

All Are Welcome at St. Alban's Episcopal Church

8am Sunday November 8, 2026

The Twenty-Fourth 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.

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.

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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.**

The Confession and Absolution BCP 331

The Peace BCP 332

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3 O vir - tus
1 Come and seek the ways of Wis - dom, she who
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis - dom, cry - ing
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture
Sa - - pi - en - ti - a O
danced when earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she
in the mark - et - place. Hear the Word made flesh a -
all who seek re - birth. Spi - rit - guide and close com -



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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.

Post Communion Prayer BCP 339

The Blessing

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

Dismissal

Postlude

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Serving in Today's Worship

Celebrant & Preacher	Fr. Greg Peters
Pianist/Organist	Alec Manullang
Eucharistic Minister	Jim Gilman
Lector	Shannon Duggan
Altar Guild	Donna Hoffman
	Denise Robertson

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.

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.

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

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.