



All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

10:30 am Sunday November 16, 2025

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: *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Hymn 7

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 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 they are here among us, and are seeking ways of working together to be better stewards of this place and its people.

Opening Acclamation BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.*

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Addressing the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem from Babylon, the prophet proclaims a vision of a future time of peace and prosperity. Though the returned exile are experiencing hard times, God is about to do a new thing.

A Reading from Isaiah, Chapter 65 beginning with the 17th verse

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷I am about to create new heavens

and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered

or come to mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever

in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,

and its people as a delight.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem,

and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,

or the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it

an infant that lives but a few days,

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.
²⁴Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,

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

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

BCP 86

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

The Second Reading

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

A Reading from 2 Thessalonians, Chapter 3 beginning with the 6th verse

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: *All My Hope on God Is Founded* Hymn 665

The Gospel Reading

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear

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

Luke 21:5-19

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a

wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Father Greg Peters

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit*

*he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven*

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.*

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

*We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Prayers of the People based on the Litany of Thanksgiving BCP 836

Celebrant: Friends in Christ,
God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers
as dear to us as our own needs.
Loving our neighbors as ourselves,
we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions
on behalf of the church and the world.

Intercessor: Let us give thanks to God the Creator of all things, who so freely and graciously bestows upon us all the blessings of this life.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea, especially in this place, and for our forebearers who have entrusted it to our care.

We thank you, Lord.

For our congregations, and for all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ.

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, our friends, and our neighbors, especially associated with the West Edmonds Cooperative Preschool, Scout Troop 300, Girl Scout Troop 46254, Alcoholics Anonymous, Chase Lake School, and the Mission to Seafarers.

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, and for those with whom we minister in this community: the Food Banks, Hand in Hand Kids, Episcopal Relief and Development, and Indigenous Women Spirit Coalition.

We thank you, Lord.

For the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety, for Fernely and Irma Robles and their ministry with Templo Emanuel, for our Buildings and Grounds Ministry, for the leaders of this congregation, for Donna and Dave Hoffman, and Greg our priest; for Phil our Bishop and the ministries of this diocese, especially St. Luke's and St. Stephen's, both in Seattle; for Sean, Presiding Bishop; and for Sarah,

Archbishop of Canterbury-Designate and the worldwide Anglican Communion, especially the The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria; for the Faithful who glorify and serve you in every land; for health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play.

We thank you, Lord.

For Sarah D., Jack and Donna, Marge, Marilee, Sue, Terry, and the brave and courageous everywhere, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity.

We thank you, Lord.

For Donald, President of these United States, Patty and Maria, our Senators, Rick and Pramila, our Representatives, for the judges of our courts, for Bob our Governor, Mike our Mayor, for those who seek the common good, and for all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice.

We thank you, Lord.

For those who have died [especially] and for Alban and the communion of saints in all times and places.

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

BCP 393

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

Silence may be kept

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *Jerusalem My Happy Home*

Hymn 620

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

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 him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

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

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

For those who unable to attend worship in person

Beloved Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the
Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things, and I
desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you.
Let me never be separated from you in this life
or in the life to come. Amen

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Communion Hymn: *My Lord What a Morning* **Bulletin p 18**

Harmony

My Lord, what a morn - ing, My Lord, what a morn - ing, — O

Fine

my Lord, what a morn - ing, When the stars be - gin to fall.

Unison

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound, —
 2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, — To wake the
 3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, —

na - tions un - der - ground, — Look - ing to my God's right

D.C.

hand, When the stars be - gin to fall. —

*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Surely It Is God Who Saves Me* Bulletin p 20

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

Refrain

C All G Am F Dm7

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -

Gsus G7 Em7 Am C7 F G7

fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -

Em7 Am Dm Gsus C F C (F) *Fine*

fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

Leader or All C G/B Am C7

1 There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing

F Dm7 Gsus G7 Em7

from the springs of sal - va - tion and on that day you shall

Am C7 F G7 Em7 Am Dm7 Gsus C F *to Refrain*

say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call up - on God's name."

Leader or All Am Em F

2 Make God's deeds known a-mong the peo - ples; see that they re -

G7 C Dm7 C Am Em F

mem-ber that the Lord is ex-alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the Lord,

D7 G F Em G7 *to Refrain*

for God has done great things and this is known in all the world.

Leader or All C G/B Am C7 F Dm7 Gsus G7

3 Cry a-loud, in-hab-i-tants of Zi - on; ring out your joy, for the

Em7 Am C7 F G7 Em7 Am Dm7 Gsus C F *to Refrain*

great one in the midst of you is the Ho - ly One of Is - rael.

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Flowers are given to the glory of God by Leslie Bergstrom and Kim Nelson
in memory of husband and father, Jim Bergstrom.

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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Scripture Readings for November 23rd

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Canticle 4: The Song of Zechariah/Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

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Announcements

Adult Bible Study Sundays at 9:30am: Join us for Adult Bible Study classes led by Eric Hanson each Sunday in the Annex and online. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmK1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Soup Supper November 19th Celebrating Native American Heritage Month:

Join us Wednesday, November 19th for our next Soup and Salad Supper which will be hosted by our Indigenous Circle. We'll start the evening at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary with an Indigenous Episcopal Evening Prayer Service. Supper is at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall, followed by our program. Food for this event will be provided by members of our Indigenous Circle, so no contributions are necessary by other attendees. At 7pm we'll view an interview with Steven Charleston, retired American Episcopal bishop, academic and member of the Choctaw Nation who will be discussing his book *Ladder to the Light*. While parishioners are not expected to bring any items, we will gladly accept donations to Women's Spirit Coalition at the event. Please join us for this time of prayer, good food, fellowship, and learning.

Ending Violence Against Native Women: November is Native American awareness month. Women Spirit is a Coalition locally dedicated to ending violence against Native Women and their families and serving the needs of tribal programs that provide direct service to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and sex trafficking.

You may contribute to Women Spirit Coalition at the Soup and Salad Supper on Wednesday, November 19th at 6pm, and in the basket donation at church, Sunday, November 30th. God bless you for your generous gifts.

Thanksgiving Eve Service and Fest Wednesday, November 26th at 6pm: As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we join our neighbors from St. Hilda's/St. Patrick's for a simple Eucharist followed by our annual Thanksgiving Eve hors d'oeuvre fete. You probably know the ground rules for that - no Thanksgiving related foods will be served. But the Spirit of Thanksgiving will be absolutely manifest in the community, fellowship, and conversations. Save the cooking and the dishes for Thursday; come to church on Wednesday!

What Happens When We Die?: In the northern hemisphere, the month of November is a witness to the fragility and death of the natural world, a world that includes human beings. In this month, the lectionary readings point us toward the end of all things. In a culture that denies the reality of death, Christian faith offers a significant contrast. On November 12 & 19, 7pm, join The Rev. Samuel Torvend, priest associate for adult formation at St. Paul's, Seattle, as we consider what happens when we die and how the Christian community invites us to prepare for this last calling in life. To register for these two gatherings, send The Rev. Torvend an email at torvensa@plu.edu with this word in the subject line: MORTEM.

Chase Lake Christmas Gift Cards: With the holidays around the corner, it's time for our annual drive to benefit the Chase Lake students and families. Holidays can be very difficult for struggling families. Gift cards from Fred Meyer or Winco enable families to purchase foods, clothes, gifts, etc. These gift cards will be included in Christmas baskets in December. Please donate gift cards by Sunday, December 7th. Gift cards received after that date will be used for families as needed.

Our preference is to receive gift cards that can be directly given to the school. You can also donate money. Designate your donation as "Chase Lake" on the memo line of your check, or put cash in an envelope and label the envelope "Chase Lake." Place your name on the envelope so we can give you credit for your contribution.

ECW Ladies Holiday Coffee December 13th at 10:30am: It's time for cheer and fellowship! Please join us for light snacks and refreshments and fun! Bring a wrapped \$10 gift for the exchange. We will have fun with the Christmas quiz. This event is open to everyone. You don't want to miss this!

Christmas Flower Donations: Your generous donations enable Altar Guild to provide altar flowers for our services year-round. Christmas window decorations and the beautiful red poinsettias brighten up the whole Sanctuary. If you would like to contribute to these decorations, Flower Donation envelopes will be available in the pews. Your contribution can be in memory of someone or an event, in thanksgiving to God, etc. Please mark your cash envelope or check with "Christmas Flowers" In order for your dedication to be included in the Christmas bulletins, we ask that you turn it in by Sunday, December 14th.