

**All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church**  
**10:30 am Sunday, May 3, 2026**  
**The Fifth 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

Nat Bartels

Judy Kistner

Judy Fleenor

Sharon Joy

Judy Kistner

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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[www.StAlbansEdmonds.org](http://www.StAlbansEdmonds.org) and click on  
"Donate Now" or use QR code above.

### Scripture Readings for May 10<sup>th</sup>

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Prelude

Opening Hymn: *Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice* Hymn 212

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* Bulletin p 4-5

*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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## The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 7 beginning with the 55<sup>th</sup> verse

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

*Acts 7:55-60*

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

*Thanks be to God.*

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>*Incline your ear to me; \**

*make haste to deliver me.*

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>*Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \**

*for you are my tower of strength.*

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>*My times are in your hand; \**

*rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.*

<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
*and in your lovingkindness save me.*

## The Second Reading

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

*Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

*1 Peter 2:2-10*

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and “A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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

*Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn:     *Thou Art the Way, to Thee Alone*     Hymn 457

## The Gospel Reading

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

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

John 14:1-14

[Jesus told his disciples,] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

Father Greg Peters

*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:* Sisters and brothers in Christ,  
God invites us to bring our doubts and fears,  
our joys and concerns, our petitions and praise,  
and offer them for the earth and all its creatures.

*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 St.  
Antony of Egypt in Silverdale and St. Nicholas in Tahuya;  
Diocese of San Joaquin

Templo Emanuel;

The Church of North India (United);

the members of our Parish, particularly Pam Pomeroy;

our Legacy Society Members, Georgia and Keith LaBelle;

all ministries of our congregation, especially those in our Evangelism  
and Social Justice;

and Dee Thompson (May 1) & Bob Chaffee (May 7) celebrating their  
birthdays.

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 Barbara B., Susan D., Marge, Marilee Sue, Jenny, Aida, 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:* Receive these prayers, O God,  
and transform us through them,  
that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand  
not only what you do on our behalf,  
but what you call us to do  
so that your realm will come to fruition in glory. ***Amen***



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,  
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*

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Communion Hymn: *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* Hymn 487

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

Closing Hymn: *Come Away to the Skies* Hymn 213

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=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwoeaNglbbx30Er.1>

**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.

**Vestry Meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>:** In honor of good familial relations, the Vestry meeting has been moved from May 10<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day) to May 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have concerns, ideas or comments, see one of our vestry members. And please continue to pray for our leaders who faithfully serve our church.