

**All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church**  
**10:30 am Sunday, April 26, 2026**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*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.*

# 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

Organist

Lectors, Chalice & Alms Bearers

Altar Guild

A/V Ministry

Father Greg Peters

Jon Breitenbach-Patch

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



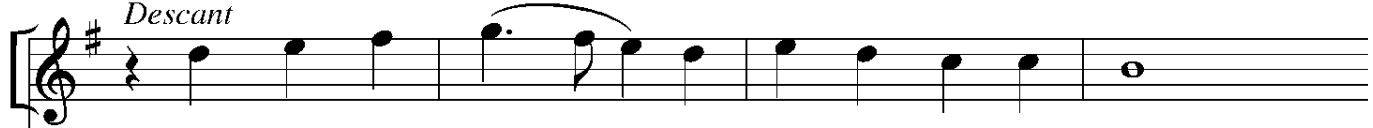
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### Scripture Readings for May 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14*



*Descant*



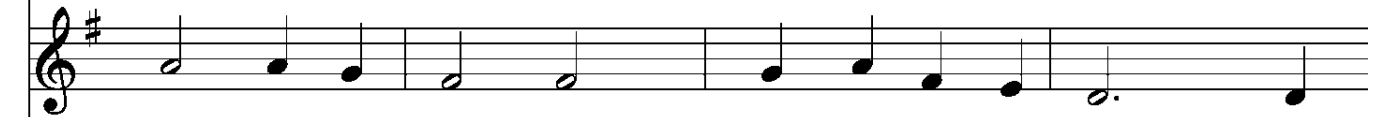
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



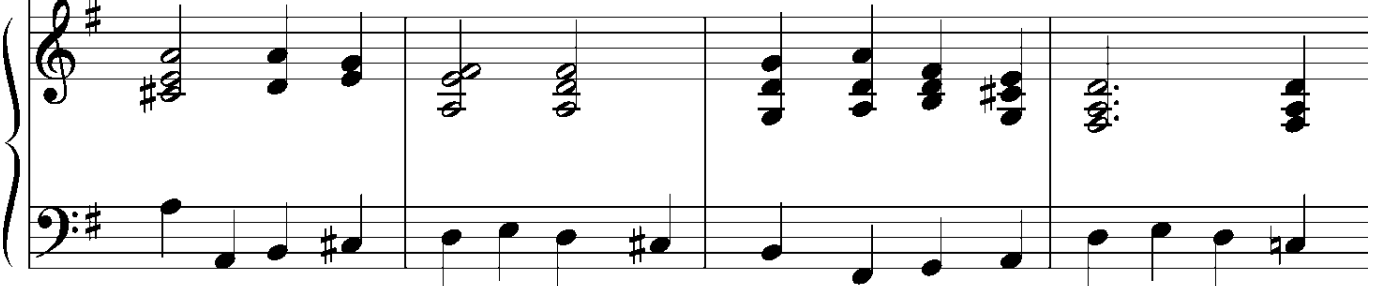
1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -  
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through  
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -  
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -  
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music: *Sine Nomine* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); desc. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)  
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## The Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2 beginning with the 42<sup>nd</sup> verse

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

*Thanks be to God.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>*He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.*

<sup>3</sup>He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>*Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life, \*and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

## The Second Reading

A Reading from 1 Peter Chapter 2 beginning with the 19<sup>th</sup> verse

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid diversity.*

1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should

follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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**Sequence Hymn: *This Is the Hour of Banquet and of Song* Hymn 316**

## **The Gospel Reading**

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

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

*John 10:1-10*

[Jesus said,] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus

used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

*Priest: Holy God,  
you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son,  
and to care for those who are our companions,  
not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love.  
Seeking to be true friends of all,  
we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world.*

*Intercessor: Let us pray to God, glorified in Christ Jesus, who was, and is,  
and is to come.*

*Silence*

God of glory, empower your Church to be a constant witness to your sacrificial love and glory:

We give thanks for

Phil, our Bishop and the churches of our Diocese, especially Christ Church in Anacortes and St. Paul's in Bellingham;

Templo Emanuel;

the members of our Parish, particularly Leslie Phillips;

our Legacy Society Members, remembering today, Barbara Lagazzino;

all ministries of our congregation, especially those in our

Communications Ministry;

and Barbara Halterman who celebrates her birthday on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Draw us, your people, to lives of humbleness, steadfast faith, and constant prayer, and protect us as we keep your word and proclaim your name.

Risen Lord:

*In your glory hear us.*

God of glory, awaken all the kingdoms of the earth to acknowledge your majestic power, give us courage to end violence and war, help us find peaceful ways of addressing disputes, inspire us to serve the most vulnerable, and guide the leaders of the nations to rule with justice and equity.

Risen Lord:

*In your glory hear us.*

God of glory, bless us, our families, friends and neighbors:

Chase Lake Community School

The West Edmonds Cooperative Preschool

Scout Troop 300

Girl Scout Troup 46254

Alcoholics Anonymous

Edmonds Food Bank

Outreach Ministry

In this complex and changing world help us to cast all our anxieties on you, that we may receive your support and strength in all we do.

Risen Lord:

*In your glory hear us.*

God of glory, comfort those who mourn, or who watch with a loved one nearing death: Through the assurance of your resurrection power, and the promise of life in your eternal glory, may they know that separation on this brief earthly sojourn leads to the joy of everlasting reunion in your heavenly kingdom.

Risen Lord:

*In your glory hear us.*

God of glory, we pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially Kären, Robin, Gretchen Barbara H., Shirley C., Howard, John P., Dee, Cate, Barbara McLain, and those we now name...

*Silence            The people add their own petitions.*

Pour your grace upon them, and in your love restore them.

Risen Lord:

*In your glory hear us.*

God of glory, we pray for those who have died, especially ... and those we name before you now...

*Silence            The people add their own petitions.*

Like Mary, Joseph, Alban, and all your saints, exalt them to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; and may we, too, be called by you to live in heavenly glory.

Risen Lord:

*In your glory hear us.*

God of glory, you continually pour out your blessings upon us, give us eyes to see, minds to comprehend, voices to extoll, and the generosity of soul to share them with all those around us.

Risen Lord:

*In your glory hear us.*

*Priest:* Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the kingdom near by our words and deeds. *Amen.*

## The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

## Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

## Announcements

## The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Hymn 377

## Doxology

Hymn 380, vs 3



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his

resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

*We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph her husband, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Alban patron of this house, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor; then All*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

*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 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*

*National Cathedral Sunday Online Service 6.13.2021*

**Communion Hymn:**      *To God with Gladness Sing*      Hymn 399

**Post Communion Prayer**      BCP 366

*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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn:      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*      Hymn 645

## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. 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 Robin McClelland on Sundays at 9:30am in the Annex and also on Zoom (see link below).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625063228?pwd=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwoeaNgIbbx30Er.1>

**Celebration of New and Mutual Ministry at St. Dunstan's Apr 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM:** Please join with St. Dunstan's as they celebrate their new ministry with the Rev. Elizabeth Riley. St. Dunstan's is our Episcopal neighbor congregation to the south, let's join them for this service that begins the next stage of their ministry in Shoreline. The Rt. Rev. Phil LaBelle will be presiding, and the Rev. Stephen Crippen (St. Paul's, Seattle) will preach. The service will include celebration of the Eucharist and a reception with plenty of good treats will follow. St. Dunstan's is located at 722 N 145th St, Shoreline, WA 98133.

**ECW Women's Coffee May 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Be sure to join us on Saturday, May 2, 10:30-12:00pm for the next ECW Coffee. Maryellen Young and Jeannie Burpee will be our featured speakers as they talk about their recent trip called "Celtic Roots in Brittany and Gaul: A pilgrimage to France." Come and learn something about Celtic Christianity. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be offered. You don't want to miss this great presentation!

**Donations Needed for Food Pantry:** Our Food Pantry has served our neighborhood for almost two years. So many local families depend on it to supplement their food supply. We'd greatly appreciate donations of items such as healthy cereals, shelf stable milk, rice, packaged fruit/vegetables, noodle soups, tortillas, etc. Thank you, St. Alban's!

**Food Bank Drive on May 9<sup>th</sup>:** On Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am -2pm Phil and his team are here to collect cash and nonperishable food items for our hungry neighbors in need. As we all know, some of our neighbors depend upon our donations to feed their families, so please give generously!

**Visitation from the Rev. Canon Cristi Chapman:** On Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome Rev. Canon Cristi Chapman with us at both services. Cristi is Canon to the Ordinary, and works collaboratively with the Bishop, clergy and other diocesan leaders, and the diocesan staff to develop a culture of faithful discipleship that serves to build up the Body of Christ in the diocese.

Parishioners are invited to a Coffee Hour with Rev. Chapman after both services. We are looking for contributions of pastries, sweet breads, savory items, fruit, etc. Please sign up in the Parish Hall if you can provide something for 8 a.m. and/or 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hours.