

ST ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CHRISTMAS DAY



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021

9:30 AM

THE REVEREND DR. DAVID L. MADSEN, RECTOR

THE REVEREND KATHERINE GORDON, DEACON

NAOMI MADSEN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

THE REVEREND DR. PAUL CARMONA, ORGANIST

MORNING PRAYER – RITE II

All stand as you are able

Officiant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Jesus said: “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven” (**Matthew 5:14-16**)

Christmas—White Candle-Christ’s Candle-“Happy birthday dear Jesus!

Verger: Today we re-light all the previous candles and we light the center White Candle, also called the Christ Candle. “Happy birthday Jesus!” **Amen.**

Officiant: Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant: To us a child is born: Come let us adore him.

People: **Come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

All: Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING – Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
 For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
 For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
 authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
 His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
 for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Amen.

RESPONSE – Psalm 96

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<p>1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth. 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. 3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples. 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods. 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens. 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary! 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.</p>	<p>8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts. 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him. 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein. 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth. 13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.</p>
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THE NEW TESTAMENT – Titus 2:11-14

Lector: A reading from the book of Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence is kept.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 2:1-20

Deacon: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY – The Reverend Katherine Gordon

(Please sit in silent prayer after the homily)

Deacon: Let us stand together and say the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

All say together:

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

**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.
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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - (Please stand or kneel if you are able)

Intercessor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Intercessor: Let us pray.

Intercessor: We pray for those around us as they live their lives.

People: **For those close, for those far away, and for those who have no one else to pray for them.**

Intercessor: For our communities, especially El Cajon.

People: **For friends, strangers, and the ties that keep them together.**

Intercessor: For our nation – we pray for wisdom for its leaders, particularly our President, and for the health and safety for those serving in the military. Especially Kendall, Lindzy, Denny, Cris, Ben, Bryan, Matt, Clarence, David Nye, Kristyn, Eric, Stephanie, Donovan, Christopher and Joshua Ibanez, Brandon, Madison, and for our veterans.

People: **May it shine forth as a beacon of nobility and compassion.**

Intercessor: We pray for this earth, your creation;

People: **That we may be faithful stewards of its bounty.**

Intercessor: We lift up all those impacted by this pandemic, and their families.

People: **Jesus, Lord of life, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for unity in the Church, and peace for all its members;

People: **For those who spread your Gospel by word or by action.**

People: **We pray for the leaders of our church; for Michael our presiding bishop, Susan our bishop, Dave our rector, Katherine our deacon, and for all bishops, priests and deacons.**

Intercessor: We pray for people in our world. Most especially for our Christian brothers and sisters in Myanmar (known as Burma), Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, Tunisia, Eritrea, Yemen, Nigeria, Somalia, Israel and Palestine, and all places on the earth where people are in danger and treated unfairly.

People: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We lift up to you our concerns, praying especially for: all who are refugees, Hilda Ro & family, Christine Peters, Judith Taylor, Victoria, Penny, Ralph McMillen, Lillian, Bill Bishop, Jean K, Arlene F and family, Georgina L, Marc T, Christine W, Summer & family, Don W, Terri, Bella Z, Vicenta & Tommy C, Amal E, Clementine, George Elia, Sarah R, Carol, Pam F, and Callee H. From our Facebook friends: Michael S, Geri A, Ma Dani, Dorn H, Dana D, Bruce M, Donna & Scott L, and Arianna H.

(Please take a few moments to express thanks to God either vocally or silently.)

Intercessor: We pray for those who have died.

People: **Grant rest to their souls and comfort to those they have left behind.**

The Lord's Prayer

Intercessor: Carrying all these spoken and unspoken concerns to God, let us now pray as our Savior Christ has taught us.

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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People: Amen.

Officiant: May the grace of God uphold us, the peace of God surround us, the love of God flow from us, and the strength of God protect and bring us safely through this day.

In the name of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.



PRAYERS



Please remember in your prayers, praying especially for: all who are refugees, Hilda Ro & family, Christine Peters, Judith Taylor, Victoria, Penny, Ralph McMillen, Lillian, Bill Bishop, Jean K, Arlene F and family, Georgina L, Marc T, Christine W, Summer & family, Don W, Terri, Bella Z, Vicenta & Tommy C, Amal E, Clementine, George Elia, Sarah R, Carol, Pam F, and Callee H. From our Facebook friends: Michael S, Geri A, Ma Dani, Dorn H, Dana D, Bruce M, Donna & Scott L, and Arianna H.

Pray for those serving in the military especially, Kendall, Lindzy, Denny, Cris, Ben, Bryan, Matt, Clarence, David Nye, Kristyn, Eric, Stephanie, Donovan, Christopher and Joshua Ibanez, Brandon, Madison, and for our veterans.

We pray for peace in the Holy Land most especially for our Christian brothers and sisters in Myanmar (known as Burma), Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, Tunisia, Eritrea, Yemen, Nigeria, Somalia, Israel and Palestine, and all places on the earth where people are in danger and treated unfairly, who are suffering deprivation, torture, and death for confessing Christ as their Lord.

We pray for all people in our country who are suffering from poverty, injustices, brutality, racial and sexual discrimination; for those that are sexually, physically, and verbally abused or bullied; for the unemployed and the underemployed; for the uninsured and the under insured.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray and give thanks today for the Clergy and people of St Michael's by-the-sea, in Carlsbad. And for the Diocese of Western Mexico and our companion relationship.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we give thanks today for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement.

Participants in Today's In-Person and Online Worship

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr David Madsen

Deacon: The Reverend Katherine Gordon

Reader(s): TBD

Prayers: Judy Brown

Streaming Tech: Hsa Blu Moo, Hser Tha Law, Sa Nay Kyaw

Altar Assistant: Sa Nay Kyaw

Verger: Judy Brown

Gospel Readers – Arabic / Karin: Nawal Yousif, Mary Zori, Ibtisam Bashee, Angelynn Than

Worship on the campus of St. Alban's has begun reconvening in person under the guidelines as set by San Diego County, the State of CA, and the Episcopal Diocese. Please read through them. Please call the St Alban's office at 619-444-8212 with any questions. Thank you for your help in continuing to keep our campus safe!



Thank You for Your Support
During these challenging times, we
encourage you to support your home church.
If you have no home church and like what you see here
you may support St Alban's Ministries by going to:
<https://st-albans-church.org/giving>

Announcements for the week of 12/26/2021

In Person Coffee Hour is Back!

St. Albans is starting coffee hour again! If you would like to help by doing coffee hour the same Sunday every month, please contact Kathi Mills at 619-277-0683, or Sharon Hathaway at 619-562-7598. When we start coffee hour depends on when St. Albans has someone volunteering for each Sunday. It will be a simpler coffee hour, with coffee, water, and wrapped cookies, wrapped brownies, etc. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday School Lessons via ZOOM

The Sunday School is using Zoom as an innovative way to have Sunday School lessons for those families not able to have their children meet in person. This is the hybrid format so that there is a choice offered of meeting in person OR on Zoom. Our Sunday School director, Caroline Hurd, has created a group named "St Alban's Sunday School". **Please send a text to 619-820-0674 if your children would like to join in the ZOOM lesson** and Caroline will add your cell phone number to the Sunday School families who have access to join this weekly group. Lessons will run about 20 min and begin at **9:30am** (New Time!), so families can enjoy the St Alban's live stream of the Holy Eucharist worship services also at 9:30am.

Also please note: St. Alban's Sunday School has an email address: stalbandsundayschool@gmail.com please use this as well with any questions about Sunday School or attending the Zoom Sunday School meetings.

Sunday School Zoom info: <https://zoom.us/j/93662640101>

Meeting code: 71927243001 Password: Di38xF

One tap mobile: +16699009128,,93662640101# US (San Jose)

Where to Find Other St Alban's Weekly Meetings on ZOOM

The Monthly Vestry meeting -

Vestry meeting is 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 AM

Meeting ID - 235 055 010 Password – 688794

Coffee Hour - Sundays at 11 AM

Meeting ID - 850 7170 9773 Password – 329523

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am, We are now meeting in the sanctuary, and also this service can be found on the St Alban's Facebook page each Sunday morning if you prefer to attend from your home.

Please note that this info remains the same each week. The Meeting ID's and the Passwords do not change.

Regular Notices

Prayer Requests: To make a request for the prayer chain or bulletin or to update requests, please call the St Alban's office: 619-444-8212, or email: generalbusiness@stalbanschurch.info. You are also invited to add a prayer request to be read in our Sunday public prayers. Names added will be listed for three weeks only, unless otherwise requested. We can also now receive prayer requests through our website: www.st-albans-church.org

Parking: If you are able-bodied, please park in the lot on Camden or the side streets, saving the prime spots for those who require a closer parking space. Thank you!

Report Misconduct: As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe haven for everyone, our diocese trains people in the prevention of misconduct and encourages all to report misconduct. All reported incidences are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly and confidentially. If you believe you have experienced misconduct of any kind, please contact Mr. John Seitman, jseitman@pacbell.net, 858-793-4555 or the Rev. Janet Wheelock, jwheelock@edsd.org, 952-240-8067.

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