



All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Morning Prayer Rite II
Sunday August 30, 2026 10:30am

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 *Here in Christ We Gather* Hymn 577

Opening Sentence BCP p. 75

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come! *Revelation 4:8*

Confession of Sin BCP p. 79

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us pray in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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 Invitatory and Psalter

Versicle

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Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Antiphon

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The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Invitatory

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Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 26:1-8

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- ¹Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- ²**Test me, O LORD, and try me; ***
examine my heart and my mind.
- ³For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- ⁴**I have not sat with the worthless, ***
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- ⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- ⁶**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, ***
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- ⁷Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- ⁸**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell ***
and the place where your glory abides.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah, Chapter 15 beginning with the 15th verse.

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.
¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

First Canticle

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Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah

Benedictus Dominus Deus

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

A reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans; Chapter 12
beginning with the 9th verse.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is
good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in
showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the
Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in
prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to
strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse
them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who

weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Second Cantic

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Cantic 21: You are God *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
 Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
 bought with the price of your own blood,
 and bring us with your saints
 to glory everlasting.

Sequence Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

Hymn 435

Third Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

²¹Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for

you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Sermon

the Very Rev. Steven Thomason

The Apostles’ Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Salutation

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Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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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,
forever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages

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V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

First Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true
religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit
of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Second Collect

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O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Third Collect

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O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer For Mission

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O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thanksgivings

Announcements

Offertory Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

Hymn 707

Prayers of the People

Priest: Friends in Christ,
God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers
as dear to us as our own needs.
Loving our neighbors as ourselves,
we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions
on behalf of the church and the world.

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and the world, saying “Kyrie
eleison.”

Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon the Universal Church, its
members and our mission in the world; we pray for Martin Walters
and Marian Hagglund and all the members of this congregation, for
our parish clergy, for our bishop, Phil, and for Sean, our Presiding
Bishop.

Kyrie eleison.

God of wisdom and truth, guide our nation and the decision-making
of those whose authority governs her future; bless all communities
throughout the world with wise and reflective leaders; we pray
for Donald, our President, Bob, our Governor, and Mike, our Mayor.
Kyrie eleison.

God of all creation, guarding the welfare of our world and your entire creation, nourish us in all manner of goodness, giving us the benefit of loving one another.

Kyrie eleison.

Loving God, bless this community, our goals, and our desire to reach out to others in need of your grace.

Kyrie eleison.

Merciful God, alleviate the suffering of all in your divine care; we pray for those affected by natural disasters and inclement weather, for Marilee, Marge, Susan D., Jenny, Suzanne, Aida, Hosannah and all those who are sick, those who suffer, those who are impoverished or hungry, those oppressed and those in despair, especially all who are exposed to war, violence, insult, and rejection.

Kyrie eleison.

Father of all, welcoming the souls of Dolly Parton and all the departed and comforting those who mourn their loss, keep us in your steadfast care.

Kyrie eleison.

Gracious God, help us to become reflections of Christ's most holy life, enabling us to live according to your will.

Kyrie eleison.

Holy God, listen as we pray; adding our own prayers and thanksgivings, in silence or aloud.

Silence

The Deacon or Priest adds a concluding collect.

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants, give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Concluding Versicle

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Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

Closing Hymn *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Bulletin p. 19

Postlude

1. I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

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 2. _____ Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. _____ The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

_____ No turn - ing back, _____ no turn - ing back! _____
 (no turn - ing back,)

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*Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jenny Lutz:
in loving memory of my amazing Dad and most precious son, BJ.
I was so fortunate to have you both.*

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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Scripture Readings for September 6th

Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Announcements

Welcome Dean Steven Thomason: Today we welcome Dean Steven Thomason from St. Mark's Cathedral. 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.

School Resumes this Week: School resumes this week so please be extra alert for bleary eyed parents and wild-eyed kids. It often takes a couple weeks for families to get back to their usual routines. Please drive with caution and a little extra patience as they adjust.

Chase Lake Volunteers: I am recruiting volunteers for Chase Lake Elementary School. I have been volunteering there for 10 years and really enjoy working with the staff and kiddos. Many of the students come from difficult backgrounds, have English as a second language, and/or have medical issues. The kids and staff are appreciative of the time spent with volunteers.

To apply, go to the Edmonds School District website. Click on "Community" at the top of the page. At the bottom of the drop-down menu, click on "Volunteer." You will enter a site with two parts: 1. The harassment policy and 2. background check. Fill them out. You will then be notified by email when you are approved. Next you can go to the mail office, and volunteer or contact me. Bob Chaffee 206-715-6610. If I don't answer, leave a voicemail.

Chinese Art Show & Fundraiser September 12th: St. Alban's will host a special Chinese Art sale show on Saturday, September 12th from 1:00-6:00pm. The show will feature the artist Zuolie Deng, a renowned Chinese artist, best known for his oil paintings, calligraphy and seal carvings. Attendees can enjoy an inspiring afternoon of Deng, dance performances, ink painting and origami activities. There will also be complimentary refreshments. Proceeds from the sale of any works will benefit both St. Alban's missions and the artist.

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 contributed by our parishioners. Sign-up sheets for fruit, salads, sides, and sweets are in the Parish Hall.** Please join us for this great time of friendship, fellowship and breaking bread together.

Announcements

One Service at 9:30am & Town Hall after Worship on September 20th: On Sunday, September 20th, we will have a combined service at 9:30am. After the service there will be a “Town Hall” meeting at 11:00am, when we will discuss pros and cons for reviewing our current service structure, answer questions and ask for your input. Any changes to services will be determined by votes from all parishioners. Ballots will be mailed out on September 28th and tallied on October 12th. Results of the voting will be published in Around the Parish to be sent out on October 16th.

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 this program 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.

At the first Soup and Salad Supper on September 16th, Jim Gilman will be sharing what he would like you to understand about his life and spiritual journey.

Thursday Women’s Discussion Group: The Thursday Women’s Discussion Group will resume group meetings on Thursday, September 17th. We gather (every two weeks) for fellowship at 1 pm and our discussion goes from 1:30 to 3 pm. 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.

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.