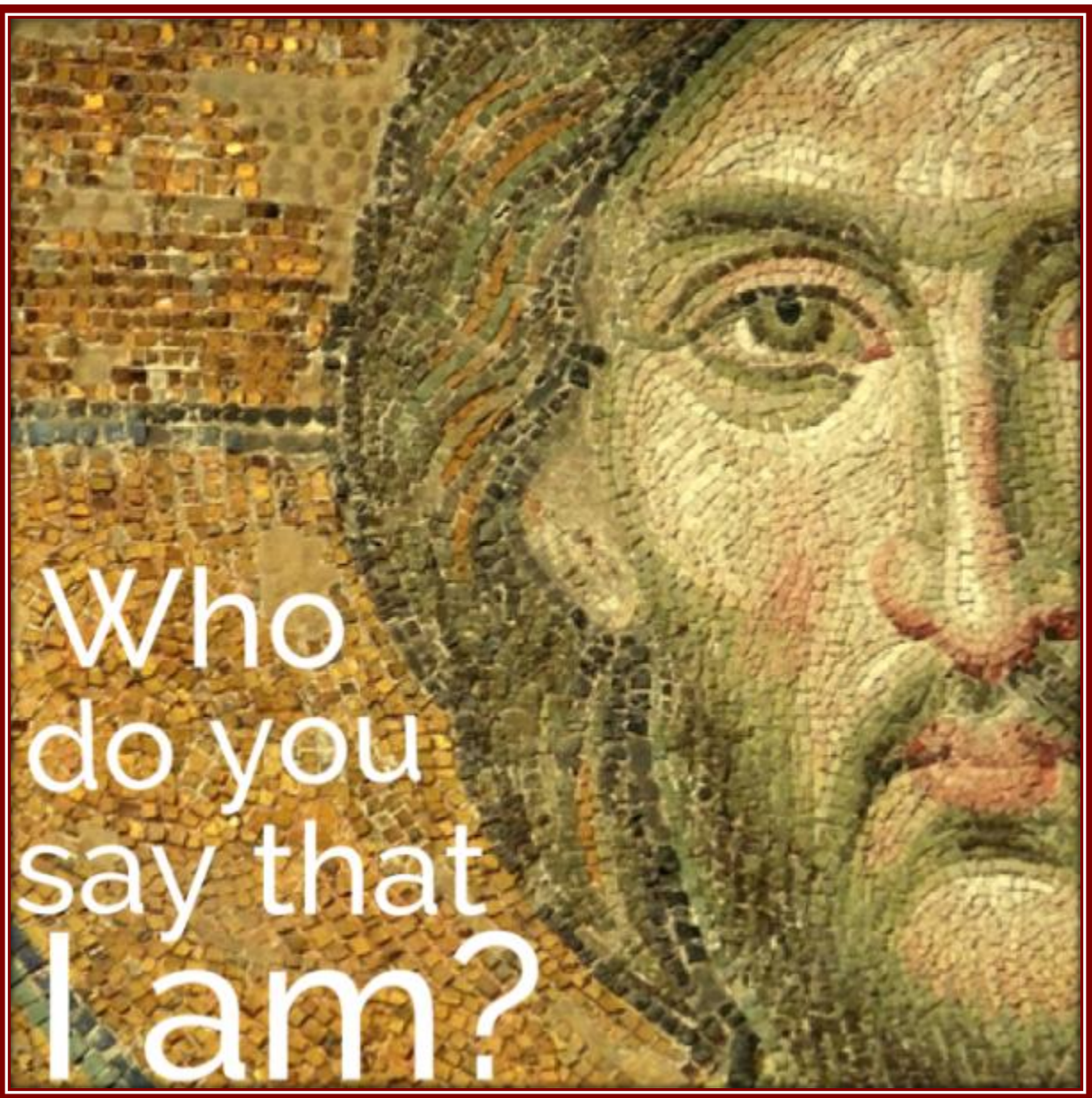




All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

8am 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.

Scripture Summaries
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8am Sunday August 23, 2026

The First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

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.

The Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

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.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

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.

Prelude		
Opening Hymn	<i>Holy Spirit, Font of Light</i>	Hymn 228
Land Acknowledgment		
Opening Acclamation		BCP 323
Gloria		BCP 324
The Collect of the Day		Scripture Insert
The First Reading	<i>Isaiah 51:1-6</i>	Scripture Insert
Psalms	<i>Psalms 138</i>	Scripture Insert
The Second Reading	<i>Romans 12:1-8</i>	Scripture Insert
The Gospel	<i>Matthew 16:13-20</i>	Scripture Insert
Sermon		Fr. Allen Hicks
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The Prayers of the People		Bulletin pp. 4-6
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Birthday, Anniversary Prayers & Announcements		
Offertory (seated)	<i>I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord</i>	Hymn 304
Doxology (stand)		Hymn 380, vs 3
Eucharistic Prayer 2		BCP 340
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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>Lord, You Give the Great Commission</i>	Hymn 528
Dismissal		
Postlude		

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.

Intercessor: 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.*

The Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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



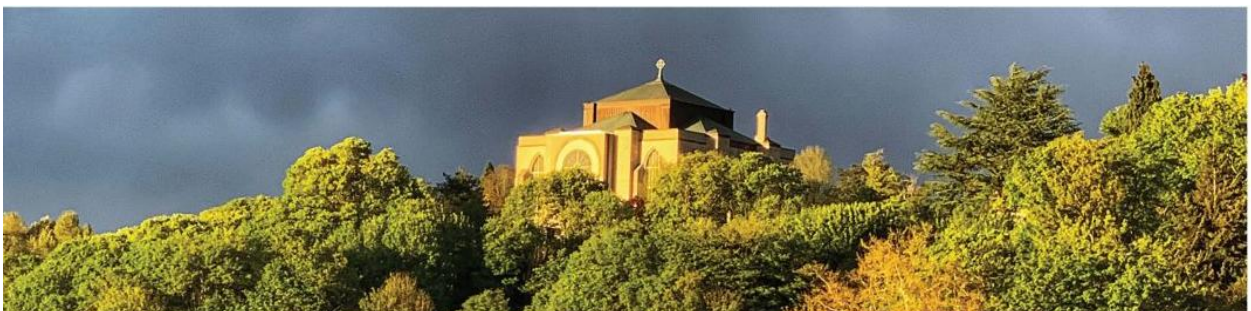
Dean Steven Thomason from St. Mark's Cathedral joins us Sunday, August 30th to preach.

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

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Deacon

Jim Gilman

Pianist

Larry Hsu

Crucifer

Raina Kille

Haily Lanum

Lector

J.L. Krilevich

Altar Guild

Pam Pomeroy

J.L. Krilevich

*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



For Online donations: go to
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