



**All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
8 am Sunday November 24, 2024  
Christ the King Sunday**

*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 and Procession*

**The Word of God**

**BCP 323**

**Opening Hymn:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Hymn 450

*Priest:* Before we begin, let us acknowledge that our parish is 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 this place as well as they have. We recognize that we live and work among them. We are seeking ways of working together so that we may be better stewards of this place and all its people.

And so we pray:

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. *Amen.*

*Bishop:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*Bishop:* Blessed be our God.

*People:* ***For ever and ever. Amen.***

*Bishop:* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People:* ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
People: *One God and Father of all.*

*Gloria*

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*Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## The Collect of the Day

*Bishop:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And with thy spirit.*

*Bishop:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### The First Reading

*This song attributed to David speaks of a promise: God will establish David's house (dynasty) forever. Indeed David's dynasty endured more than 400 years until the exile in 587 BCE. When there was no longer a Davidic king on the throne, this promise was understood to refer to the Messiah.*

A Reading from 2 Samuel Chapter 23 beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> verse

*2 Samuel 23:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,  
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob,  
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,  
his word is upon my tongue.

<sup>3</sup>The God of Israel has spoken,  
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,  
ruling in the fear of God,

<sup>4</sup>is like the light of morning,  
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,  
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

<sup>5</sup>Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,  
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper  
all my help and my desire?

<sup>6</sup>But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;  
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

<sup>7</sup>to touch them one uses an iron bar  
or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 132:1-13 [14-19]

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<sup>1</sup>LORD, remember David, \*  
and all the hardships he endured;

<sup>2</sup>*How he swore an oath to the LORD \**  
*and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:*

<sup>3</sup>“I will not come under the roof of my house, \*  
nor climb up into my bed;

<sup>4</sup>*I will not allow my eyes to sleep, \**  
*nor let my eyelids slumber;*

<sup>5</sup>Until I find a place for the LORD, \*  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

<sup>6</sup>*“The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; \**  
*we found it in the fields of Jearim.*

<sup>7</sup>Let us go to God’s dwelling place; \*  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.”

<sup>8</sup>*Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, \**  
*you and the ark of your strength.*

<sup>9</sup>Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; \*  
let your faithful people sing with joy.

<sup>10</sup>*For your servant David’s sake, \**  
*do not turn away the face of your Anointed.*

<sup>11</sup>The LORD has sworn an oath to David; \*  
in truth, he will not break it:

*<sup>12</sup>“A son, the fruit of your body \*  
will I set upon your throne.*

<sup>13</sup>If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, \*  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”

*<sup>14</sup>For the LORD has chosen Zion; \*  
he has desired her for his habitation:*

<sup>15</sup>“This shall be my resting-place for ever; \*  
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.

*<sup>16</sup>I will surely bless her provisions, \*  
and satisfy her poor with bread.*

<sup>17</sup>I will clothe her priests with salvation, \*  
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.

*<sup>18</sup>There will I make the horn of David flourish; \*  
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.*

<sup>19</sup>As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; \*  
*but as for him, his crown will shine.”*

## The Second Reading

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.



A Reading from Revelation chapter 1 beginning with the 4<sup>th</sup> verse

*Revelation 1:4b-8*

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## **The Gospel**

*In John’s gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

*John 18:33-38a*

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” <sup>38</sup>Pilate asked him, ‘What is truth?’”

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**The Sermon**

the Rt. Rev. Philip LaBelle

**The Baptismal Covenant**

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**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Bishop* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and  
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People I do.*

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People *I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People *I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.*

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and  
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the  
prayers?

People *I will, with God's help.*

*Bishop* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Bishop* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Bishop* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*Bishop* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* ***I will, with God's help.***

*The Bishop concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Adapted from the Prayers of the People for Indigenous Peoples Day*

*Endorsed by the Committee on Indian Relations for the Episcopal Diocese of Maine*

*Deacon:* As the shepherd who cares for the flock, O God, you guide all things through Jesus whom you have exalted over all creation as king.

Hear the prayers we offer in his name  
for the creation he cherished  
and that you entrust to us.

*Intercessor:* With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the  
Lord, saying Lord, have mercy.

For peace among all nations, for justice among neighbors, for safety  
for all in uncertain transit; for refugees from violence and all those  
seeking a home, for those served by the Resettlement Office, and for  
Episcopal Relief and Development, the International Relief  
organization that we are supporting this quarter, that they may be  
relieved and protected,

let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the remembrance of our Native American ancestors who may  
have been displaced, and immigrant ancestors who may have come to  
this land seeking freedom from oppression and conquest, but who in  
turn displaced others, perhaps not even fully understanding the harm  
that was being done,

let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the forgiveness of sin, for the repentance of wrong, and for justice  
to shine in its place,

let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For understanding and acknowledgement of injustice wrought in the name of God by those whose paths we inherit, for righting the infliction of harms, for fellowship to replace oppression, and for reconciliation and healing to ease pain,

let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For bearing witness to the pain of our neighbors, especially Robin, Barbara, Gretchen, Howard, Tom, Dee, Kären, David and Dan McGuire, and their families, and others whom we name now either silently or aloud (*pause*) in hope that the love of God can heal all pain and broken bonds,

let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those forgotten tongues, rites, peoples, clans, tribes and traditions, including tribes of our own ancestry and of the original inhabitants of this land, the Snohomish, Coast Salish people, who were oppressed by conquerors, and yet prayed to You in all Your forms for deliverance,

let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the love of God to fill this place and the hearts of all of God's children with good will; for a path of peace to walk side by side; and For the love of God to fill this place and the hearts of all of God's children with good will; for a path of peace to walk side by side; and the promise of God that we all, regardless of race or creed, belong to

God and that we belong to one another. For Bishop LaBelle and the churches and ministries of this diocese, especially Good Shepherd and St Luke's/San Lucas, both in Vancouver. For this congregation, especially Phillip Sach, for Roger Anderson & Elise Wells who have birthdays this week, and for our many ministries including our Parish Life Ministries for whom we give thanks this week,

let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of all the saints, especially Susie Nichols and the Rev. Don Maddux, let us commend ourselves and one another and all of our lives to Christ our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Bishop:* Look upon your people who rejoice in your justice and mercy, and grant that the prayers we make may reveal Christ's reign in our time. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*Bishop:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* *And with thy spirit.*

## **Birthday & Anniversary Prayers**

## **Announcements**





Because in Jesus Christ our Lord thou hast received us as thy sons and daughters, made us citizens of thy kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Sanctus** (*Celebrant and People*)

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

*First Nations Version*

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

*O Great Spirit, our Father from above,  
we honor your name as sacred and holy.  
Bring your good road to us,  
where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above  
is reflected in the earth below.  
Provide for us day by day~  
the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.  
The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.  
All the things we need for each day.  
Release us from the things we have done wrong,  
in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us.  
Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your  
good road,  
and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways.  
May it be so!*

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Bishop: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God

The Post Communion Prayer

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Bishop: Let us pray.

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

The Blessing

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People: *The maker of heaven and earth.*

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People: *From this time forth for evermore.*

Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Rejoice the Lord Is King

Charles Wesley, 1746

John Darwall, 1770

1. Re - joi - ce the Lord is King; your Lord and King a - dore! Re -  
 2. Je - sus, the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when  
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the  
 4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and  
 5. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

joice, give thanks and sing and tri - umph e - ver - more.  
 he had purged our stains he took his seat a - bove.  
 keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n.  
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.  
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re -

joice, a - gain I say re - joi - ce!

## Dismissal

*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

*Scripture Readings December 1<sup>st</sup>*  
*Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36*

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Presider and Preacher	the Rt. Rev. Philip LaBelle, Bishop Diocese of Olympia
Rector	the Rev. Greg Peters
Deacon	the Rev. David Bishop
Bishop's Chaplin	Shannon Duggan
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Crucifer	Raina Kille
Lector	Gretchen Munsey
Intercessor	Jim Gilman
Chalice Bearer	Jan Lee Krilevich
Altar Guild	Pam Pomeroy
	Debby Wilson
	Phil McClelland
	Denise Robertson
	Brad Goergen

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*Flowers this week are given to the glory of God by the people of St. Alban's  
in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.*

### 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



For Online donations:  
go to [www.StAlbansEdmonds.org](http://www.StAlbansEdmonds.org) and click  
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>

**Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist and Appetizers Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 6 pm:** As in previous years, we'll mark the season with a simple Eucharist service followed by appetizers and beverages to share. We invite you to bring your favorite appetizer (non-Thanksgiving related) and a friend. Consider this a little break before the busyness of Thanksgiving Day to relax, fortify your body, mind, and spirit, and to praise God for all the blessings of this life.

**Celebrate It's a Wonderful Life at November 30<sup>th</sup> Screening:** St. Alban's "Income Generating Work Group" (IGWG) will host an event Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall to celebrate the classic Christmas movie "It's a Wonderful Life." Everyone from St. Alban's and the community is invited to attend, and donations will be gladly accepted to support the missions and ministries of our church. Light movie-appropriate snacks will be served.

**Holiday Gift Cards for Chase Lake:** We are continuing our tradition of providing gift cards from Winco or Fred Meyers to Chase Lake Community School families. Gift cards from these two stores enable families to purchase, food, clothes, gifts, etc. Chase Lake includes them in their Christmas baskets in December. School breaks about mid-December, so the gift cards are needed to be in the office by Sunday, December 1. Cards received after this date will be used by the school for families as needed.

**Advent Retreat at St. Hilda/St. Patrick:** We're invited to a retreat with St. Hilda/St. Patrick Mon 12/9, 10a-12pm. It'll be a small and informal opportunity for reflection on 'what we're waiting for'. The address is 15224 52nd Ave W, Edmonds, WA 98026.

**ECW Holiday Coffee December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am:** It's time for Holiday cheer and fellowship! Please come join us for light refreshments and fun. Please bring a wrapped \$10 gift for the exchange and have fun with the Holiday game. Open to all people, family, friends, neighbors! You won't want to miss this fun event!

**Flower Donations for Christmas:** Your generous contributions to St. Monica's Altar Guild will help us beautify our Sanctuary for Christmas services. Flower envelopes are in the pews, and your donation may be dedicated in memory, in thanksgiving or for another special occasion. Please mark you cash or check "Christmas Flowers," include your dedication and place the envelope in the collection plate, mail to church or drop off. Dedications after December 15<sup>th</sup> will not be in time for bulletins, but gladly accepted.

**A Reading of "A Christmas Carol" December 7<sup>th</sup> 1pm:** Don't miss the reading by our Episcoplayers of the traditional story, "A Christmas Carol," in the Sanctuary on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. We'll also be collecting jars of peanut butter for the food bank. A festive reception will follow the performance.