



**All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church**

**10:30am Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**The Third Sunday after Epiphany**

*St. Alban's seeks to be a welcoming, Christ-centered community committed to sharing Christ's love, empowering people to grow spiritually, deepening our relationship with Christ, and living out our faith in 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 9:30 a.m.

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## Serving in Today's Worship

Celebrant & Preacher

Guest Organist

Crucifer

Lectors, Chalice & Alms Bearers

Altar Guild

A/V Ministry

Father Greg Peters

Nat Bartels

Colyn LaVergne

Connie Forsberg

Mary Fowler

Pam Pomeroy

J.L. Krilevich

Phil McClelland

Denise Robertson

Brad Goergen

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*Flowers are given to the glory of God by the people of St. Alban's  
in thanksgiving for our 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



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go to [www.StAlbansEdmonds.org](http://www.StAlbansEdmonds.org) and click  
on "Donate Now" or use QR code above.

### Scripture Readings for February 1<sup>st</sup>

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

## Prelude

Opening Hymn: *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord* Hymn 304

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 this evening, as together we worship the God of all creation 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.

As we begin, we acknowledge that we are blessed to be 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, and pray for the wisdom to care for it as well as they. We recognize that we are living among them still, so we are seeking ways of building relationships so that, working together, we can be better stewards of this place and all its people.

## Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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

*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

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The First Reading**

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

A Reading from Isaiah Chapter 9 beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> verse

*Isaiah 9:1-4*

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

BCP 617

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

<sup>5</sup>*One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;*

<sup>6</sup>To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.

<sup>7</sup>*For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.*

<sup>8</sup>Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.

<sup>9</sup>*Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.*

<sup>10</sup>Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>11</sup>*You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \**  
*Your face, LORD, will I seek.*

<sup>12</sup>Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

<sup>13</sup>*You have been my helper;*  
*cast me not away; \**  
*do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.*

## The Second Reading

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

A Reading from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 1 beginning with the 10<sup>th</sup> verse

*1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of

Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

*Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn      *They Cast Their Nets in Galilee*      Hymn 661  
Final Verse AFTER Gospel Reading

## The Gospel Reading

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*Glory to you Lord Christ.*

Matthew 4:12-23

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

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.*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community lead by Mayor Mike Rosen and Governor Bob Ferguson, the nation lead by President Donald Trump, and for leaders throughout the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the work and ministries of our local Food Banks, Homage, and Doctors without Borders, and the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the Anglican Communion, particularly the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria;

For the Episcopal Church, especially the Diocese of Honduras;

For the ministries of this Diocese, Holy Cross, Redmond, St. Clare's, Snoqualmie, and St. Margaret's, Bellevue, and for the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Fernely and Irma and the congregation of Templo Emanuel; Sarah Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Phil Bishop of Olympia; for all deacons; for Greg Priest of this

congregation; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for John P., Marge, Marilee, Susan D., Jenny, Jack and Donna, Jessica, and those we name now either aloud or silently.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We give thanks for Chase Lake School, West Edmonds Preschool, Scout Troop 300, Girl Scout Troop 46254 and Alcoholics Anonymous;

for the ministries of congregation, especially the Buildings and Grounds Ministries;

for the members of our congregation, especially Kathleen McCluskey;

for the members of our Legacy Society, especially Carrie Cone;

for Sheilah Reidburn, J.L. Krilevich, and Claire Norris who are celebrating birthdays this week; and

for those blessings we name either silently or aloud.

*The people may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_ that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

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.**

**Absolution**

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**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

**Birthday, Anniversaries, and other Thanksgivings**

## Announcements

## The Holy Communion

## The Offertory

Offertory Hymn:      *Christ for the World We Sing*      Hymn 537

Doxology (*please stand if you are able*)      Hymn 380, vs 3

## Eucharistic Prayer 2

*From Enriching Our Worship*

*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 God thanks and praise.*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us  
to live in the fullness of your love.  
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

## Sanctus

D. Buley

*Arranged by JEP*

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth\_\_ are  
7 full\_\_ of thy glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est! Ho - san-na in the high - est! Ho  
13 san-na in the high - est! Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho  
20 san-na in the high - est! Ho - san-na in the high - est! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

*The people stand or kneel.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,

that she might conceive and bear a son,  
Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
the sacrifice of his life,  
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, 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.  
Again, he gave thanks to you,  
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.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,

and ourselves, a living sacrifice.  
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,  
with Mary, Joseph, Alban, and all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.  
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.*

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

C.K. Pence

Arranged by JEP



1.This is the bread that is bro - ken for you. Take it and eat, take it and eat.  
2.This is the cup that is offer - ed to you. Take it and drink, take it and drink.  
3.This is the task that is give - en to you: be full of love, be full of love.  
4. Eat and drink in re mem-brance of me. I am the way; I am the way.



Here is the bread that is bro - ken for you; if you eat you will hun - ger no more.  
This is the cup that is offere - ed to you; come re-ceive the for-give-ness of sins.  
This is the task that is giv - en to you; love each oth - er as I have loved you.  
Eat and drink in re-mem-brance of me 'till we meet in the king-dom of God.

## The Breaking of the Bread

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for God's holy people.

Communion Hymn: *Father We Thank You*

Hymn 302

Let us pray.

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn:      *Will You Come and Follow Me*      Music Insert

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.*

Postlude

## ***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>

**Annual Meeting Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>:** Our Annual Meeting is coming up – Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. There is one Eucharist service at 9:30am that day and after the service there will be a lunch and then the meeting. Join with other parishioners to find out where we are today, where we have been, our financial status, the success of our ministries and projects. Your support and your votes are needed as we elect new Vestry members and delegates to the Diocesan convention.

**Men's Circle Meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>:** REMEMBER the Standing Rock Protests of 2016, on the Sioux Nation Reservation in North and South Dakota? The major issue was opposition to the construction and operation of the "Dakota Access Oil Pipeline" that would risk contaminating Indigenous lands, water, and sacred burial sites. Included among the protesters was St. Alban's own Martin Walters. Sponsored by the Men's Circle, Martin will give a presentation of his experience at the Standing Rock Protests. ALL (female, male, et al.) are WELCOME. Save the date of Saturday, February 14 at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. Coffee and Snacks are included. My God, it's FREE!

**The Serviceberry: A Lenten Book Group with UTO:** Looking for a way to connect with others as a part of your Lenten Discipline this year? Look no further! UTO is offering a 5-session book club on The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World by Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of Braiding Sweetgrass. This is a perfect book to explore during Lent because it can encourage us to think more deeply about gift, reciprocity, and gratitude. We'll explore this book together and see what we can learn about gratitude as a way to give thanks by word and deed for the gifts given by the world around us. While reading the text prior to the meeting will enhance your experience, it is not required. You're also welcome to attend all 5 sessions or just the ones when you're available or where a topic interests you. The book club starts Tuesday, February 24 at Noon Eastern time. Learn MORE at <https://unitedthankoffering.com/wp-content/uploads/2026-Lenten-Webinar.pdf> and REGISTER at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/G018KZnrT9e49NfKd5jp2w#/registration>