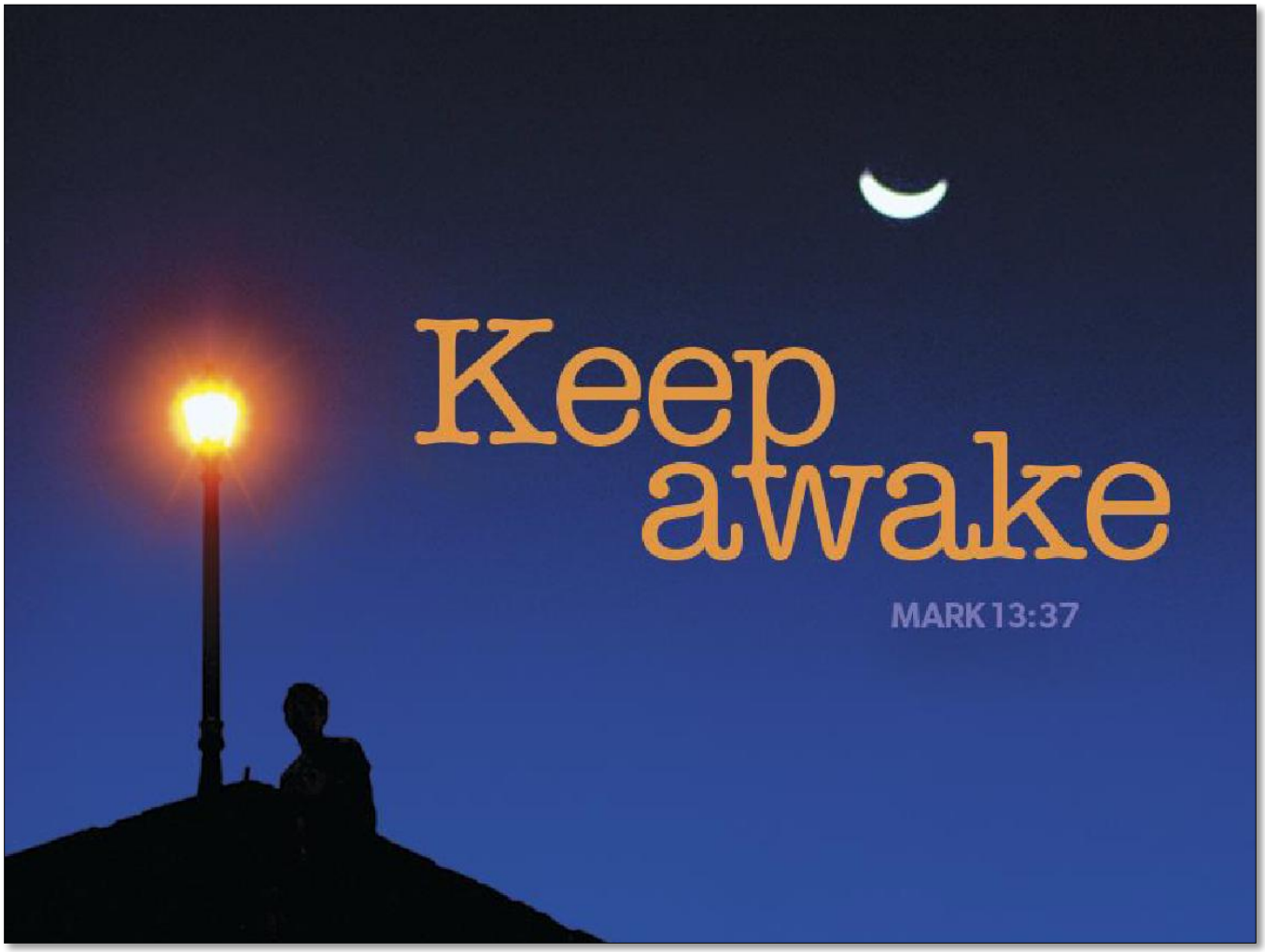

All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

10:30 am Sunday, November 29, 2026

The First Sunday of Advent

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.

Silence

The Great Litany **BCP 148**

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Phil, Bishop of Olympia, priests, especially Greg, our Rector, and deacons, especially Jim, our deacon, and for Fernely and Irma of Templo Emanuel with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people, especially **we** ask you to bless our **Outreach Ministries** and all the ministries of this congregation; and for the Legacy Society, **Kären Ford**; and those who generously support and lead this congregation, especially **Liz and John Bee.** We also give thanks for **Roger Andersen and Elise Wells** who are celebrating their birthdays today.
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, especially **the Center for Spiritual Development and the St. James Family Center in Cathlamet** and to draw all humankind into thy kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, Donald, the President of the United States; Bob, the Governor of Washington State; Mike, Mayor of the City of Edmonds, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world, to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, especially those served by the Edmonds Food Bank, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all, especially the children and families of Chase Lake Community School and the West Edmonds Cooperative Preschool, may enjoy them,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit, **especially Gretchen, Karen, Dee, Barbara H., Robin, Howard, Shirley C., Bob C., John P., Teddi, Jennifer, Howard, John P., Jack and Donna, Marilee, Marge, Pat Chandler and daughters Shannon and Bridget, Roger and Allegra Anderson, Tommy Locke and Ivy Hjertager** and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, especially those served by the **Refugee Resettlement Office, Episcopal Relief and Development, and Women Spirit Coalition**,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed, especially Michael Sean Chandler and Joanne Tate eternal life and peace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph her husband, Alban, patron of this house, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

CANTICLE *Magnificat* ◆ *sung by all, standing as able*

WORDS: *The Song of Mary, Luke 1:46–55*
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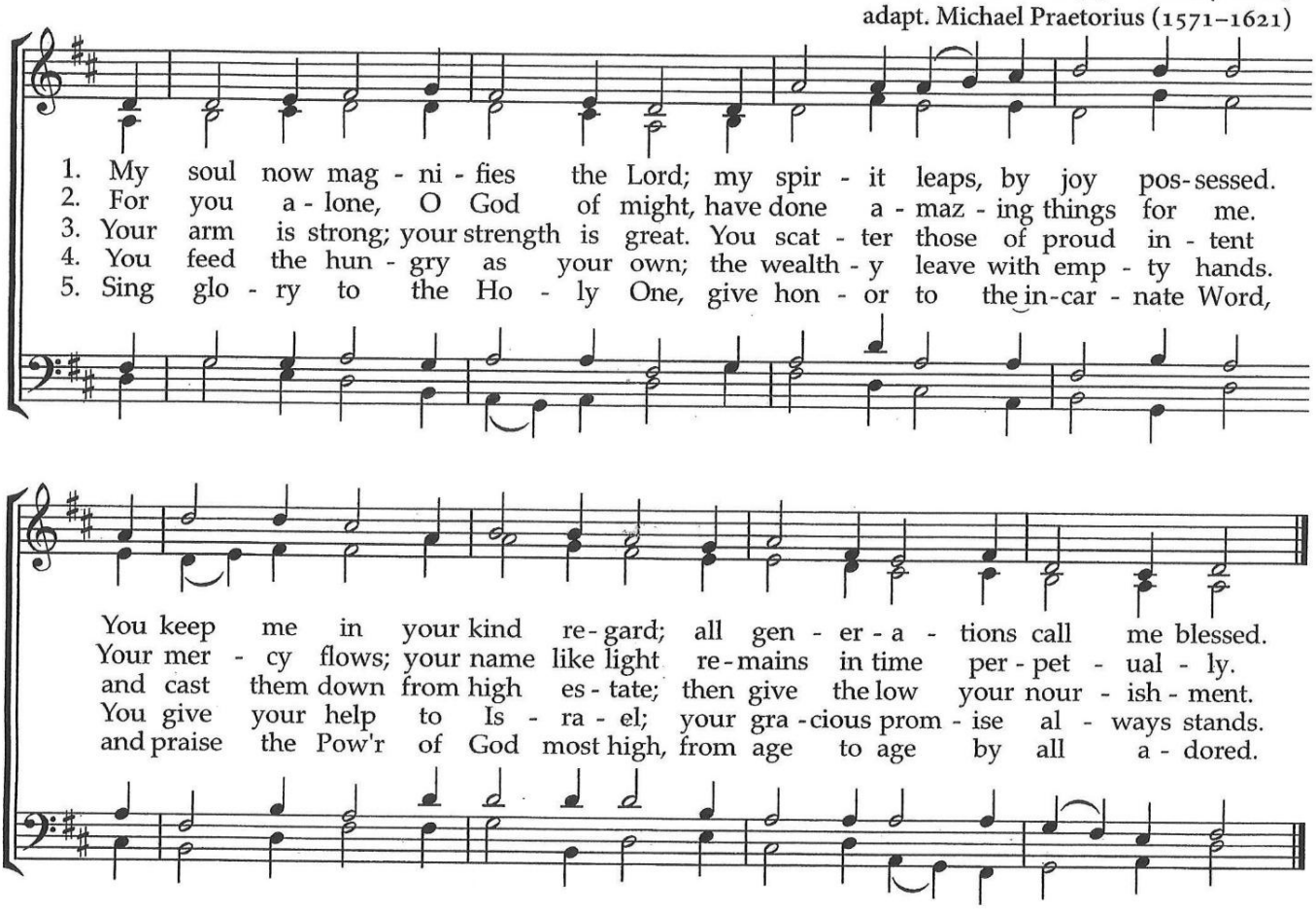

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The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Advent Candle Lighting: First Sunday of Advent

Come and save us, * O Lord God of hosts.

Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved: O Lord God of hosts.

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. (Matthew 24:42–44)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord:

R. And grant us your salvation.

The First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in

Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.

A Reading from Isaiah chapter 64 beginning with the 1st verse

[1]O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
[2]as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3]When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
[4]From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
[5]You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
[6]We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7]There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
[8]Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 **BCP 702**

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

[18]**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; ***
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5]for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— [6]just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— [7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8]He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn: **Hymn 57**
Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

Deacon or Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

[Jesus said,] 24"In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know

when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, [36]or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

The Sermon **Father 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 Peace

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

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Thanksgivings

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

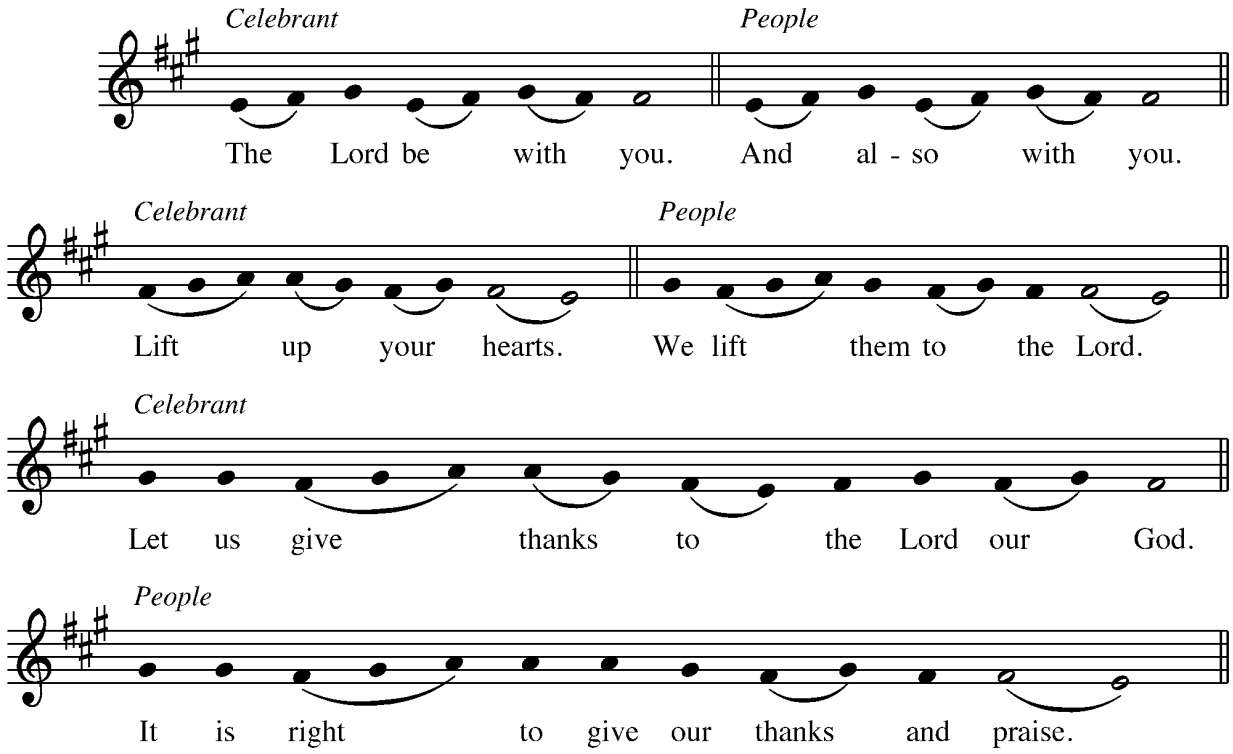
Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14

Offertory Hymn: *Before the Lord's Eternal Throne* Hymn 391

Doxology (vs 3) Hymn 380

Eucharistic Prayer 2

From Enriching Our Worship



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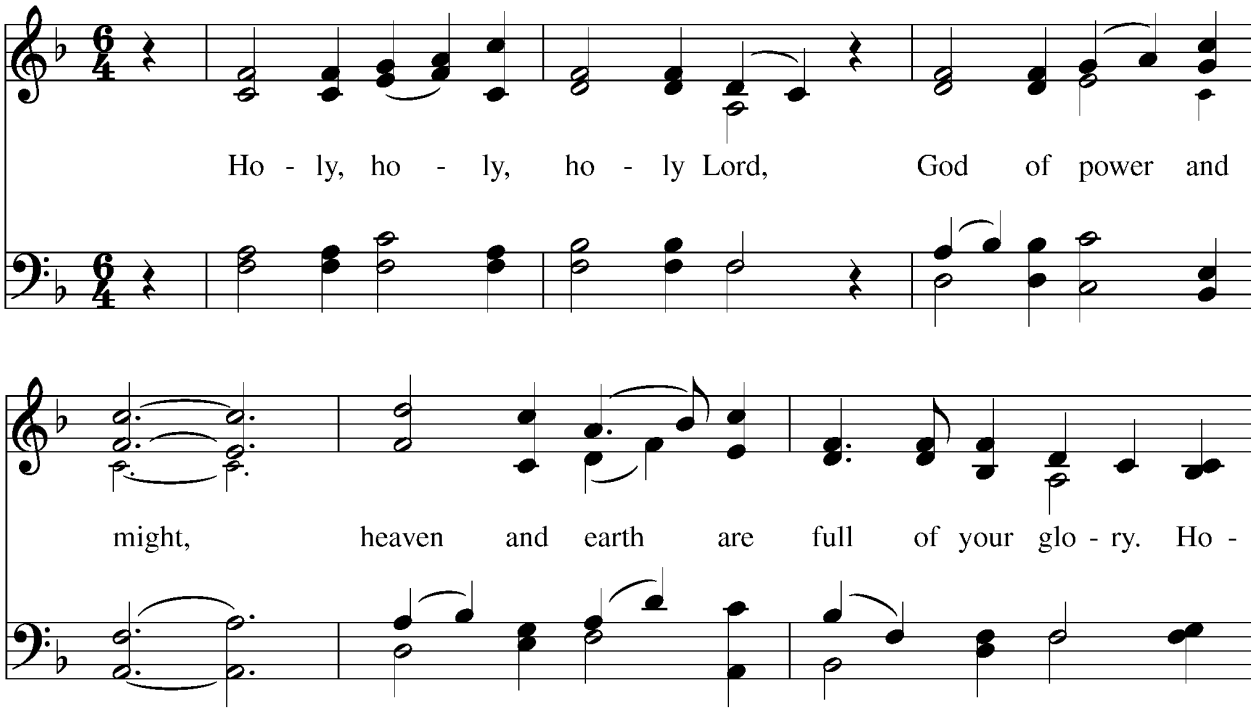
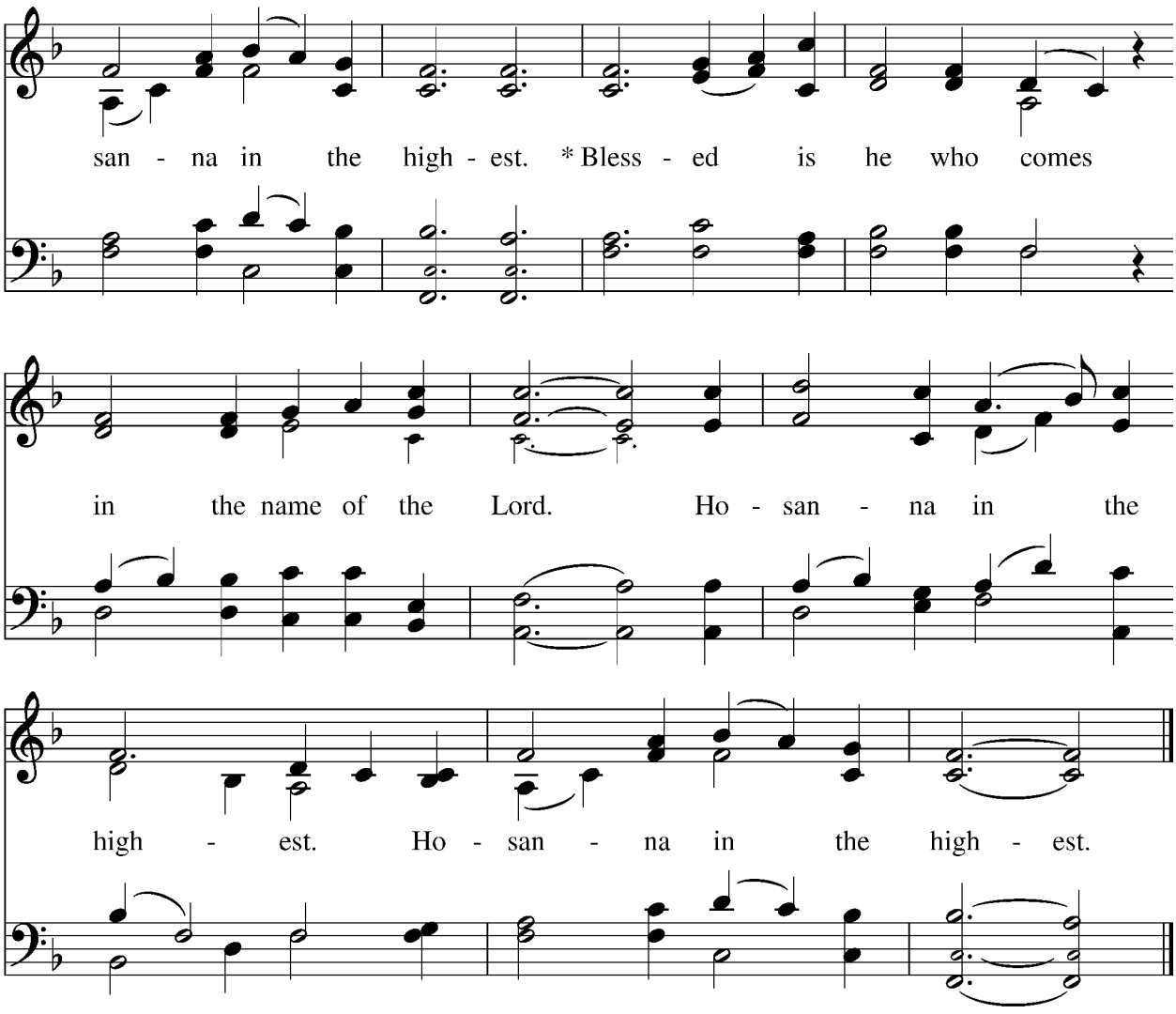
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
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:

Sanctus





Setting: *Holy, holy, holy* (Folk/Pruner) Wonder Love and Praise p. 858

The people stand or kneel.

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."

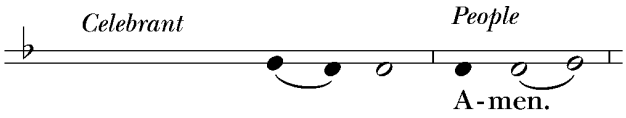
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

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.



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.

Fraction Anthem

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

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Communion Hymn: Hymn 73
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Post-Communion Prayer
Enriching Our Worship

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: ***How Firm a Foundation*** **Hymn 636**

Dismissal **BCP p. 366**

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

Postlude

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

Flower Donations for Christmas: Your generous contributions to St. Monica's Altar Guild will help us beautify our Sanctuary for Christmas services. Flower envelopes are in the pews, and your donation may be dedicated in memory, in thanksgiving or for another special occasion. Please mark you cash or check "Christmas Flowers," include your dedication and place the envelope in the collection plate, mail to church or drop off. Dedications after December 16th will not be in time for bulletins but gladly accepted.

Chase Lake Christmas Monetary Donations LAST DAY: This is the last day for Chase Lake Christmas giving at St. Alban's. With our monetary donations, the PTSA will use purchase food or gifts. Designate your donation as "Chase Lake" on the memo line of your check or cash in an envelope (with your name on it) labeled "Chase Lake." Thank you for your generosity!

Baby Shower for the Sharpe Family on Sunday, December 6th: Join us for a Baby Shower for Anna & Nick Sharpe on Sunday, December 6th in between services (beginning around 9:15am). Their precious little bundle of joy is on the way soon; please help us celebrate this very special occasion with Anna and Nick! Some items they still need are:

--baby clothes in the 9 month and older range
--take out food gift cards (DoorDash, UberEats)
--money towards a "Diaper Fund"

If you would like to contribute money via St. Alban's, please indicate "Sharpe Diaper Fund" on your donation or give your donation directly to Anna and Nick.

A Very Merry Christmas Party on Wednesday December 9th: St. Alban's is sponsoring a Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 9th 2:30 - 4:30 in honor of our food bank friends. There are many ways that you can help! Contribute snacks, purchase toys for kids, welcoming and celebrating the joy of the season with our friends to name a few. (Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall.)

Announcements

ECW Christmas Party December 12th 10:30am: It's time for holiday cheer and fellowship! Join us December 12th at 10:30 - 12:00. Please come join us for light snacks and refreshments and coffee and tea! Lots of fun! Please bring a wrapped $10 gift for our exchange. We will have fun with the annual Christmas Quiz. It is open to everybody so bring a friend! You do not want to miss this!

Nativity Play December 13th after 10:30 service: Come enjoy the gift of the nativity on Sunday, December 13th! A nativity play and Christmas carols will be presented to us in our sanctuary immediately following our 10:30 service (around noon). This event is being brought to the congregants of St. Alban's by the children of the Edmonds/Lynnwood ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a way of expressing their appreciation for the costumes donated to them that were made years ago by our St. Alban's parishioners. Come enjoy the joy, music and Holy Spirit! Cookies and hot chocolate to follow.

Christmas Carols You May Not Know December 16th & December 23rd: Join us for a little fun during the holiday season! Eric Hanson will present a two-part series called "Christmas Carols You May Not Know." We'll begin at 12pm for Midday Prayer followed by a soup and salad luncheon. Please bring something to share if you are able and come join the fellowship, learning and fun!

St. Alban's Christmas Cooking Sharing Party: Mark your calendars for St. Alban's Cookie Sharing Party on December 20th (4th Sunday of Advent) at both Coffee Hours. Bring some cookies to share with others and take some varieties home if you wish. This will be a festive day of fresh baked cookies, warm drinks to soothe your soul! Leftover cookies will be offered at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Blue Christmas Service December 20th at 6pm: Please join us for a special holiday service designed for those for whom the holidays might be difficult. If you have undergone a difficult loss, transition, or life change we invite you to a special time of music and worship.

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Serving in Today's Worship

Celebrant & Preacher	Fr. Greg Peters
Pianist/Organist	Peter Nelson-King
Crucifer	Colyn LaVergne
Lectors, Chalice & Alms Bearers	Anne Richardson
	Dan Mullene
Altar Guild	Sharon Joy
	Judy Kistner
A/V Ministry	Phil McClelland
	Denise Robertson
	Brad Goergen

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the people of St. Alban's in thanksgiving for God's 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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Scripture Readings for December 6th

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8