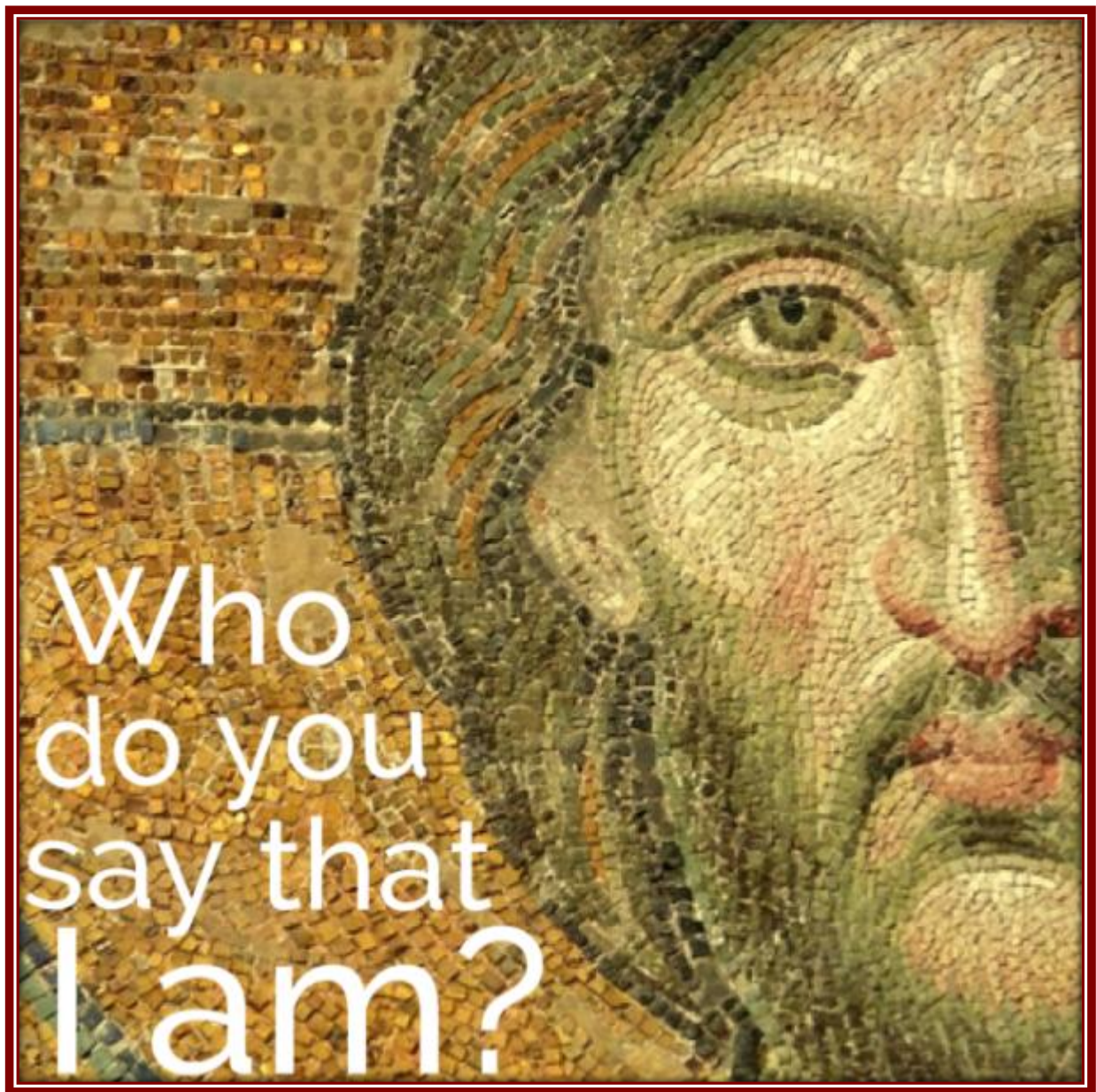




All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

10:30 am Sunday August 23, 2026

The Thirteenth Day of 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.

Prelude

Opening Hymn:

Holy Spirit, Font of Light

Hymn 228

Priest: 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

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.*

Gloria Hymn 421

Bulletin p. 4

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
 we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Priest: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come and will never end.

A Reading from Isaiah chapter 51 beginning with the 1st verse

Isaiah 51:1-6

- ¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
- ²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
- ³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
- ⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
- ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 138

BCP 793

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
²***I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, ****
because of your love and faithfulness;
³for you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
⁴***When I called, you answered me; ****
you increased my strength within me.
⁵All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
⁶***They will sing of the ways of the LORD, ****
that great is the glory of the LORD.
⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
⁸***Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; ****
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

⁹The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
*O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.*

The Second Reading

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

A Reading from Romans chapter 12 beginning with the 1st verse

Romans 12:1-8

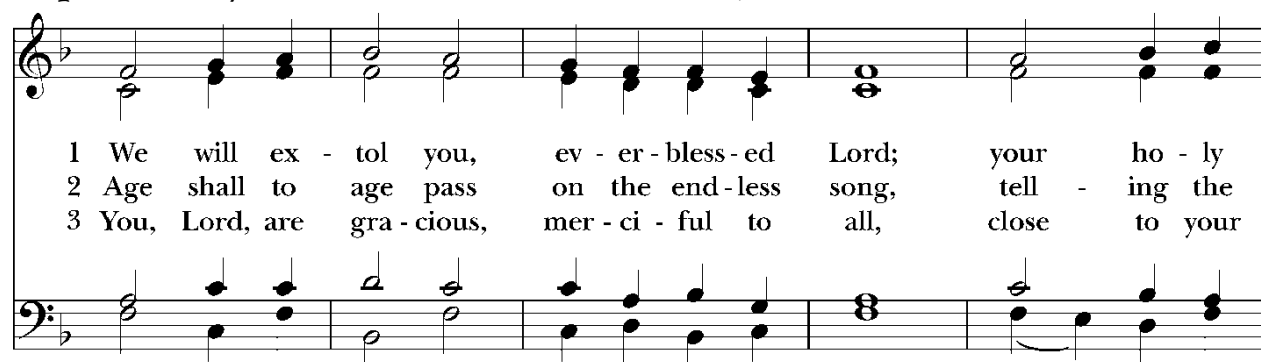
¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

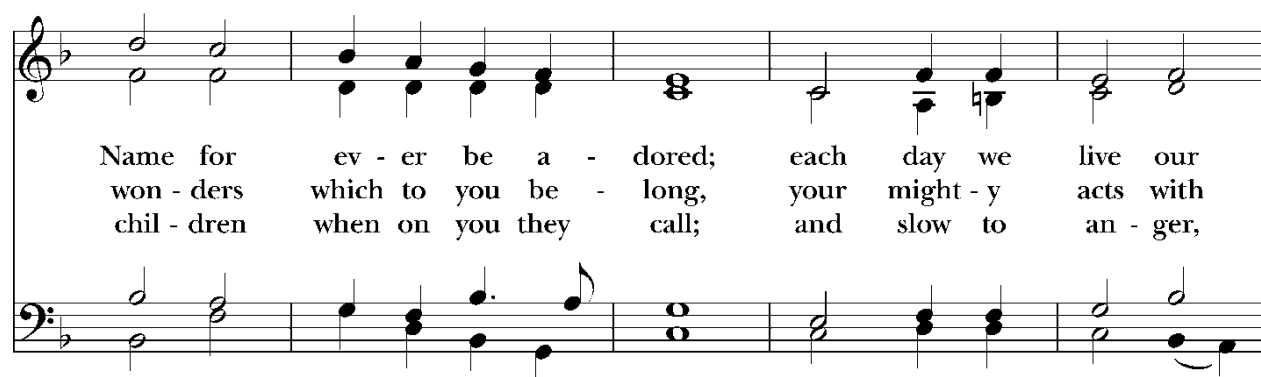
Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: *We Will Extol You, Ever Blessed Lord*



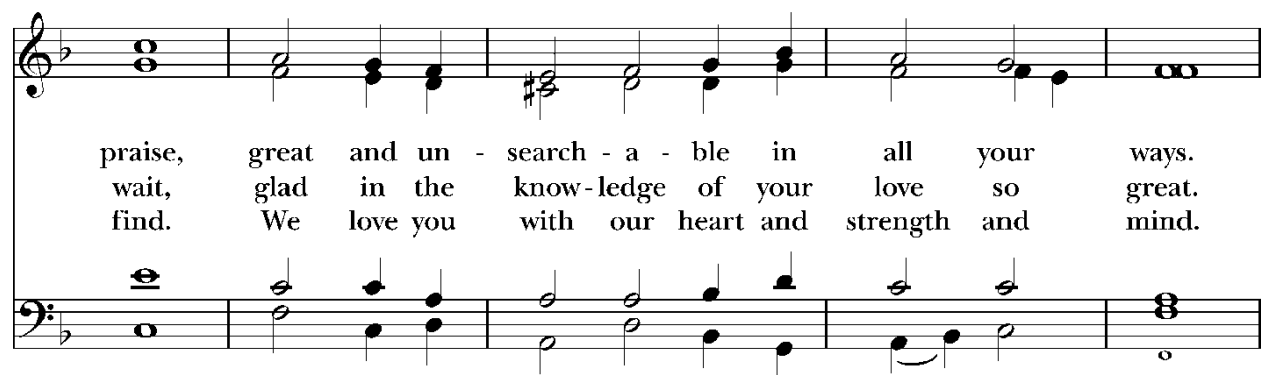
1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly
 2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the
 3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your



Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our
 won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with
 chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,



psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all
 joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we
 mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless-ings



praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.
 wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.
 find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

The first stanza may be repeated at the end.

The Gospel

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is 'the Messiah, the Son of the living God,' and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. Allen Hicks

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: We praise your abiding guidance, O God,
for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah,
to model for us the way of love for the whole universe.
We offer these prayers of love
on behalf of ourselves and our neighbors,
on behalf of your creation and our fellow creatures.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable to God, which is
your spiritual worship. Therefore let us come humbly before God, saying,
“Our help is in your name, O Lord; *deal well with us.*”

Generous God, you have graciously given the members of your Church
diverse gifts: may we, who are many, function in this world as the one
body of your Son Jesus Christ.

Silence

Our help is in your name, O Lord;
Deal well with us.

God of the nations, mysterious and unexpected are the instruments of
your salvation. Give us eyes to see your work in the lives of the most
humble servants and the grandest royalty. Bless all those who put their
trust in you.

Silence

Our help is in your name, O Lord;
Deal well with us.

Great God, the maker of heaven and earth, bring forth fruits in due season. May all the people of the world experience the blessing of sun and rain and harvest.

Silence

Our help is in your name, O Lord;
Deal well with us.

Caring God, give to the people of our region sober judgment. May each member of our community live in light of the great mercy you have shown us.

We give thanks and ask your blessing for

Anglican: The Church of the Province of West Africa

Diocese: St. Martin - St. Francis in Rockport

Church Ministry: Convention Delegates

Legacy Society: Morrie Tugby

Parish Person: Dee Thompson

And for Shirley Wilson who celebrates her birthday on August 25th

The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Our help is in your name, O Lord;
Deal well with us.

Lord God, be on the side of those in need of our prayers. May the sick and sorrowful not be overwhelmed but, instead, find freedom in you. We ask for healing for Kären, Robin, Bob C., John P., Dee. Barbara H., Gretchen, Howard, Hosanna and all the sick and suffering, the desperate, and disturbed.

The congregation may add their petitions, followed by silence

Our help is in your name, O Lord;
Deal well with us.

Almighty God, you have promised through your beloved Son that not even the gates of Hades will prevail against the people of your redeeming. May all of the dead find comfort in your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Our help is in your name, O Lord;
Deal well with us.

Priest: Loving God,
open our ears to hear your word
and draw us closer to you,
that the whole world may be one with you
as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

Enriching Our Worship

Deacon or Priest: Let us confess our sins to God.

***God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.***

*We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.*

The Absolution

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: ***And also with you.***

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

Announcements

Offertory Hymn: *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord* Hymn 304

Doxology Hymn 380, vs 3

Eucharistic Prayer 1 *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

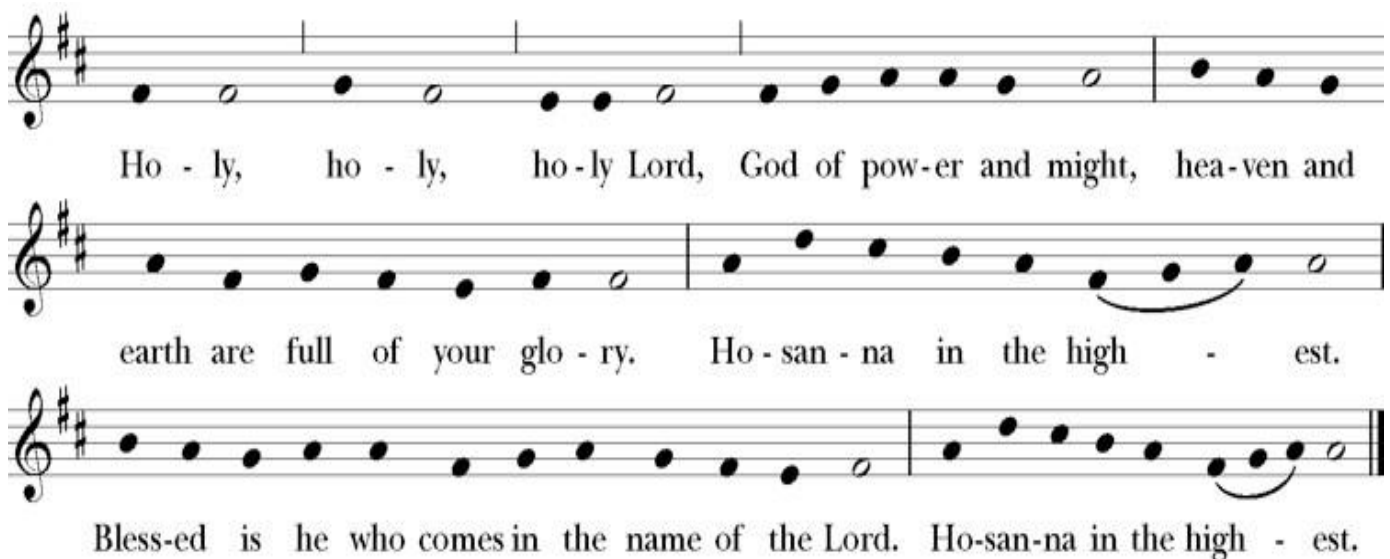
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

Celebrant: You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of
every generation, we lift our voices with all creation 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.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver
of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your

infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine and ourselves as a living sacrifice.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with Mary, Joseph, Alban, and all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 Now, O Prince of Peace* *Bulletin p. 19*

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
 2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
 3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
 4. Come, Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,

come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Post Communion Prayer

from Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Loving God,
 we give you thanks
 for restoring us in your image
 and nourishing us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
 Now send us forth a people,
 forgiven, healed, renewed;
 that we may proclaim your love to the world
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* Hymn 528

Dismissal

Postlude

Dean Steven Thomason from St. Mark's Cathedral Joins Us at St. Alban's Sunday, August 30, 2026



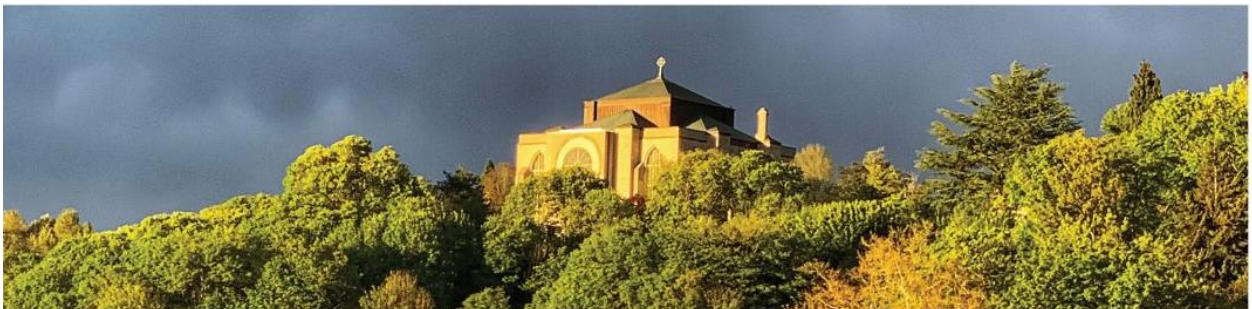
Dean Steven Thomason from St. Mark's Cathedral joins us Sunday, August 30th to preach.

Dean Steve is the leading clergy presence guiding the current "Living Stones II" capital campaign at the Cathedral. He will share with us information about this major endeavor at a special Coffee Hour after both services.

There will be no Sunday School on that day to give everyone the opportunity to meet Dean Steve.

Living Stones II

As Saint Mark's Cathedral's iconic building approaches its centennial, we've embarked on a capital campaign to renew our sacred space and deepen our mission. This effort will address urgent infrastructure needs, support our goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2030, enhance the worship experience, and invest in the future of music through a new organ and endowment support for music ministries. Join us in building a sound future for the cathedral and the generations to come.



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>

Welcome back Fr. Allen Hicks: We are very grateful to Fr. Allen Hicks who is back with us today. Please give him a warm welcome!

Thursday Women's Discussion Group: The Thursday Women's Discussion Group will start meeting again on Thursday, September 17th. We gather for fellowship at 1 pm and our discussion goes from 1:30 to 3 pm. We meet every 2 weeks, breaking before Thanksgiving and then starting up again in January.

This fall we are starting a new book: *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional* by Hanna Reichel. Books are provided thanks to the Rita Bennett Inner Healing bequest. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Jeannie Burpee (jandjburpee@gmail.com 541-430-1476, Susan Hanson a thansonsj2001@gmail.com or 206-755-4896 or Maryellen Young at maryelleny@comcast.net or 425-776-2461.

Chinese Art Show & Fundraiser September 12th: Save the Date for Chinese Art Show and Fundraiser September 12th at St. Alban's!

ECW Ladies Coffee September 26th 10:30am- 12pm: Back by popular request we are having Debbie Dimitre again! In her unique presentation, you will not only hear the life story and reminiscences of (Sarah Cannon) Minnie Pearl, but have the opportunity to enjoy some of the favorite jokes and stories! She was known for the Grand Ole Opry and TV Hee Haw! Light refreshments and coffee and tea will be served. Donations will be welcomed! Please invite your friends to this wonderful presentation!

St. Alban's Fauna and Foliage: In honor of St. Francis' loving care of creation, please take photos of animals and plants on St. Alban's campus. Some will be selected for a lively ATP photo journal before the Feast of St. Francis. All plants and critters great and small will be appreciated! Please send images to jeannie.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com. We'll accept photos until September 27th.

Announcements

Welcome Back Sunday, September 13th: Join us for Welcome Back Sunday on September 13th! We'll have a special breakfast after the 8am service around 9:15am and our Annual Parish Picnic following the 10:30am service about noon. Come to one or both! This is a special time for us to gather in worship and enjoy a delicious meal with friends old and new.

St. Alban's will provide quiches, coffee and tea for breakfast. And later for our picnic St. Alban's will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas and nonalcoholic drinks. **Also included are fruit, salads, sides, and sweets contributed by our parishioners. Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall.**

Please join us for this wonderful time of friendship, fellowship and breaking bread together. It's a memorable day for all!

Neighbor to Neighbor Program Begins This Fall at Soup and Salad Dinners: Our Soup and Salad Dinner and Program resumes on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. We begin at 6:00pm with Evening Prayer followed by a Soup and Salad Dinner at 6:30pm. At 7pm, we begin our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program.

The aim of Neighbor-to-Neighbor is to find ways to get to know better our neighbors in the pews next to us, and to support and encourage each other in following Christ. Sitting around dinner tables, 2 or 3 members of the congregation will share to those at their table what they want others to know and understand about themselves, about their life and spiritual journey. A "Study Guide" of possible questions and issues to discuss will be available to those who share. Recalling the earliest Christians, we will devote ourselves to "fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer."

At the first Soup and Salad dinner (Sept.16), Jim Gilman will be sharing what he would like you to understand about his life and spiritual journey.

Mediation 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.

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Pianist

Crucifer

Lectors, Chalice & Alms Bearers

Altar Guild

A/V Ministry

Fr. Allen Hicks

Larry Hsu

Colyn LaVergne

Connie Forsberg

Mary Fowler

Pam Pomeroy

J.L. Krilevich

Phil McClelland

Denise Robertson

Brad Goergen

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

Lectionary Readings for August 30th

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28