

All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

8am Sunday, November 1, 2026

All Saint's Day

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: ***Blest Are the Pure in Heart*** **Hymn 656**

Opening Acclamation **BCP 355**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 **BCP 324**

The Collect of the Day **BCP 357**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly

living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**.

The First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

9After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

11And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

[10]**The young lions lack and suffer hunger, ***
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
[22]The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A Reading from the First letter of John.

[1]See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[1]When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11]"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon **Father Greg Peters**

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: 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.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon us your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised us to the new life of grace. Sustain us, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give us inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Remember that you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Deacon or Presider: With clean hearts and a pure faith, let us ascend the hill of the Lord, offering our prayers and thanksgivings to the one who hears our petitions and answers our call, responding, "Hear us, O Host of Heaven."

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for many peoples, languages, tribes and nations, whose diversity of thought and action become blessings to all

who seek the fullness of God's presence in the midst of daily life; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for the Eucharistic Meal in which we are fed by Christ, who reveals his goodness and invites us to trust in his love with our whole heart, and soul, and mind; let us pray to the Lord.
People: Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

Intercessor: For the commitment and strength to share God's blessings throughout the world, honoring those who hunger and thirst, who mourn, and who live in fear and anxiety, giving out of our weaknesses to fill the hopes of others; let us pray to the Lord.
People: Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

Intercessor: For the peacemakers who proclaim justice in the marketplace, and petition prime ministers, presidents and legislators, to turn the ways of war into the dividends of peace; let us pray to the Lord.
People: Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

Intercessor: For those who volunteer their time to enlighten the lives of others, especially those who work in our schools, recreational centers, and wherever young people seek enrichment and encouragement; let us pray to the Lord.
People: Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

Intercessor: For holy women and men who have died in the light of Christ, and whose righteousness inspired the faithful of every

generation; may their souls and the souls of unsung heroes in every age enter the gates of paradise; let us pray to the Lord.
People: Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

In companionship with the Blessed Virgin Mary and her husband Joseph, Alban, and all the saints, we continue the offering of our prayers.

We ask you to bless:
Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah and the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central America;
Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe and the Episcopal Church;
Our Bishop Phil LaBelle and the Retired Clergy, Widows and Widowers and clergy households of this Diocese;
Our Greeters and Ushers and all the ministries of this congregation; Pat Chandler for the Legacy Society and those who generously support and lead this congregation, especially Roger and Allegra Anderson;
Those who are celebrating birthdays: Judy Fleenor and Elizabeth Bee. Nov. 1 and Connie Forsberg, Nov. 4.
Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need especially Gretchen, Karen, Dee, Barbara H., Robin, Howard, Shirley C., Bob C., John P., Teddi.
Surround them with your healing and your peace.

Priest: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom

all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin **BCP p. 331**

Deacon or Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Priest: 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 **BCP p. 360**

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Thanksgivings

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

Offertory Hymn: I Sing a Song of the Saints of God Hymn 293

Eucharistic Prayer II BCP 340

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:

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

Celebrant: God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
People: Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Invitation

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

Post Communion Prayer **BCP 339**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: **For All the Saints** **Hymn 287**

Dismissal

Deacon or Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Serving in Today's Worship

Celebrant & Preacher	Fr. Greg Peters
Pianist/Organist	Dorothy Harwood
Eucharistic Minister	Jim Gilman
Lector	Ron Austin
Altar Guild	Sharon Joy
	Judy Kistner

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Judy Kistner
"In loving memory of John and in thanksgiving to God for crossing our paths."

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 November 8th
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625063228?pwd=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwoeaNgIbbx30Er.1

Sunday November 8th Ingathering: On Sunday, November 8th is our annual Ingathering of Pledges. Please bring your pledge cards to church to be placed on the altar at both 8:00am and 10:30am services on that day. Your contributions enable us to continue our ministries and mission. Thank you!

Chase Lake Christmas Monetary Donations: Due to a change of policy in the Edmonds School District, we can only donate money for Chase Lake's Holiday Cheer program. The PTSA will use the money to purchase food or gifts. Please make donations no later than Sunday, November 29th. Designate your donation as "Chase Lake" on the memo line of your check or cash in an envelope labeled "Chase Lake." Place your name on the envelope so we can give you credit for your contribution. Holidays can be very difficult for struggling families, and we are very grateful that our congregation is very generous in support of Chase Lake Community School!

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.

Soup Luncheon November 18th Celebrating Native American Heritage Month: During the darker winter hours, we've changed our monthly Soup Suppers to Soup Luncheons. Join us Wednesday, November 18th for our very first Soup and Salad Luncheon of the season. We'll start at 12 p.m. in the sanctuary with Mid-day Prayer. Lunch is at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall. Food for this event will be provided by members of our Indigenous Circle including Fry Bread, Indigenous Stews and much more. At 1pm we'll hear from Teddi Balagot and Paul Bragg as they share with us their experiences as Native residents. Please join us for this time of prayer, good food and fellowship, and learning.

Plenty Good Room

Our parish is a place of belonging — a community where each person matters, and each gift is needed. Together we are the Body of Christ.