



**All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church
10:30am Sunday October 27, 2024
The Twenty-Third 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.

Prelude

Opening Hymn *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* Hymn 410

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, on your computer, or joined us here 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: Blessed be our God.

People: For ever and ever. Amen.

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

Bulletin p 4-5

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 be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

After the glorious vision of creation contained in God's speeches at the end of Job, the righteous sufferer proclaims that he has seen God and is humbled. The LORD restores Job's fortunes, and Job dares to live again, fathering more children and giving his daughters an inheritance along with their brothers.

A Reading from Job Chapter 42 beginning with the 1st verse

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

¹Job answered the LORD:

²“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

³“Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

⁴“Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.’

⁵I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;

⁶therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”

¹⁰And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹²The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. ¹⁷And Job died, old and full of days.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]

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¹I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

*²I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.*

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *

let us exalt his Name together.

*⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.*

⁵Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

*⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.*

⁷The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

*⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!*

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

*²⁰He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.*

²¹Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

*²²The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.*

The Second Reading

Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.

A Reading from Hebrews chapter 7 beginning with the 23rd verse

Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Hymn 493

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

The Gospel Reading

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

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

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶[Jesus and his disciples] came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Walk in Love: Prayers of the People for Stewardship Season

Deacon/Celebrant: As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to walk in love together.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops (Justin, Michael, Sean, and Phil), priests, deacons, and laypeople, the churches and ministries of this diocese, especially St. Dunstan's and St. David Emmanuel, both in Shoreline; for Templo Emmanuel; for our Communications Ministries and Diana Powell, for whom we give thanks this week

Leader: As Christ loved us,
People: ***We walk in love.***

Leader: I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to hostilities, for a spirit of Goodwill. We pray for our citizens as we elect leaders, and for leaders (Joe, Jay, and Mike) who serve with love.

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, the Resettlement Office, for Canine Companions, and for Episcopal Relief and Development—the International Relief organization that we are supporting this quarter, that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Leader: As Christ loved us,

People: We walk in love.

Leader: I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts. For those who live and work in this community, especially Chase Lake Community School, West Edmonds Cooperative Preschool, for those in our community who are helped by our Discretionary Fund, Canine Companions—the outreach ministry that we are supporting this quarter, for Scout Troop 300, Girl Scout Troop 46255, and Cedar and Sound Community Camp Service Unit 245.

Leader: As Christ loved us,

People: We walk in love.

Leader: I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list: Kathleen, Marge, Kate, Merilee, Susan D, Angelee, Alex, and soon to be born, Eleanor, and others who we name now either silently or aloud...

Leader: As Christ loved us,

People: We walk in love.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We pray for Doris Eaker, and those we name now with our lips or in our hearts...

Leader: As Christ loved us,
People: ***We walk in love.***

Leader: I invite your celebrations, remembrances, and the naming of our many blessings, innumerable and filled with Grace. May we be inspired to share our wealth, works, and wisdom with our neighbors and our Church.

Leader: As Christ loved us,
People: ***We walk in love.***

Celebrant: Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You made. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

from Enriching Our Worship

Deacon or Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

***God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,***

*the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace

From Enriching Our Worship 1

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you
People: ***And also with you.***

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Announcements

The Offertory

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

Offertory Hymn:

Amazing Grace

Hymn 671

The Holy Communion

Enriching Our Worship 1

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

Celebrant: You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The first system contains two verses of lyrics. The second system contains the chorus lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine and ourselves as a living sacrifice.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with Mary, Joseph, Alban, and all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

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

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Communion Hymn:

Just As I Am

Hymn 693

Post Communion Prayer

From *Enriching Our Worship 1*

*God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Blessing

Shared with us by Rev. Melissa Skelton

Return now to the places where God has given you responsibility.

Remember the peace and love we have celebrated and do not fail to show to all people the new life that is already among us.

Have courage. Hold onto what is good.

Return to no one evil for evil.

Strengthen those who fail.

Support the weak and honor all life.

And the blessing of God,

The One, Holy and Undivided Trinity,

Be with you and remain among you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

O Bless the Lord My Soul

Hymn 411

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

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

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Celebrant & Preacher

Guest Pianist

Crucifer

Readers

Chalice Bearers

Altar Guild

A/V Ministry

Father Greg Peters

Emmy Purainer

Colyn LaVergne

Ed Murphy

Claire Norris

Debby Wilson/Connie Forsberg

Mary Fowler

Pam Pomeroy

Debby Wilson

Phil McClelland

Denise Robertson

Brad Goergen

Flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Averil Nicewarner in celebration of finally meeting 'maternal' siblings: Jean, Jenny and Rod last April along with all their and now her relatives. Her prayer came true that she had dreamed about so many times after her adoption after WWII.

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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on "Donate Now" or use QR code above.

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>

Prayers for Healing after Services: Today, in remembrance of Jesus' healing Bartimaeus, we are offering a time of prayers for healing after each service. Please see Father Greg who will be available in the sanctuary for prayers.

Sunday November 3rd Ingathering: Soon you will be receiving our 2025 pledge card via mail. Sunday, November 3rd is our annual Ingathering of Pledges. Please bring your pledge cards to church to be placed on the altar at both 8:00am and 10:30am services on that day. Your contributions enable us to continue our ministries and mission. Thank you!

Visitation from the Bishop: Sunday, November 24, 2024, our newly ordained Diocesan Bishop, Phil LaBelle, will be with us. Besides being a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other and to celebrate our common ministries, the visitation of a bishop is an occasion for baptisms, confirmations, receptions into the Episcopal Church, and the renewal of baptismal vows. Put this date on your calendar and look for more details as the day approaches.

St. Alban's Participates in Mission to Seafarers: Through November 13th, 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." See a complete list of items in the parish hall. Ditty Bag Stuffing Day is Saturday November 23, 2024 10am to Noon at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church. 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.

Advent Flower Donations: Advent begins December 1st and extends through December 22nd. While our floral offerings during this season are limited by congregational choice and tradition (evergreens with 3 flowers in each arrangement) you are still welcome to make dedications during this time. If you wish to do so, please sign up on the flower chart posted on the wall in the Parish Hall.

Scripture Readings November 3rd

Ruth 1:1-22; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34