



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

All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

8am 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.

Scripture Summaries
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
8am Sunday October 11, 2026

The First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

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.

The Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

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.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

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Prelude

Opening Hymn *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart* Hymn 556

Opening Acclamation BCP 323

Gloria BCP 324

The Collect of the Day Scripture Insert

The First Reading *Isaiah 25:1-9* Scripture Insert

The Psalm *Psalms 23* Scripture Insert

The Second Reading *Philippians 4:1-9* Scripture Insert

The Gospel *Matthew 22:1-14* Scripture Insert

Sermon Father Greg Peters

The Nicene Creed BCP 326

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The Confession and Absolution BCP 331

The Peace BCP 332

Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

Offertory (*seated*) *New Songs of Celebration Render* Hymn 413

Doxology (*stand*) Hymn 380, vs. 3

Eucharistic Prayer 2 BCP 340

Sanctus BCP 341

The Lord's Prayer BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 337

Invitation to Communion BCP 338

Post Communion Prayer BCP 339

The Blessing

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

Dismissal

Postlude

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.**

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Lector

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Jim Gilman

Shannon Duggan

Donna Hoffman

Denise Robertson

*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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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>

Service Discernment Vote: The votes are in!! St. Alban's will be continuing with two services. A total of 54 ballots were received with 37 (69%) in favor of maintaining our current schedule, and 17 (31%) in favor of one service. Thank you for your thoughtful input and interest in participating in this process!

Game Night October 10th: Do you like to play games? We are planning a St. Alban's "game night" on Saturday, October 10th 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 choice of beverage, and, if you want, a snack to share. 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.

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.



This week we celebrate God's abundance. In creation, in our community, and in our lives, God provides more than enough. How will you share from your plenty?