your eternal love; may we support and comfort those who mourn.

God of life: *hear our prayer.*

Priest: Holy One,
hear our prayers and make us faithful stewards
of the fragile bounty of this earth
so that we may be entrusted with the riches of heaven. *Amen.*

Confession and Absolution

from Enriching Our Worship

Deacon or Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

God of compassion, have mercy upon us.

Heal our relationship with all creation.

*Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect
of the creatures who share the earth with us.*

*We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to
harm them, and for what we have not done to help them.*

Fill us with your Spirit,

*that we may care for one another and for all creatures,
according to your will and in the fullness of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.*

The Absolution

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of
the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

(Sharing of the Peace adapted from “Celebrating Creation: Honoring Indigenous People,” Kelly Sherman-Conroy, ELCA, as provided in “Listen to the Voice of Creation”)

Celebrant: In Christ we are becoming a new creation.

People: We see God around us.

We see God with us.

We give thanks to our Creator.

Celebrant: Let us show the love God has instilled within us by greeting each other as a sign of God’s justice of peace, love, forgiveness, and grace.

Celebrant: The Peace of our Creator be with you in all things.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: I invite you to care and share peace with your neighbor, and speak a word of peace to the land in which we gather, and the creatures who share this common home.

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Announcements

The Offertory

Celebrant: “The first law of our being is that we are set in a delicate network of interdependence with our fellow human beings and with the rest of God’s creation.” Desmond Tutu.

Let us walk in love as Christ loves us and gave himself an offering and sacrifice for all.

Offertory Hymn: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

G Em F#m Bm

un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be

E E7 A E A A7

loved as to love with all my soul. *to Stanza 4*

The Holy Communion

(Eucharistic Prayer with Creation II (from Salal+Cedar, <https://www.salalandcedar.com/liturgical-resources>.)

Celebrant: God is with us.

People: God is present here.

Celebrant: Rejoice! Lift up you hearts.

People: We lift our hearts to the Most High.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where Salish Sea meets lowland forest, where arts thrive, where some prosper and other struggle, at the crossroads of many cultures. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, with Snohomish, Coast Salish, and settlers, with cedar, salmon, and salal, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 2 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup and ourselves as a living sacrifice.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with Mary, Joseph, Alban, and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

(The Lord's Prayer written by Martha Blacklock, Mother Thunder Mission, "Honoring God in Creation," 261)

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray.

*Holy One, our only Home,
hallowed be your name.*

*May your day dawn,
your will be done,*

here as in heaven.

*Feed us today,
and forgive us*

as we forgive each other.

*Do not forsake us at the test,
but deliver us from evil.*

*For the glory, the power,
and the mercy are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*

Fraction Anthem

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Cre - a - tor God, You have giv - en bread for shar - ing,
Cre - a - tor God, You have giv - en wine for shar - ing,
Hap - py are all! Hap - py are all - who are called to the tab - le of Cre - a - - - tion!

Celebrant: This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

People: All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

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*

National Cathedral Sunday Online Service 6.13.2021

Communion Hymn (10:30am only)

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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Sweet Hour of Prayer

Pray without ceasing. 1 Th. 5:17

The smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God. Rev. 8:4

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! The joys I feel, the bliss I share,
3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear
4. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! May I thy con - so - la - tion share,

And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish - es known.
Of those whose anx - ious spir - its burn With strong de - sires for thy re - turn!
To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.
Till, from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height, I view my home and take my flight.

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, My soul has of - ten found re - lief,
With such I has - ten to the place Where God my Sav - ior shows His face,
And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His Word and trust His grace,
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize,

And oft es - caped the temp - ter's snare, By thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
I'll cast on Him my eve - ry care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare - well, fare - well, sweet hour of prayer!"

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Post Communion Prayer

(Postcommunion prayer 4 from “Prayers of Intercession for Creation Time 2012,” prepared by Sister Catherine Brennan SSL and Sister Ann Concannon SSL for Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) (2012)).

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

(Prayer from “Prayers for the Planet” at a service at Hinde Street Methodist Church, London, before the Climate March, December 2005, as published in Season of Creation 2 (Green Anglicans, the Anglican Church of Southern African Environmental Network, 2012), 36.)

Go forth now to care for God’s world. Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge. Sacrifice where necessary. Live in harmony with all creation. Go out into all the world as prophets of a new way of living and preach the good news to all.

And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Hymn 405

Dismissal

Priest or Deacon: Tend the earth, care for God’s good Creation; as you have received freely, so give freely.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Orthodoxy and Animals, the Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia

Kallistos Ware (1934-2022) was an English bishop and theologian of the Eastern Orthodox Church. He was one of the best-known modern Eastern Orthodox hierarchs and theologians. From 1966 to 2001, he was Spalding Lecturer of Eastern Orthodox Studies at the University of Oxford.

We humans are bound to God and to one another in a cosmic covenant that also includes all the other living creatures on the face of the earth: ‘I will make for you a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the creeping things of the ground.’ We humans are not saved from the world but with the world; and that means, with the animals. Moreover, this cosmic covenant is not something that we humans have devised, but it has its source in the divine realm. It is conferred upon us as a gift by God.

Metropolitan Kallistos Ware of Diokleia, “Orthodoxy and Animals”, in A. Linzey and C. Linzey, (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Religion and Animal Ethics* (Oxford: Routledge Handbooks in Religion, 2018).



Announcements

Adult Bible Study Sundays at 9:30am: Join us for Adult Christian Education class (Bible Study) led by Eric Hanson Sundays at 9:30am. This hybrid class meets in the Annex and on Zoom. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Celebration of St. Michael and All Angels Sunday September 29th: As we have done for the last several years, we remember St. Michael, protector of Israel, and all the heavenly host, messengers of God on Michaelmas. You are invited to bring your pictures, icons, and statues of angels to decorate the church on Sunday, September 29th.

Food Bank Collection Sunday October 6th: Sunday, Oct 6th is the first Sunday of the month and is Food Bank Sunday. We invite you to fill our Food Bank table to overflowing on the 6th, and cash donations are welcome, too. Thanks so much for caring for the hungry in our community!

Blessing of the Animals Sunday October 6th: Please join us in celebration of our pets and animal companions on Sunday, October 6th for the Feast of St. Francis. This day we honor Francis who preached praise for the Creator and Redeemer of all things and saw his fellow creatures as sisters and brothers. Bring your animals or plants who are part of your families for a special blessing. If you are unable to bring your pet but wish for them to be included, consider bringing a picture to hold, and if you have a pet you wish to be remembered who is no longer with us, we will gladly honor their memory.

Stew Fest at St. Alban's: On Wednesday, October 16, 2024 starting at 6:30 pm, St. Alban's Stewardship group will be sponsoring the 11th annual "Stew Fest." Please NOTE: THIS IS THE 3rd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. The dinner will feature a variety of stews. Salad, bread and dessert will be provided along with beverages including wine and beer. If you would be willing to donate a pot of stew, please contact Debby Wilson (206) 683-4251 (dgzrus@gmail.com).

St. Alban's Participates in Mission to Seafarers: October thru November 17th, we'll be participating in the Mission to Seafarers in dust off your knitting needles, sewing machine and don't forget to go shop as you are able, and help fill up the "ditty bags". Please contact one of our co-chairs with questions: Averil Nicewarner - averil.personal@gmail.com - (301) 310-3165 or Janet Niece - liliasyetta@hotmail.com - (206) 949-7335.

Scripture Readings for October 6

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16