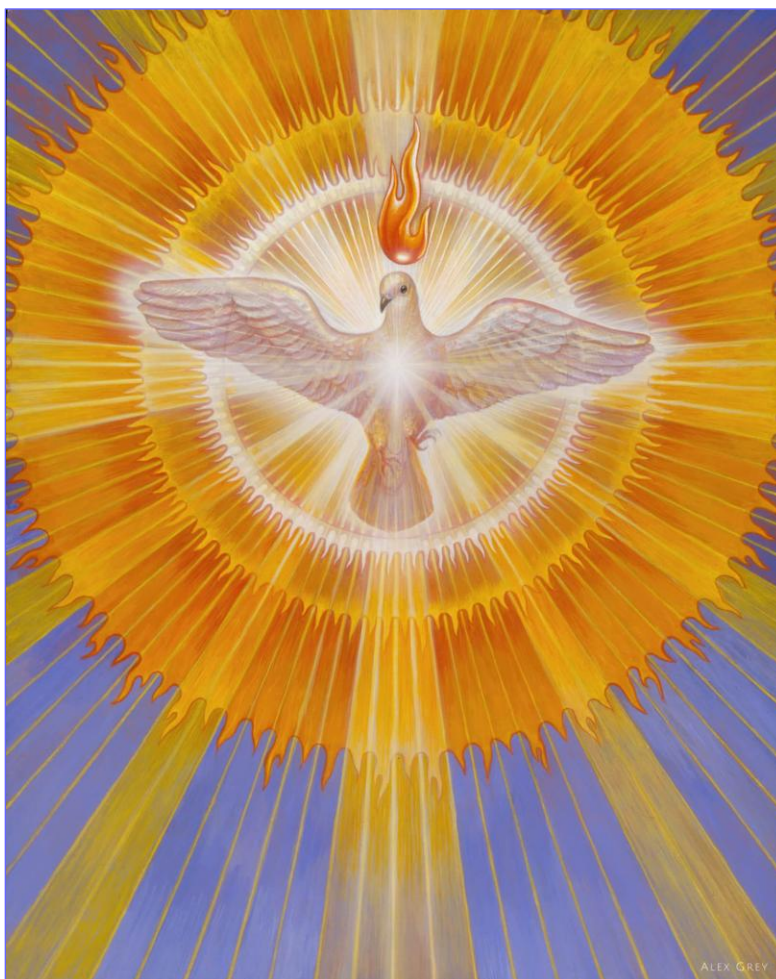


*I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Advocate. . .*



...the Spirit of Truth

John 14:16-17

**All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church
10:30 am Sunday, May 10, 2026
The Sixth 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.

Prelude

Opening Hymn:

Mothering God

1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form,
3 Moth - er - ing Spi - rit, nur - turing one,
in the bright morn - ing of this world. Cre -
of - fer - ing me your food of light, the
in arms of pa - tience hold me close, so
a - tor, source of ev - 'ry breath,
grain of life, and grape of love,
that in faith I root and grow
1. 2.
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
your ve - ry bo - dy for my peace.
un - til I flow'r, un - til I (know.)

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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 morning, 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

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.*

Christ Our Passover

Pascha Nostrum

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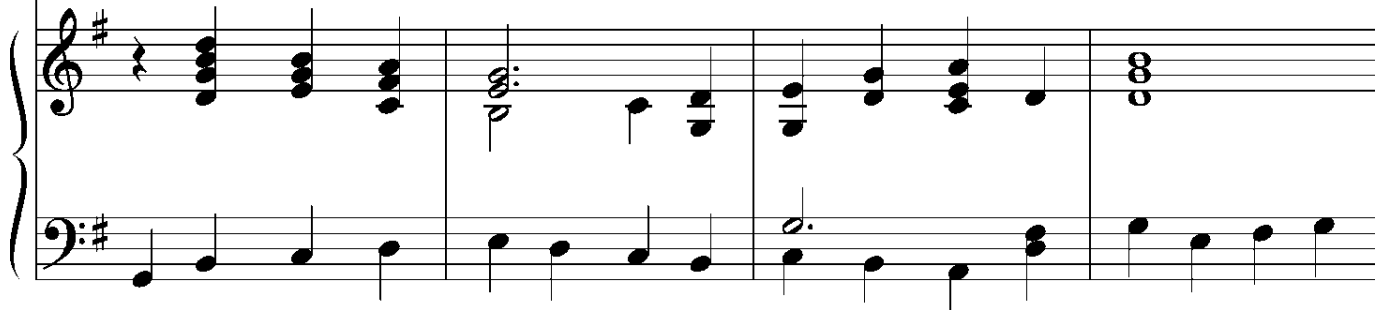
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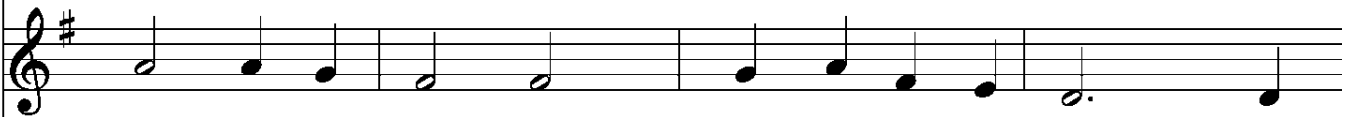
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



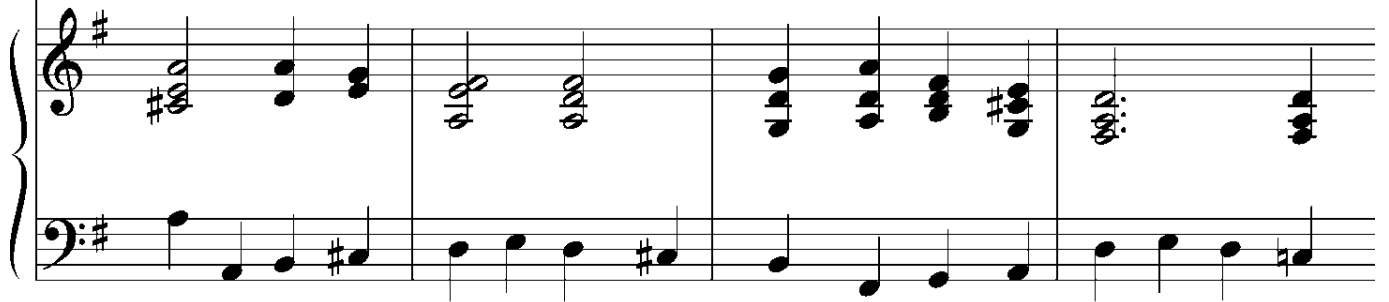
1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



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!

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

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 17 beginning with the 22nd verse

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

Acts 17:22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed

he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7-18

BCP 673

⁷Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard,

⁸*Who holds our souls in life, **

and will not allow our feet to slip.

⁹For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹⁰*You brought us into the snare; **

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water; *

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹²*I will enter your house with burnt-offerings*

*and will pay you my vows, **

which I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹³I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts

with the smoke of rams; *

I will give you oxen and goats.

*¹⁴Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.*

¹⁵I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

*¹⁶If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;*

¹⁷But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

*¹⁸Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.*

The Second Reading

A Reading from 1 Peter Chapter 3 beginning with the 13th verse

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order

to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn:

He Lives

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1. I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, He's in the world to - day; —
 2. In all the world a - round me I see His lov - ing care, —
 3. Re - joice, re - joice. O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing. —

1. I know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er oth - ers say; —
 2. And though my heart grows wea - ry I nev - er will de - spair; —
 3. E - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ, the King! —

1. I see His hand of mer - cy, I hear His voice of cheer, —
 2. I know that He is lead - ing through all the storm - y blast, —
 3. The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find, —

1. And just the time I need Him — He's al - ways near. —
 2. The day of His ap - pear - ing — will come at last. —
 3. None oth - er is so lov - ing, — so good and kind. —

He lives, He lives, Christ Je - sus lives - to - day!

He lives, He lives,

He walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way.

He lives, He lives, sal - va - tion to im - part!

He lives, He lives,

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives with - in my heart.

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Music: Alfred H. Ackley

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The Gospel Reading

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest. Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

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

John 14:15-21

[Jesus said,] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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.*

The 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, St. Bede's in Port
Orchard, St. Paul's in Port Townsend and St. Luke's in Sequim,
the Diocese of Oregon;

the Church of Pakistan (United);

Templo Emanuel;

the members of our Parish, especially Diana Powell;

remembering Legacy Society Member, Jackie Leake

all ministries of our congregation, especially those in Faith
Formation;

and Linda Rowan (May 15) celebrating her birthday.

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 Ministries

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 Robin, Kären, Barbara H., Howard, Shirley C., John P., Dee, Gretchen 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 Things Bright and Beautiful* Hymn 405

Doxology Hymn 380, vs 3

Eucharistic Prayer D BCP 372

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.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you

night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

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,*

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Organist

Lectors

Chalice & Alms Bearers

Altar Guild

A/V Ministry

Father Greg Peters

Jon Breitenbach-Patch

Harvey Smith

Jeannie Burpee

Anne Richardson

Debby Wilson

Donna Hoffman

Denise Robertson

Phil McClelland

Denise Robertson

Brad Goergen

*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jeannie Burpee
in memory of young love.*

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 17th

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

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=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwoeaNglbbx30Er.1>

Soup Supper May 20th: Join us on May 20th for Evening Prayer at 6pm followed by our monthly Soup Supper at 6:30pm. Our program, beginning at 7pm will be on Rage Prayer, a practice pioneered by Rev. Elizabeth Ashman Riley, the newly installed rector at St. Dunstan's. Rage Prayers are about turning your pent-up frustrations, daily annoyances, and righteous anger into a raw and transformative dialogue with a compassionate God who is ready to listen.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please indicate if you are able to bring an item and join us for an evening of prayer and fellowship.

Visitation from the Rev. Canon Cristi Chapman: On Sunday, May 17th, we will welcome Rev. Canon Cristi Chapman with us at both services. 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.

Edmonds Woodway High School Jazz Band Plays Dimitriou's Jazz Alley on Wednesday May 27, 2026 at 7 PM: Remember those wonderful high school musicians who played for our Christmas Concert last year? They're playing at Seattle's premier jazz club. Treat yourself to a night out and support our local artists. Tickets are \$32.00 and may be purchased online at <https://www.jazzalley.com/www-home/artist.jsp?shownum=8751> or by phone at (206) 441-9729. Jazz Alley is located at 2033 6th Avenue in the Bell Town/South Lake Union neighborhood of Seattle.

Needed for Pentecost: Pentecost is coming - May 24 - and we are looking for speakers of other languages to read scripture, prayers, and other liturgical texts. We're also recruiting singers to sing a chant (Hymn 504) invoking the Holy Spirit. Interested? Speak with Greg.