

All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

10:30 am Sunday, November 8, 2026

The Twenty-Fourth Day 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.

Beatitudes - Native American Bible version

Creator's blessing rests on the poor, the ones with broken spirits. The good road from above is theirs to walk.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk a trail of tears, for he will wipe the tears from their eyes and comfort them.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk softly and in a humble manner. The earth, land, and sky will welcome them and always be their home.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who hunger and thirst for wrongs to be made right again. They will eat and drink until they are full.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are merciful and kind to others. Their kindness will find its way back to them—full circle.

Creator's blessing rests on the pure of heart. They are the ones who will see the Great Spirit.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who make peace. It will be said of them, 'They are the children of the Great Spirit!'

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are hunted down and mistreated for doing what is right, for they are walking the good road from above. Others will lie about you, speak against you, and look down on you with scorn and contempt, all because you walk the road with me. This is a sign that Creator's blessing is resting on you. So let your hearts be glad and jump for joy, for you will be honored in the spirit world above. You are like the prophets of old, who were treated in the same way by your ancestors.

Prelude

Opening Hymn: ***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*** **Hymn 436**

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 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: ***Sleepers, Wake*** **Hymn 61**

The Collect of the Day **BCP 357**

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

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

[1]Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned
the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they
presented themselves before God. [2]And Joshua said to all the people,
"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Long ago your ancestors—
Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates
and served other gods. [3a]Then I took your father Abraham from
beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and
made his offspring many.'
[14]"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and
in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond
the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. [15]Now if you are
unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve,

whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

16Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; 17for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; 18and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

19But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." 21And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" 22Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." 23He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." 24The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." 25So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:1-7 **BCP 694**

[1]Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
[2]I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
[3]That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
[4]We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
[5]He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
[6]That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
[7]So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments.

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

[13]We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15]For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are

alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16]For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: ***Give Me Oil in My Lamp*** **Bulletin 8-9**


E E7 A
1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn-ing. Give me
2 Make me a fish - er of men, keep me seek-ing. Make me a
3 Give me joy in my heart, keep me sing-ing. Give me
4 Give me love in my heart, keep me serv-ing. Give me
E B7
oil in my lamp, I pray. Give me
fish - er of men, I pray. Make me a
joy in my heart, I pray. Give me
love in my heart, I pray. Give me
E E7 A
oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing, keep me
fish - er of men, keep me seek - ing, keep me
joy in my heart, keep me sing - ing, keep me
love in my heart, keep me serv - ing, keep me
E B7 E
burn - ing 'til the break of day.
seek - ing 'til the break of day.
sing - ing 'til the break of day.
serv - ing 'til the break of day.



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The Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

[Jesus said,] [1]"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; [4]but the wise took flasks of

oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10]And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. [11]Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13]Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 Prayers of the People

Adapted from the Prayers of the People for Indigenous Peoples Day
Endorsed by the Committee on Indian Relations for the Episcopal Diocese of Maine

Priest: God of life, we praise you for your abiding presence
from generation to generation,
blessing your people,
strengthening us to lives of service,
empowering us to witness.
Hear the prayers we offer on behalf of your creation.

Intercessor: With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace among all nations, for justice among neighbors, for safety for all in uncertain transit; for refugees from violence and all those seeking a home, for those served by the Resettlement Office, and for Episcopal Relief and Development, the International Relief organization that we are supporting this quarter, that they may be relieved and protected,

let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the remembrance of our Native American ancestors who may have been displaced, and immigrant ancestors who may have come to this land seeking freedom from oppression and conquest, but who in turn displaced others, perhaps not even fully understanding the harm that was being done,

let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the forgiveness of sin, for the repentance of wrong, and for justice to shine in its place,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For understanding and acknowledgement of injustice wrought in the name of God by those whose paths we inherit, for righting the infliction of harms, for fellowship to replace oppression, and for reconciliation and healing to ease pain,

let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For bearing witness to the pain of our neighbors, especially **Gretchen, Karen, Dee, Barbara H., Robin, Howard, Shirley C., Bob C., John P., Teddi, Jennifer** and others whom we name now either silently or aloud *(pause)* in hope that the love of God can heal all pain and broken bonds,

let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those forgotten tongues, rites, peoples, clans, tribes and traditions, including tribes of our own ancestry and of the original inhabitants of this land, the Snohomish, Coast Salish people, who were oppressed by conquerors, and yet prayed to You in all Your forms for deliverance,

let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the love of God to fill this place and the hearts of all of God's children with good will; for a path of peace to walk side by side; and the promise of God that we all, regardless of race or creed, belong to God and that we belong to one another. For Bishop LaBelle and the churches and ministries of this diocese, especially **the Diocesan Council, the Board of Directors, and the Standing Committee**. For this congregation, especially **Ron Austin**, our many ministries, including **our Greeters and Prayer Chain Ministry** and for Louise Clark for the Legacy Society and all the members of the Legacy Society for whom we give thanks this week,

let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

In the communion of all the saints, especially **[those who have died]**, let us commend ourselves and one another and all of our lives to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

Priest: Grant that as we serve you now on earth,
so we may one day rejoice with all the saints
in your kingdom of light and peace,
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 and Thanksgivings

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*





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Doxology (vs 3) **Hymn 380**

Eucharistic Prayer
Cedar and Salah Eucharist Prayer from New Westminster 110426

May God be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up
Let us give thanks to God our Creator
It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is right at all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here on this Coast Salish land on the edge of the Salish Sea, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

Holy, holy, holy One,
God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Our God.
Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized into the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup, and ourselves as a living sacrifice.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with Mary, Joseph, Alban, and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

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

O Great Spirit, our Father from above,
we honor your name as sacred and holy.

Bring your good road to us,
where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above
is reflected in the earth below.

Provide for us day by day--
the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.
The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.
All the things we need for each day.

Release us from the things we have done wrong,
in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us.

Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road,
and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways.

Aho! May it be so!

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.

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: *Judge Eternal, Crowned in Splendor* Hymn 596

Post-Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

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: ***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*** **Hymn 690**

Dismissal **BCP p. 366**

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	Alec Manullang
10:30 Crucifer	Colyn LaVergne
10:30am Lectors	Harvey Smith
	Jeannie Burpee
Chalice & Alms Bearers	Debby Wilson
	Connie Forsberg
Altar Guild	Donna Hoffman
	Denise Roberston
A/V Ministry	Phil McClelland
	Denise Robertson
	Brad Goergen

Flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Sheilah Reidburn in memory of all veterans, those who have left us and those still with us.

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

For Online donations: go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org and click on "Donate Now" or use QR code above.

Scripture Readings for November 15th

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18; Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

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

Today we celebrate the commitments made during Plenty Good Room. With joy, we dedicate our gifts of treasure, time, and talent to God's service.