



**Welcome to St. Alban's Episcopal Church
10:30 am Sunday, September 18, 2022
The 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

St. Alban's seeks to be an open and welcoming, Christ-centered community committed to sharing Christ's love, empowering all people to grow spiritually, deepening our relationship with Christ, and living out our faith in our community and the world.

Prelude

Opening Hymn: *Praise the Lord, the Almighty*

Hymn #390

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 S 278

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Jeremiah, Chapter 8 beginning with the 18th verse
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

“Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?”

(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?”)

²⁰“The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.”

²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

²²Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

^{9:1}O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 79:1-9

BCP 701

¹O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.

²*They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.*

³They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.

⁴*We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.*

⁵How long will you be angry, O LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?

⁶*Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.*

⁷For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.

⁸*Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.*

⁹Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

The Second Reading

A Reading from 1 Timothy, Chapter 2 beginning with the 1st verse

1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an
apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith
and truth.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

Hymn #550

The Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 16:1-13

¹Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when

it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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. Christopher's and St. John/San Juan's, both
in Olympia, Templo Emanuel, and every branch of your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

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

We pray for Justin, 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, World Central Kitchen, 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.

We thank you for the many blessings in life.

Give us joyful, grateful, and generous hearts.

Lifting up Edith, Betty, Jan, Phil, Liliana, David, Joanne, Brian, Annelise, Jackie, Robin, Lana, Donna, Tom, Amelia, Dee, Carrie, Pat, Sarah, Susan, Jessica, Lisa, Carol, Gretchen, Mark, Sheilah and Dorothy , we ask you to have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

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

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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: *Be Thou My Vision*

Hymn #488

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 S 127

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: *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Hymn #676

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: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Hymn #594

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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Pam Pomeroy

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by the people of St. Alban's
in celebration of God's many gifts to us.*

Weekly Sunday Outreach Basket Offerings

1st week—Food Bank

2nd week—Discretionary Fund

3rd week—Quarterly Outreach Offering

4th week—Ukrainian Refugee Offering

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

Scripture Readings for September 25

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Announcements

Adult Bible Study Sundays at 9:15am: Join us for Adult Christian Education class (Bible Study) led by Eric Hanson on Sundays at 9:15am. This hybrid class meets in the Annex and on Zoom. They are studying the Gospel of Mark. It is the first Gospel to be written and it has an urgency and an immediacy that is unique in Scripture. The main theme of Mark is Christ the Suffering Servant. Please join us. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Music Survey: A committee has been formed to find a new Music Director for St. Alban's. Please help us by sharing your preferences! Music survey forms are in the Parish Hall. Please complete ASAP and give to a member of the committee or an usher, deliver to office, or mail back. Return no later than Oct 9, 2022. If you'd like to contact a member of the committee (Greg Peters, Gerry Faley, Carrie Cone, Eric Hanson, Phyllis Becker, Jeannie Burpee) please do.

Soup Suppers Resume September 21st: We will resume our Wednesday evening Soup Suppers and Programs on September 21st with Evening Prayer at 6:00pm, Soup Supper at 6:30pm, followed by our program at 7pm. These programs will be looking at the fundamentals of being Episcopalians - what does this branch of the Jesus' Way look like, worship, engage scripture and ethics, live, move, and have its being. Dig out your favorite soup recipes to bring and share. We will also be looking for salads, breads and desserts. Sign up sheets will be in Parish Hall.

Food Bank Drive By Drive 10am-2pm September 24th: Join us for another wonderful drive by Food Bank Collection led by Lee and his crew on September 24th. As we all know, some of our neighbors depend upon our donations to feed their families. Cash and nonperishable food items are accepted. Thanks to all of you regardless of what part you play in our efforts to help our neighbors with their food. All our efforts are needed to make this a success for the Food Bank and St. Alban's.

Peace and Social Justice Committee Meeting September 25th: The Peace and Social Justice Committee will meet between services at 9:30am on Sunday, September 25th. Items on the agenda are ways (financial and otherwise) to support indigenous peoples, and the upcoming Blessing of the Animals event on Saturday October 8th. All are welcome to attend!

ECW Coffee with Debbie Dimitre, Storyteller, October 1st: You are invited to join us for a coffee and fellowship gathering on Saturday, October 1st starting at 10:30am. You won't want to miss the presentation by our guest speaker, Debbie Dimitre. Since 1987 N.W. Storyteller/Actress Debbie Dimitre has been entertaining, inspiring, and educating audiences of all ages with her historical and dramatic storytelling presentations. The story that she will be presenting for us is Broken Star, about the heroic tales of Harriet Beecher-Stowe (author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*) and Harriet Tubman, the woman who led hundreds of slaves on the Underground Railroad. Consider inviting your neighbors and friends to attend this entertaining presentation. Coffee or tea and light refreshments will be provided.