



**All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church**

**8am Sunday July 19, 2026**

**The Eighth 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: Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19**

The passage beautifully contrasts God's supreme power with His gentle forbearance, emphasizing that God judges with mildness and gives humanity space to repent.

**The Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25**

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

**The Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

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|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Prelude                                       |                                          |                    |
| Opening Hymn                                  | <i>Come Ye Thankful People, Come</i>     | Hymn 290           |
| Land Acknowledgment                           |                                          |                    |
| Opening Acclamation                           |                                          | BCP 323            |
| Gloria                                        |                                          | BCP 324            |
| The Collect of the Day                        |                                          | Scripture Insert   |
| The First Reading                             | <i>Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19</i>    | Scripture Insert   |
| Psalms                                        | <i>Psalms 86:11-17</i>                   | Scripture Insert   |
| The Second Reading                            | <i>Romans 8:12-25</i>                    | Scripture Insert   |
| The Gospel                                    | <i>Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</i>           | Scripture Insert   |
| Sermon                                        |                                          | Father Greg Peters |
| Nicene Creed                                  |                                          | BCP 326            |
| The Prayers of the People                     |                                          | Bulletin pp. 4-6   |
| The Confession and Absolution                 |                                          | BCP 331            |
| The Peace                                     |                                          | BCP 332            |
| Birthday, Anniversary Prayers & Announcements |                                          |                    |
| Offertory (seated)                            | <i>Here I Am, Send Me</i>                | Bulletin p. 7      |
| Doxology (stand)                              |                                          | Hymn 380, vs 3     |
| Eucharistic Prayer 2                          |                                          | BCP 340            |
| Sanctus                                       |                                          | BCP 341            |
| The Lord's Prayer                             |                                          | BCP 336            |
| The Breaking of the Bread                     |                                          | BCP 337            |
| Invitation to Communion                       |                                          |                    |
| Post Communion Prayer                         |                                          | BCP 339            |
| The Blessing                                  |                                          |                    |
| Closing Hymn                                  | <i>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</i> | Bulletin p. 8      |
| Dismissal                                     |                                          |                    |
| Postlude                                      |                                          |                    |

## 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, surely the Lord is in this place! So let us cry out to God, saying, “Abba God! Hear our prayer.”

O Great Parent, you have adopted us as your own children. You have made us joint heirs with Christ. You love us. We thank you for our sisters and brothers in the faith: for Sally, Archbishop of Canterbury, your disciples in the Anglican Communion, especially Province of the Episcopal Church in Sudan for Presiding Bishop Sean and the Episcopal Church; for Phil, St. Luke's Memorial and All Saints, both in Tacoma and St. Matthew's in Brown's Point. Tacoma and all the ministries of our diocese; for Jan Skidmore, for Kim and Howard Schattenkirk and our Legacy Society, and all the members of this congregation; for Templo Emanuel; and all people of good faith. Lead us by your Spirit and strengthen our hope.

We give thanks for Phil McClelland who is celebrating his birthday this week.

*I invite your thanksgivings.*

Abba God!

***Hear our prayer.***

God our King, you have planted us in a complex and often confusing world. There is so much acrimony, misunderstanding, unnecessary suffering, and wanton disregard for those who differ from us. Heal us of these and give us patience to live with each other, not judging our neighbors but trusting in your wisdom.

*Silence*

Abba God!

***Hear our prayer.***

Present God, even creation groans as it waits on you for freedom. Forgive us for the times in which we have subjected it to futility. Give us eyes to see your presence in the heavens, on the earth, and in the seas.

*Silence*

Abba God!

***Hear our prayer.***

God of Light, darkness is not dark to you. Brighten the places in our cities where darkness serves as a cover for crime and violence. Redeem all who are lost.

*Silence*

Abba God!

***Hear our prayer.***

God of Glory, we wait in hope for the day when we will be set free from the bondage of decay. We bring before you all those whom we love, but today we ask your blessing on Suzanne, Annette, Marge, Merilee, Barbara McLain, Susan D., Aida, Jenny, Tyler, Allegra, Annette. Even now, free the suffering from pain and the sorrowful from heartache.

I invite your petitions.

*Silence*

Abba God!

***Hear our prayer.***

Eternal God, may the righteous shine like the sun in your kingdom. We trust that, even in the grave, you are with us. Remembering all who have died [...] and all who are in grief. We pray in hope trusting that you will save the dying and the dead.

*Silence*

Abba God!

***Hear our prayer.***

*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.***

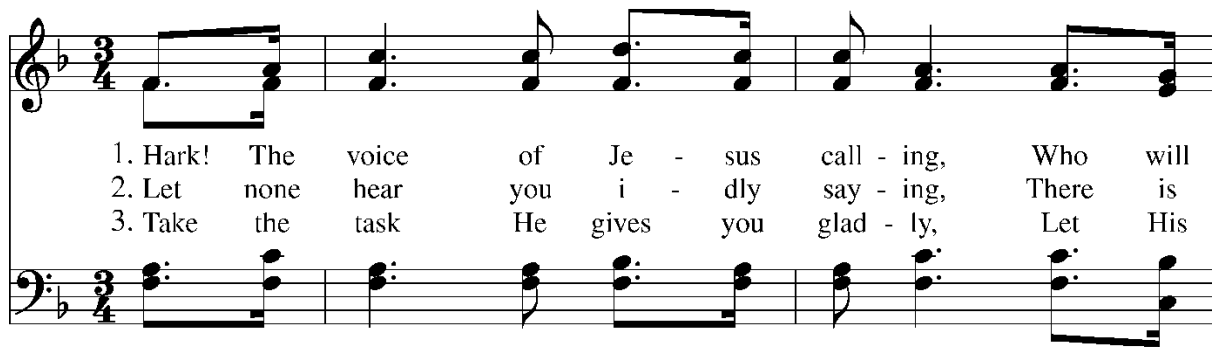
**The Confession and Absolution**

**BCP 331**

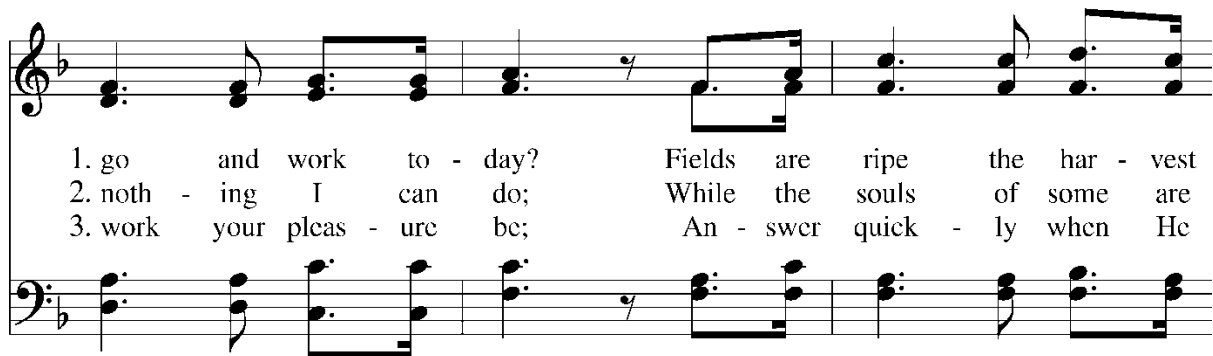
**The Peace**

**BCP 332**

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1. Hark! The voice of Je - sus call - ing, Who will  
 2. Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, There is  
 3. Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His



1. go and work to - day? Fields are ripe the har - vest  
 2. noth - ing I can do; While the souls of some are  
 3. work your pleas - ure be; An - swer quick - ly when He



1. wait - ing, Who will bear the sheaves a - way?  
 2. dy - ing, And the Mas - ter calls for you.  
 3. call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me."



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth, Rich re - ward He of - fers free;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me."



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."  
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Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.



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

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the Rev. Greg Peters, Rector

Dan Mullene, Parish Care Minister

## Serving in Today's Worship

Presider and Preacher

Deacon

Organist

Crucifer

Lector

Altar Guild

Father Greg Peters

Jim Gilman

Nat Bartels

Raina Kille

Haily Lanum

John Rowan

Susan Hanson

Linda Rowan

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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



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

### Scripture Readings for July 26<sup>th</sup>

*1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

## ***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>

**Wanted - Parish Picnic Coordinator:** Friends in Christ, our Annual Picnic is coming up in September, and we need someone - or ideally a team! - to organize the grand, annual event. Welcome Back Sunday and the Picnic are scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>. Interested parties should speak to a Vestry Member or Greg Peters.

**Evening Prayer Team Off in August:** The Evening Prayer Team will take a summer break during August. The last Evening Prayer service before the break will be on July 29<sup>th</sup>, and services will resume on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We give thanks for this faithful ministry and wish the team a restful and renewing time.

**Blessings Pantry Requests:** When asked, clients of St. Alban's Food Ministry request the following foods for our Blessing Pantry: almond milk, soy milk, yogurt, fresh green beans and other fruits/veggies, canned fruit, cabbage, zucchini, ground chicken. Thank you all for your willing hearts and eager generosity.

**Chase Lake School Supplies:** Once again we will be collecting school supplies to support Chase Lake Elementary School during August. A list of requested supplies is in Parish Hall near the donation collections box for this ministry.

**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](mailto:anna.carskad@gmail.com), Event Chair or Debby Wilson: 206-683-4251; [dgzrus@gmail.com](mailto:dgzrus@gmail.com), Day of Event chair.

## ***Announcements***

**Conflict Resolution Workshop this Fall:** Learn skills that help you avoid and/or resolve conflicts~with family, co-workers, friends, neighbors, clergy. Jim Gilman will be teaching a workshop this fall at St. Alban's on **How to Avoid/Resolve Conflict**. There are three sessions scheduled: Saturday Oct. 3; Saturday Nov. 7; Saturday Dec. 5~each session from 12 to 2 pm. The course book *How to Resolve Conflict: A Practical Mediation Manual* (by James Gilman) will be provided to those who register. **There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall until September 1st.** We hope to provide live streaming for those who are remote. For those who register there is an expectation that they will attend and participate in all three sessions. Questions? Email Jim at [namlig74@gmail.com](mailto:namlig74@gmail.com).

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**Indigenous Circle Meetings Resume this Fall:** St. Alban's Indigenous Circle resumes its monthly meetings this Fall. The next meeting is Saturday, Sept. 18 at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall. NOTE: this is a new time: 11:00 am (not 10:30). The Circle is inviting new members to join them in this adventure into the world~past, present, and future~of our Native American Elders. Curiously, in September we are showing an award winning, provocative film *The Primal Mind* by Jamake Highwater. It is a film the Circle began with three years ago. It's a good way to initiate new members into the Circle and an occasion for regular members to reflect and review where we've been. If you would like to join us, please email Jim Gilman at [namlig74@gamil.com](mailto:namlig74@gamil.com). Welcome.

**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/>