



**All Are Welcome to St. Alban's Episcopal Church
10:30am Sunday, March 29, 2026
Palm/Passion 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.

Celebrant: 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.

The Liturgy of the Palms

Celebrant: Beloved in Christ, for these forty days we have journeyed with Jesus from the wilderness up to the gates of Jerusalem. As we join with all the faithful and celebrate his entry in both triumph and humility, let us welcome him with cries of “Hosanna,” and may his praise be on our lips even as we walk with him toward the cross and the grave, confident in God’s power to save

Let us pray:

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that as we greet our Savior with joy at his entry into Jerusalem, we may follow him in humility and contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Reader: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:9

Ride on in the cause of truth
And for the sake of justice.

Palm 45:4

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures forever;
and the scepter of your kingdom is a righteous scepter. You have loved
righteousness and hated evil.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

Psalm 45:7-8

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you
have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day
he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as
King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm
along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant
that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and
follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in
glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

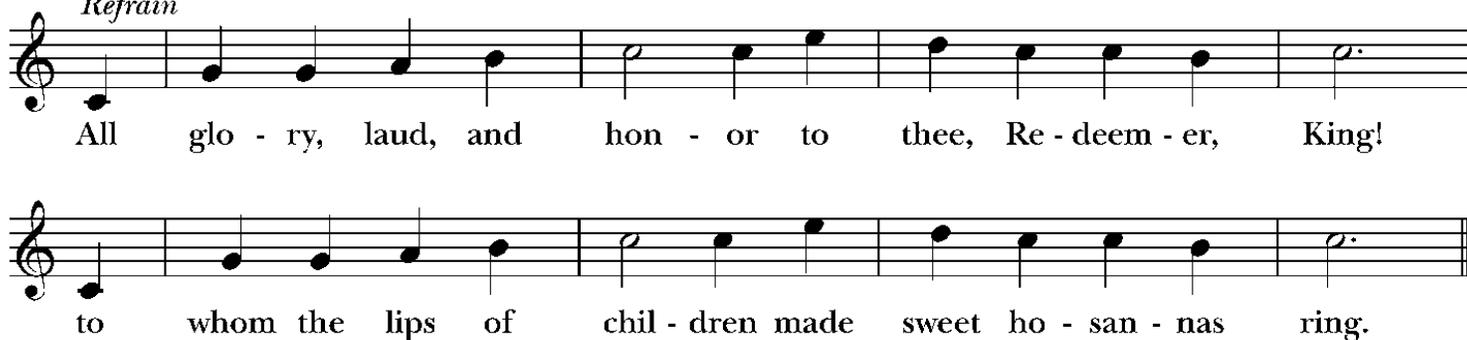
Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Procession

Processional Hymn 154: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Refrain

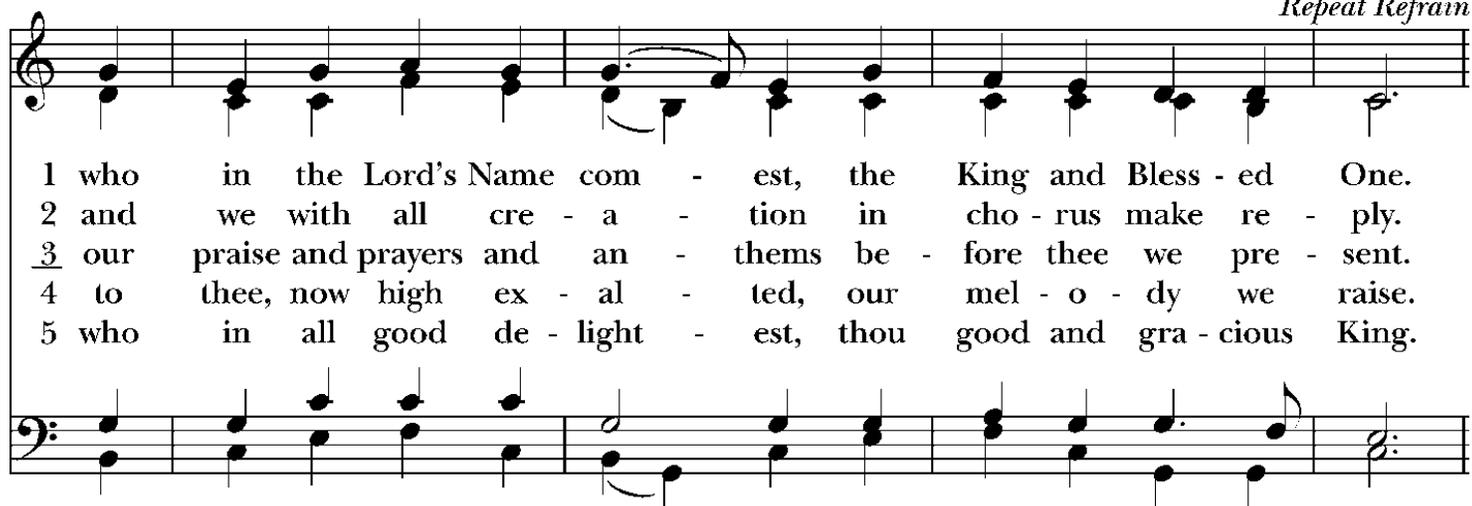


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The stanzas may be sung by choir alone or alternately by contrasted groups; all sing the refrain.

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt
Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635), alt;
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ showed himself to be the true king, reigning with humility and service, and was hailed by the crowd as Messiah. Grant us the faith to know and love him, that we may accompany him on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah, Chapter 50 beginning with the 4th verse.

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰*For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.*

¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²*I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.*

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

¹⁴*But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.*

¹⁵My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶*Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."*

The Second Reading

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

A reading from the epistle to the Philippians, Chapter 2 beginning with the 5th verse.

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

Sequence Hymn: *When Jesus Left His Father's Throne* Hymn 480

The Gospel Reading

Jesus humbly enters the royal city Jerusalem, coming in the name of the Lord to save his people.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 21:1 – 11

¹When [Jesus and his disciples] had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on

them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

*When the litany of the palms has preceded,
The Nicene Creed and the Confession of Sin may be omitted in this service.*

Prayers of the People Form I

BCP 383

Priest: Caught between joy and despair,
we yearn for the fulfillment of God’s desire
beyond the brokenness and neediness of this life.
We offer thanksgiving for God’s presence with us
and petitions for the transformation
of the church and the world.

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying
"Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Phil, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air, or in outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Cate Calahan, Robin, Karen, Tom R., Howard, Dee, Gretchen, Shirley C., Brian Perkins and family, and those we now name, aloud or silently, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Marian Hall Monstatter, and all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Mary, Joseph, Alban, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

Priest: Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,
day by day you sustain the weary with your word
and gently encourage us to place our trust in you.
Awaken us to the suffering of those around us;
save us from hiding in denials or taunts that deepen the hurt;
give us grace to share one another's burdens in humble service. *Amen.*

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Birthdays, Anniversaries

Anglican: The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Episcopal Church: Diocese of Oregon

Diocese: St. Clements of Rome in Seattle

Parish Ministry: Convention Delegates and Alternates

Parish Member: Kim Nelson

Legacy Society: Barbara Halterman

Birthday: Carol Sanderson, March 31

Announcements

The Offertory

I appeal to you, sisters and brothers, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

Offertory Hymn: *This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made* Hymn 50

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

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your Son Jesus Christ to live and teach among us, and in his last days enter the holy city of Jerusalem riding on a donkey, a sign of triumph and humility. We raise our Hosannas as we proclaim a new kingdom in which justice reigns and the lowly are exalted.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Betty Carr Pulkingham (b. 1928)
from *Freedom Mass*. Based on traditional

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in

him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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

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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

Communion Hymn: *Hosanna to the Living Lord*

Hymn 486

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Lord Jesus Christ, you set your example before us as one who came not to be served but to serve: Give us the courage to be your faithful disciples, following your way even to the cross, and proclaiming you as Savior and King. Amen.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Ride on in Majesty

Hymn 156

Dismissal

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

*After the Dismissal, those who wish to leave may leave in silence,
and those who wish hear the reading of the Passion may stay.*

After the reading of the Passion all leave in silence.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please refer to booklet for this part of the service and return these after the service.

Please depart in silence.

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Sunday Worship 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

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Organist

Crucifer

Lectors, Alms & Chalice Bearers

Passion Readers

Altar Guild

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Debby Wilson

Pam Pomeroy

J.L. Krilevich

Phil McClelland

Denise Robertson

Brad Goergen

Scripture Readings for Easter Sunday April 5th

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10



Holy Week and Easter

Sunday, March 29th - Palm Sunday: Join us at 8am (in person) and 10:30am (in person and livestreamed on YouTube) on March 29th as we celebrate Palm Sunday. We will gather in the Parish Hall prior to each service. After the blessing of our palms, we'll process around the grounds joyfully. After the processional, we'll return to the sanctuary for a Palm Sunday for a reading of The Passion According to Matthew. There will be no coffee hour at either service.

Monday March 30th - Evening Prayer for Holy Week 6pm: Evening Prayer featuring St. Mark's Passion. This service will only be livestreamed on YouTube.

Tuesday March 31st - Evening Prayer for Holy Week 6pm: Evening Prayer featuring St. Luke's Passion. This service will only be livestreamed on YouTube.

Wednesday April 1st - Tenebrae Service 6pm: Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning "shadows." The Tenebrae service is a selection of psalms and lessons. The distinctive feature of Tenebrae is the gradual extinction of the candles in the church with the exception of one candle. The people leave in silence. This service will be in person and livestreamed on YouTube.

Thursday April 2nd - Maundy Thursday Worship 6pm: Join us for a Maundy Thursday Agape Potluck with Eucharist and hand/foot washing. We move into the Sanctuary as we remember Gethsemane and strip the altar. On the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall indicate a dish you would like to share if you are able. Please join us for this very special and meaningful evening of worship. The service will be in person.

Friday April 3rd - Good Friday Services at 12pm at St. Alban's & 6pm at St. Hilda/St. Patrick Stations of the Cross at St. Alban's: We'll gather at 12pm at St. Alban's for our Good Friday Service and at 6pm at St. Hilda St. Patrick. Please sign up in the Parish Hall if you'd like to carpool for the 6pm service. Between 12pm-5pm on Good Friday, there will be a self-paced Stations of the Cross in the Labyrinth at St. Alban's.

Saturday April 4th - Holy Saturday Service Noon: Join us at 12pm for a short, meditative service keeping watch during Christ's descent among the dead. This service will only be livestreamed on YouTube.

Saturday April 4th - Easter Egg Hunt 1pm: We warmly welcome all to St. Alban's Easter Egg Hunt, which is specifically designed to meet the needs of all abilities and is wheelchair accessible. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors! If you are able to help on the day of the hunt, please contact Shannon Duggan.

Saturday April 4th - Easter Vigil 8pm: We will gather outdoors for a fire lighting and meet in the sanctuary afterward for the Lessons, Renewal of Baptismal Covenant, and Eucharist. Please join us for this beautiful service. It will be both in person and livestreamed on YouTube.

Sunday April 5th - Easter Sunday Eucharist: Join us at 8am (in person) and 10:30am (in person and livestreamed on YouTube) on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrection! We'll enjoy fellowship and a special coffee hour between services.