



Many Are Invited, but Few Show Up Matthew 22:1-14

**All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church
10:30 am Sunday October 11, 2026
The Twentieth 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.

Please observe holy silence during the prelude and postlude. These musical selections are an integral part of worship for many and offer a time for prayer, meditation, and reflection.

Please save greetings and fellowship conversations for the Parish Hall. Many thanks!

Prelude

Opening Hymn:

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

Hymn 556

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

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 408



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Text: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.
 Music: Mit Freuden zart

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

A Reading from Isaiah chapter 25 beginning with the 1st verse

Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save
us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

BCP 612

¹The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Reading

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

A Reading from Philippians chapter 4 beginning with the 1st verse

Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace

of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

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1 F C7 F

Re - joice in the Lord al - ways, and a - gain I say, re - joice!

2 C7 F

Re - joice in the Lord al - ways, and a - gain I say, re - joice!

3 C7 F

Re - joice! Re - joice! And a - gain I say re - joice!

4 C7 F

Re - joice! Re - joice! And a - gain I say re - joice!

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The Gospel

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 22:1-14

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. Greg Peters

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Deacon or Priest: Please stand as you are able as we reaffirm our faith by saying the Nicene Creed.

*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

Celebrant: Jesus said, “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.” Trusting in God’s abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

Leader: Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love.

We ask you to bless:

Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah and the Anglican Church of Burundi.

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe and the Episcopal Church
Our Bishop Phil LaBelle and the Community of the Paraclete, the
Little Sisters of St. Claire and the Third Order of St. Francis

We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray
for wisdom to use them in service of your mission.

Fill us with your grace, most generous God.

**Open our eyes and ears, open our minds and hearts, open our arms in
love.**

Intercessor: God of community, you bind us together in relationships of
care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation.
In particular, we ask you to bless George Wilson and Claire McKenny,
our Outreach Ministries, and all the ministries of this congregation, and
Jeannie and Jon Burpee for the Legacy Society and those who
generously support and lead this congregation. We also give thanks for
Maryellen Young and Kären Ford who are celebrating birthdays this
week. Guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far.

Fill us with your grace, most generous God.

**Open our eyes and ears, open our minds and hearts, open our arms in
love.**

Leader: God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for
all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time,
talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you.

Fill us with your grace, most generous God.

**Open our eyes and ears, open our minds and hearts, open our arms in
love.**

God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy.

Fill us with your grace, most generous God.

Open our eyes and ears, open our minds and hearts, open our arms in love.

Leader: God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need especially, Kären, Dee, Barbara H., John P., Bob C., Shirley C., Howard, Gretchen, Ivy Hjertager(the j is silent), Lloyd and Betty Surround them with your healing and your peace.

Fill us with your grace, most generous God.

Open our eyes and ears, open our minds and hearts, open our arms in love.

Leader: God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace [especially N.].

Fill us with your grace, most generous God.

Open our eyes and ears, open our minds and hearts, open our arms in love.

Celebrant: Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

from Enriching Our Worship

Deacon or Priest: Let us confess our sins unto God and our neighbor.

*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

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.

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: *New Songs of Celebration Render* Hymn 413

Doxology Hymn 380, vs 3

Eucharistic Prayer 2

from 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: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You

made us in your image, male and female, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you 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.

Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Celebrant: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. 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 for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, Joseph, Alban and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.*

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

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for God's holy people.

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: This Is the Hour of Banquet and Song Hymn 316

Post Communion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise Hymn 345

Dismissal

Postlude

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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

Pianist

10:30 Crucifer

10:30am Lectors

Chalice & Arms Bearers

Altar Guild

A/V Ministry

Fr. Greg Peters

Peter Nelson-King

Colyn LaVergne

Jeannie Burpee

Harvey Smith

Anne Richardson

Dan Mullene

Donna Hoffman

Denise Robertson

Phil McClelland

Denise Robertson

Brad Goergen

*The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Sheilah Reidburn & Mary Gitlin
Sheilah dedicates flowers in loving memory of her husband, Starling, on his 89th birthday
Mary dedicates flowers in loving memory of Matthew Gitlin*

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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"Donate Now" or use QR code above.

Scripture Readings for October 18th

Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

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>

St. Alban's Participates in the Mission to Seafarers through November 10th:

Please go shop as you are able, and help fill-up the "ditty bags". See complete list in the Parish Hall, along with a container to put your purchases in. Ditty Bag Stuffing Day – November 14th ~ 10am - Noon at St, John the Baptist Episcopal Church: 3050 California Avenue SW, Seattle, Washington.

St. Alban's Annual Stew Fest Wednesday October 21st: Join us for our annual Stew Fest on Wednesday, October 21st starting at 6 p.m. This evening is an opportunity for us to come together in gratitude for God's blessings to St. Alban's. The evening begins with Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary. We then move to the Parish Hall for our dinner and program. Stews are provided by a few of our great cooks. The rest of the meal is provided by the church, consisting of salads, breads, desserts and beverages of beer, wine and non-alcoholic options. For the program this year we are building on "Getting to Know Your Neighbor in the Pew." We will have three members sharing their stories of why they are generous to St. Alban's and what being a part of St. Alban's means to them. We will then break into small groups for further discussion. Come be a part of this opportunity for worship, food, fellowship and sharing.

Garden Party October 20th at 2pm: We are asking for volunteers to join us for a "Garden Party" on Tuesday, October 20, at 2:00pm. We will gather in front of the church to do some Fall seasonal work in front of the church – deadheading, weeding, pruning, etc. You don't have to be an expert to join in, just willing to join with others and do what we can to clean up before the weather changes to winter. Please bring gloves and tools.



Plenty Good Room means radical welcome. This week, we give thanks for the hospitality of this parish and the ways we extend God's welcome to others.