



Welcome to St. Alban's Episcopal Church
10:30 am Sunday, August 7, 2022
The Ninth 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: *The God of Abraham Praise*

Hymn #401

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 we know him 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 stand on traditional 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.

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for 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.*

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

Hymnal S278

The Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live

according to your will; 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

A Reading from Isaiah, Chapter 1 beginning with the 1st verse
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Hear the word of the Lord,
 you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the teaching of our God,
 you people of Gomorrah!
What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
 says the Lord;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
 and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
 or of lambs, or of goats.
When you come to appear before me,
 who asked this from your hand?
 Trample my courts no more;
bringing offerings is futile;
 incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation~
 I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
Your new moons and your appointed festivals
 my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me,
 I am weary of bearing them.
When you stretch out your hands,
 I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
 I will not listen;
 your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,
learn to do good;

seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;

but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

BCP 654

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

*2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, **
God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

*4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.*

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

*6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.*

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

*8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.*

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

*24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."*

The Second Reading

A Reading from Hebrews, Chapter 11 beginning with the 1st verse
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old~ and Sarah herself was barren~ because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as

good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: *If Thou but Trust in God*

Hymn #635

The Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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.*

Prayers of the People Form III

BCP 387

Deacon: 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: Father, we pray for St. Aiden's on Camano Island, Transfiguration in
Darrington, Templo Emanuel, and every other branch of your holy Catholic
Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that Karen Ford and every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justine, Michael, Greg, Brian, Melissa and all bishops, for Greg and all
priests, and Jim and all deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for President Biden, Governor Inslee, Mayor Nelson, for the leaders of
Ukraine, China, Russia, Iran, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Remembering Chase Lake Community School, West Edmonds Cooperative Preschool, the Edmonds Food Bank, Housing Hope, Doctors without Borders, and Episcopal Relief and Development's 1,000 Days of Love Program; remembering those who work to counteract the effects of climate change, who provide health care particularly in this pandemic, and to all who promote the common good; give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lifting up Phil, Liliana, David, Joanne, Brian, Anneliese, Jackie, Robin, Lana, Donna, Tom, Amelia, George, Dee, Carrie, Pat, Sarah, Susan, Melinda and Dorothy we ask you to have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or troubles;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to all the departed [especially _____] eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We give thanks for Jan Skidmore, Greg Peters and Sarah Burns who are celebrating birthdays this week.

We praise you for Alban and all your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Priest: Hear our prayers, God of power,
and through the ministry of your Son
free us from the grip of the tomb,
that we may desire you as the fullness of life
and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world. *Amen.*

Confession and Absolution

from Enriching Our Worship

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

*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.*

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.

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation*

Hymn #637

Doxology

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 our 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 (say):

Sanctus

Hymnal #S130

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.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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

Communion Hymn: *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Hymn #510

Post Communion Prayer
from *Enriching Our Worship*

*Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people,
forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Blessing

God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: *How Wondrous and Great Thy Works*

Hymn #533

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Denise and Tom Robertson
dedicated in love for their family here and away.*

Weekly Sunday Outreach Basket Offerings

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week— 2nd Quarter Outreach

4th week—Ukrainian Refugee Offering

5th Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

Scripture Readings for August 14

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Announcements

Adult Bible Study: The Adult Education class, led by Eric Hanson, will be on break for the month of August. *The class will resume the first Sunday after Labor Day.*

Vestry Meeting Tuesday August 9th at 6pm: Our next Vestry Meeting will be August 9th at 6pm. Please continue to pray for our leaders who faithfully serve our church.

Meal Train for Phil & Robin: Phil is recovering from major surgery and will require several weeks to heal and recover. He will not be allowed to drive for at least 4 weeks. He is not to lift more than 10 pounds for at least 6 weeks. He and Robin need some support, especially with meal preparation.

Here is the link to the Meal Train where you can sign up for a day to provide a meal: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/dyy8o3>. **Please make sure to read through the allergies section of this page before cooking for them.** If you would like ideas or recipes, please email Liz Bee at eabee@juno.com.

Let's join together in taking care of both Phil and Robin. What a great way to share God's love!

Chase Lake School Supplies: Now is the time for Back-to-School sales. If you would like to take advantage of current sales, we will be collecting donations to support students at Chase Lake Community School during August. If you would like to donate money, just designate "Chase Lake" on your donation. Following is a list of supplies from the school's supply list:

Crayola Crayons (24 ct), #2 Ticonderoga brand pencils, Crayola colored pencils, Crayola washable markers, white board markers, Expo dry erase markers—(black only), highlighters (three colors), spiral notebook one-subject (wide rule), composition notebooks (wide rule), plastic folders (pockets at the bottom), pencil boxes, Avery glue sticks, children's Fiskars scissors, pink erasers, and unscented baby wipes.