



## *Season of Creation*

All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

9:30 am Sunday September 20, 2026

The Seventeenth 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.*

Prelude

**Opening Hymn: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Hymn 522**

*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**

*Presider:* This is the day the Creator has made.

**People:** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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**

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Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our  
 Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your  
 bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!  
 ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. **Fine**

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am  
 Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"  
 do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." **D.C.**

Text: South African  
 Music: South African

## Salutation

*Presider:* May God, the Creator of all things, be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Presider:* Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

*After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?*

A Reading from Jonah chapter 3 beginning with the 10<sup>th</sup> verse

*Jonah 3:10-4:11*

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry.

<sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

- <sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- <sup>2</sup>**Every day will I bless you \***  
**and praise your Name for ever and ever.**
- <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.
- <sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works to another \***  
**and shall declare your power.**
- <sup>5</sup>I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.
- <sup>6</sup>**They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \***  
**and I will tell of your greatness.**
- <sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- <sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \***  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

## The Second Reading

*Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.*

A Reading from Philippians chapter 1 beginning with the 21<sup>st</sup> verse

*Philippians 1:21-30*

<sup>21</sup>To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I

prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

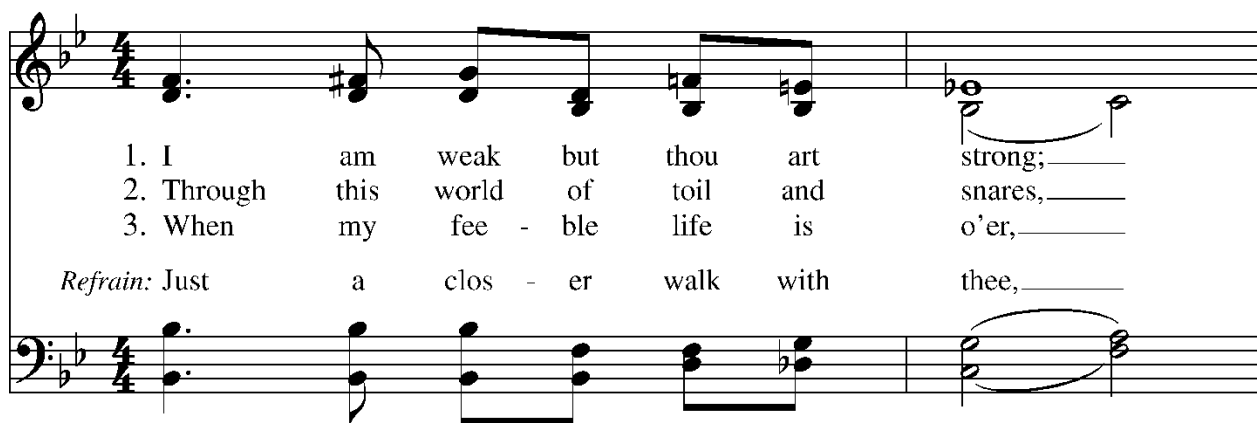
*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (10:30am only):

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Just a Closer Walk with Thee



1. I am weak but thou art strong; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Through this world of toil and snares, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, \_\_\_\_\_  
*Refrain:* Just a clos - er walk with thee, \_\_\_\_\_



1. Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; \_\_\_\_\_ I'll be sat - is - fied as  
 2. If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares? \_\_\_\_\_ Who with me my bur - den  
 3. Time for me will be no more; \_\_\_\_\_ Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly  
*Refrain:* Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea, \_\_\_\_\_ Dai - ly walk - ing close to



1. long \_\_\_\_\_ As I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 2. shares? \_\_\_\_\_ None but thee, dear \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, none but thee.  
 3. o'er \_\_\_\_\_ To Thy king - dom \_\_\_\_\_ shore, to thy shore.  
*Refrain:* thee, \_\_\_\_\_ Let it be, dear \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, let it be.

*D.C. for Refrain*

Text: Anonymous  
 Music: American Folk Song

## The Gospel

*Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.*

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

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Matthew 20:1-16*

[Jesus said,] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily

wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

*Deacon or Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. Greg Peters

The Creed

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Profession of Faith (South Indian)  
Guruksel Lutheran Theological College and Research Institute, 2009

## The Prayers of the People

*Creation tide Form*

*Priest:* Creator God,  
you call us to love and serve you  
with body, mind, and spirit  
through loving your creation  
and our sisters and brothers.  
Open our hearts in compassion  
and receive these petitions  
on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

*Intercessor:* Eternal God:  
We thank you for the beauty of the World:  
for the teeming life of the seas, the flight of birds, and the diversity of  
animal life. Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care; to  
protect endangered species, to preserve the variety of habitats, and to  
honor the delicate balance of nature.

God of life: **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea; for the  
power of wind, and the warmth of sun. We pray for the nations of  
the earth, give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its  
resources sustainably for the welfare of all.

God of justice: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the faithful witness of the Church, called to reconcile  
and heal:

For the Anglican Communion, led by the Archbishop of  
Canterbury, Sarah Mullally

For the Episcopal/Anglican Church of Australia  
For the Episcopal Church, led by Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe  
For this diocese led by Phil LaBelle, and St. Mark's and the  
Chaplains of the Harbor both in Montesano,  
For this parish, especially Alisha, Scott and Aleelah Watson,  
for our Evangelism, and Social Justice Ministries,  
for the Legacy Society (5) anonymous members.

God of grace: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the human family. We exult in our diversity and giftedness, we repent of our sins, divisions and violence. By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us. As every human being is known and loved by you, may we care for one another with love and respect. We pray for those you have commended to our care: Kären, Robin, Barbara H., Gretchen, Shirley C., and those we name silently or aloud.

God of compassion: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died whom we entrust to your eternal love; may we support and comfort those who mourn.

God of peace: **hear our prayer.**

Nina Ranadive Pooley

*Presider:* Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth: Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things for you live and reign with Christ,

Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Book of Occasional Services, 2018, 339*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Deacon or Presider:* Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

**Merciful and sustaining God,**

**we have sinned against you.**

**We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.**

**We confess that we have misused your earth:**

**grant us amendment of life.**

**We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:**

**strengthen us in self-control.**

**We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection.**

**Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*"Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in Creation,"  
Reports To The 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention: Supplemental Materials  
(Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music: SCLM, 2015), 246 - 247*

## **Absolution**

Through the cross of Christ,  
God have mercy on you,  
pardon you  
and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven  
and be at peace.  
God strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in life eternal.

***Amen.***

*The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer, page 408*

## **The Peace**

*Presider:* The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

***All:* Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

***All:* And also with you.**

*“A Service of Welcome,”*

*The Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book*  
(Glasgow, UK: Wildgoose Publications, 2001), 246 - 247

## **Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thanksgivings**

### **Announcements**

### **Offertory Sentence**

God said, “I did not intend my creatures to make themselves servants and slaves to the world’s pleasures. They owe their first love to me. Everything else they should love and possess, as I told you, not as if they owned it, but as something lent them.”

*Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), The Dialogue*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life  
and labor to the Lord.

**Offertory Hymn: All Who Hunger Gather Gladly      Bulletin p. 15**



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.  
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Taste and see that God is good.

Text: James E. Moore, Jr., para. of Psalm 34

Music: James E. Moore, Jr.

### Eucharistic Prayer with Creation III

*Presider:* God is with us.

**People:** God is present here.

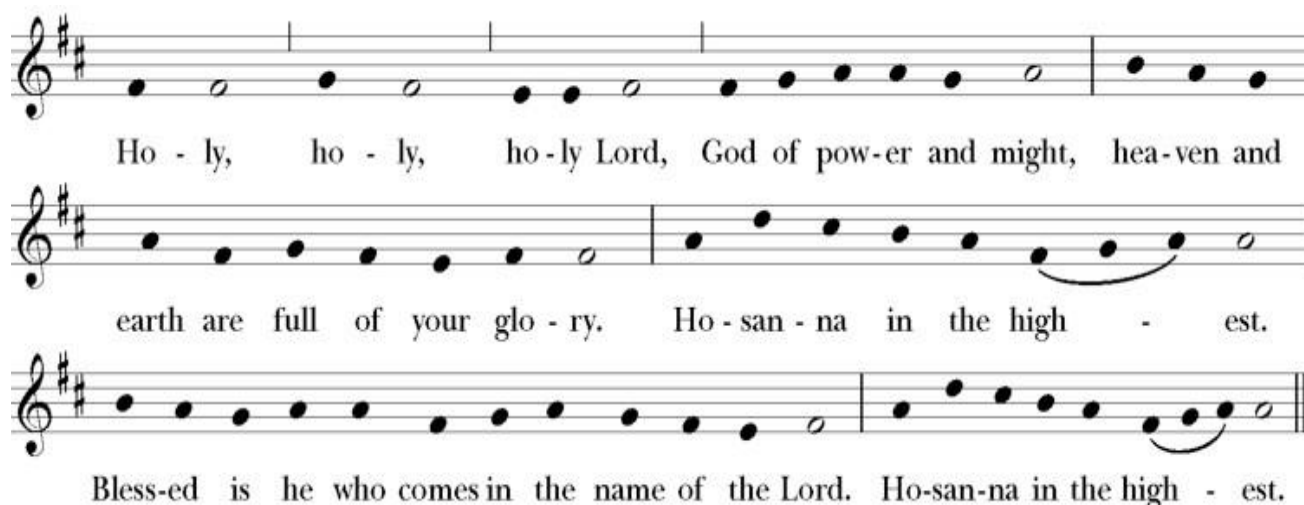
*Presider:* Rejoice! Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift our hearts to the Most High.

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Holy One.

**People:** It is right to offer thanks and praise.

We do praise you, our intimate God, the one who is with us, and with all of creation, the source of this magical, mystical, sensual, beautiful, earth. From microbes to whales you have created all of us. We are privileged to be a strand in all of your creation, including this strange and wonderful home, our earth, the open sky above, the dazzling array of stars and planets, and the unfathomable galaxies beyond us. You have blessed us with a world of infinite variety and beauty, a land of mountains and meadows, canyons and valleys, deserts and jungles. Over and through this land you have provided oceans teeming with life, streams and rivers, crystal clear lakes, and cascading waterfalls. We share this land with all of your creatures, from mosquito to mountain lion, from seal to scorpion. You have formed all of this, this land of such intense wildness and beauty. Therefore, we praise you, O Sacred One, joining our voices with the cry of your animals, the rocks, the stars, the Moon, the Sun, and all the universe as we say/sing with joy:



We bless you and thank you Gracious God for all of these gifts, and for weaving us, the web of humanity, into this world. But instead of caring deeply for this most perfect of creations, the universe beyond our comprehension and this earth in which we live, we have rebelled against it, against ourselves, against You. We disregarded the interconnected web of life in which we live. Instead of loving it as a mother loves her child, we put ourselves above it, as if it was something we could own. It became something to control rather than a part of us and a part of you. Each time you have called us back, called us to understand that we are not masters of the earth, but instead a part of the earth. You continually remind us that caring for you means caring for your earth and for each other.

*The People and Presider say together*

**Then, All-Holy God, you sent Jesus Christ to be among us. Through His incarnation, You taught us that You are always with us and all of the world. He showed us the way to grace and freedom, and how to show compassion to each other and the world. He gathered a people as your own and filled us with longing for justice and peace for all of creation.**

**Keep us ever vigilant to follow his example so that we may bring about Your reign that He opened for us, through his life, his death, and his resurrection. It is a reign where all your creation will be one.**

*The Presider continues*

On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. Recalling his own actions of feeding the poor and eating with the outcast, he took bread, gave thanks to You, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me." When supper was ended, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to You, and passed the cup among his friends and said: "Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, do this in memory of me."

Therefore, let us pray:

*All join in prayer*

**Gracious God among us, help us to feel your presence, and give us the strength to serve your creation and your people this day and every day.**

*The Presider continues*

Now gathered at your table, God of Creation, and remembering what Jesus Christ taught us, we offer to you this bread and this wine, a gift of your creation and work of human hands. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, O Sacred One. May they become for us the Body and Blood of Christ, just as we, your people, are that same Body. Breathe your Spirit upon us also and upon the entire

earth. Make us one with your earth, so that all of Creation may become one with your Body.

*The People and Presider say together*

**Bring all of us, from every clan, tribe, and nation together, to feast upon your abundant banquet, prepared from the fruits of your earth and made possible by the redemption of your Christ.**

*The Presider continues*

Through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the entire Universe, all glory and honor to God and Creator, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

from Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church, Tucson, AZ

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray.

Leader: Our Father [and/or: Mother] in heaven

**People: You are also at home in the air, soil, forests and oceans**

Leader: Hallowed be your name

**People: By the care we take of your Creation**

Leader: Your kingdom come

**People: All that you see is good**

Leader: Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven

**People: Your will to till and care**

Leader: Give us this day our daily bread

**People: That all may have enough to live life in fullness**

Leader: Forgive us our trespasses

People: **Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern for other species and for future generations**

Leader: As we forgive those who trespass against us

People: **By reconciliation with justice and peace.**

Leader: Lead us not into temptation

People: **The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation**

Leader: And deliver us from evil

People: **The evil of destroying your gift of creation**

Leader: For yours is the kingdom

People: **Yours, Lord, not ours**

Leader: The power and the glory

People: **In the cross and resurrection**

Leader: For ever and ever

People: **You are the beginning and you are the end. Amen. (So be it)<sup>15</sup>**

*Creation Care Prayers, The Church of England Environmental Programme*

## **Fraction Anthem**

*Presider* This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

People **All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.**

John 6:51

## **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.

*National Cathedral Sunday Online Service 6.13.2021*

**Communion Hymn (10:30am):**

**Hymn 694**

**God Be in My Head and in My Understanding**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of  
your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we  
be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours.  
Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

*"Prayers of Intercession for Creation Time," (2012)*

## **Closing Prayers and Blessings**

Deep peace, pure white of the moon to you. Deep peace, pure green  
of the grass to you. Deep peace, pure brown of the earth to you.

Deep peace, pure gray of the dew to you. Deep peace, pure blue of the sky to you. Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

Fiona MacLeod,  
*The Dominion of Dreams: Under the Dark Star*,  
(New York, Duffield, 1910)

Closing Hymn:      We Are All One in Mission      Bulletin p. 22-23

1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,  
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.  
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;  
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:  
the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.  
Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff with treble and bass clefs). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains four lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share  
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.  
free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955)

Music: Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

## Dismissal

As we conclude our service, I invite you to join me in dedicating ourselves to care of the Earth.

*Deacon:* We join with the Earth and with each other  
*People:* To bring new life to the land  
To restore the waters  
To refresh the air.

*Deacon:* We join with the Earth and with each other  
*People:* To renew the forests  
To care for the plants  
To protect the creatures.

*Deacon:* We join with the Earth and with each other  
*People:* To celebrate the seas  
To rejoice in the sunlight  
To sing the song of the stars.

*Deacon:* We join with the Earth and with each other  
*People:* To recreate the human community  
To promote justice and peace  
To remember our children.

*Deacon:* We join with the Earth and with each other  
*All:* We join together as many and diverse  
expressions of one loving mystery:  
for the healing of the Earth  
and the renewal of all life. Amen.

“U.N. Environmental Sabbath Program”  
Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon ed.,  
*Earth Prayers* (Harper, San Francisco, 1991), 94 – 95

## Postlude

# St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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

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## Serving in Today's Worship

Celebrant & Preacher

Deacon

Organist

Crucifers

Lectors, Chalice & Arms Bearers

Altar Guild

A/V Ministry

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Jim Gilman

Jenny Liao

Raina Kille

Hailey Lanum

Colyn LaVergne

Susan Hanson

Eric Hanson

Pam Pomeroy

JL Krivelich

Phil McClelland

Denise Robertson

Brad Goergen

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*Flowers are given to the glory of God by the people of St. Alban's  
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](http://www.StAlbansEdmonds.org) and click on  
"Donate Now" or use QR code above.

## ***Announcements***

**Adult Bible Study Sundays at 9:30am:** Please note there will be no Bible Study today due to the Town Hall. Join us next week 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>

**Town Hall after Worship Today:** Please join us for Coffee Hour 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 were mailed out on September 18<sup>th</sup> and will be tallied on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Results of the voting will be published in Around the Parish to be sent out on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**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.

**Game Night:** Do you like to play games? We are planning a St. Alban's "game night" on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm to 6 pm. This is an informal gathering. There will be some games available, but feel free to bring one of your favorites too. Also, bring your beverage of choice, and, if you want, a snack to share. Depending on how many come and what games are available, we will decide what to play. This is a first of possibly more opportunities. This idea started from the Hansons' recent auction item when 8 of us gathered for games and had a great time. Any questions, contact Maryellen Young at 425-776-2461 or [maryelleny@comcast.net](mailto:maryelleny@comcast.net).

**Blessing of the Animals Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>:** All year long our pets and animal companions bless, keep, and guard us. Please join us in celebration of them on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for the Feast of St. Francis. This day we honor Francis who preached praise for the Creator and Redeemer of all things and saw his fellow creatures as sisters and brothers. Bring your animals or plants who are part of your family for a special blessing. If you are unable to bring your pet but wish for them to be included, consider bringing a picture to hold, and if you have a pet you wish to be remembered who is no longer with us, we will gladly honor their memory.

### **Scripture Readings for September 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32; Psalm 25:1-8; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32*



**Debbie Dimitre at ECW Ladies Coffee**  
**September 26th 10:30am- 12pm**  
**St. Alban's Episcopal Church**  
**21405 82<sup>nd</sup> Place West, Edmonds, WA**

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 also 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!