



All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

8am Sunday July 12, 2026

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Scripture Summaries
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The First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

The Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

Prelude		
Opening Hymn	<i>Awake My Soul</i>	Hymn 11
Land Acknowledgment		
Opening Acclamation		BCP 323
Gloria		BCP 324
The Collect of the Day		Scripture Insert
The First Reading	<i>Isaiah 55:10-13</i>	Scripture Insert
Psalms	<i>Psalms 65: [1-8], 9-14</i>	Scripture Insert
The Second Reading	<i>Romans 8:1-11</i>	Scripture Insert
The Gospel	<i>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</i>	Scripture Insert
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The Prayers of the People		Bulletin pp. 6-8
The Confession and Absolution		BCP 331
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Birthday, Anniversary Prayers & Announcements		
Offertory (<i>seated</i>)	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	Bulletin p. 4-5
Doxology (<i>stand</i>)		Hymn 380, vs 3
Eucharistic Prayer 2		BCP 340
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Invitation to Communion		
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 339
The Blessing		
Closing Hymn	<i>Spread, O Spread Thy Mighty Word</i>	Hymn 530
Dismissal		
Postlude		

One bread, — one bod - y, —

— one Lord of all, — one cup of

bles - ing which we bless. — And we, — though

man - y, — through - out the earth, We are one

bod - y in this one — Lord. —

Last time ⊕

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man,
 2. works, one in the Lord
 3. grown, gath - cred to one

1. — no more. One
 2. — of all. One
 3. — for all. One

D.S.

Lord.

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16, 17; 12:4; Galatians 3:28; The Didache 9
 Music: John B. Foley, SJ

The Prayers of the People

Priest: God of mercy and healing,
you who hear the cries of those in need,
receive these petitions of your people
that all who are troubled
may know peace, comfort, and courage.

Sisters and brothers, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. By that same Spirit let us pray, saying, “Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips, and teach us your judgments.”

Great God, may the word of your kingdom find good soil in your Church. Bless our Siblings in the Anglican Churches of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Archbishop of Canterbury Sally; the Episcopal Church and Presiding Bishop Sean; Christ Church in Puyallup, Christ Church and St. Andrew's, both in Tacoma and our Bishop Phil; our congregation especially Nick and Anna Sharpe; our Legacy Society, particularly Carol Sanderson; all those who serve you in this place, especially through our Evangelism and Social Justice Ministries; and the congregation of Templo Emanuel. Cause your word to grow in our hearts and bear an abundance of fruit.

Silence

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,
And teach us your judgments.

God of our ancestors, we pray that divided nations be united and warring nations find peace. May we recognize that we are created by your will and are all members of one human family.

Silence

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,
And teach us your judgments.

God of the harvest, bless the seeds and the soil of the world. Give us the wisdom to bring forth its yield wisely and according to your will, that all people may have enough to eat.

We give thanks for Robin McClelland, who is celebrating her birthday July 16.

The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,
And teach us your judgments.

Caring God, we are deeply troubled by the violence in our cities. May all who set their minds on death, even now, be converted to the Spirit of life and peace.

Silence

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,
And teach us your judgments.

Healing God, preserve the lives of the suffering and sick, according to your word. Speak joy into the hearts of Robin, Gretchen, Barbara H., Howard, John P., Shirley C., Dee, Bob C., Karen and all the sorrowful.

The congregation may add their petitions, followed by silence.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,
And teach us your judgments.

Eternal God, you preserve all who are in Christ Jesus from condemnation. By the resurrection of your Son we trust, that in the fullness of time, you will give life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit that dwells in us.

Silence

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of our lips,
And teach us your judgments.

Priest: Life-giving God,
heal our lives,
that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds
and offer you thanks from generation to generation
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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

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 and click on
"Donate Now" or use QR code above.

Scripture Readings for July 19th

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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>

Flowers During the Summer: Altar Guild's Directress and Flower Chairperson is Sharon Joy. She will be on vacation from July 23 - August 23. If you have signed up to donate Sunday flowers during that time and have questions, please contact Sharon by July 17. She will be able to advise you on what and where to purchase flowers and put you in touch with the Altar Guild team on duty the week of your donation.

Drive by Food Drive July 18th: Our next Drive by Food Drive will be held on Saturday, July 18, 10:00am-2:00pm. You are encouraged to donate non-perishable foods – canned tuna/chicken, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, rice, canned/dried beans, peanut butter, jam, etc.

Many people in our neighborhood depend on the food bank to supplement their food needs. Summer can be particularly difficult because school is out and some children are missing breakfasts and lunches provided by their local school. Thank you for your generosity!

National Night Out: On Tuesday, August 4, from 4:00 to 8:00pm, please join us in welcoming friends, neighbors, and strangers alike that live in our 5 Corners neighborhood during our 2nd National Night Out celebration. We can use help: starting at 3:00pm with setting up; greeting neighbors; helping with games for children; food; cleaning up. You don't have to be present for the entire time either. To volunteer, please contact Anna Sharpe: 425-221-9154; anna.carskad@gmail.com, Event Chair or Debby Wilson: 206-683-4251; dgzrus@gmail.com, Day of Event chair.

Fall 2026 Education for Ministry Course: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Seattle again this year is offering an Education for Ministry (EFM) course. EFM comes out of the school of theology at the University of the South and is designed to help create a more educated laity. Education for Ministry groups meet in person or online. Admission requires a solid commitment to attend the weekly seminars and spend 2-4 hours in study and preparation during the academic year (September-June). We meet Mondays at 6:30 at St Andrew's Episcopal Church in the Greenlake neighborhood. For more information on Education for Ministry:

<https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>