

ST ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

9:00AM

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Welcome Newcomers!

We are blessed to have you with us today. Please sign our newcomer's book at the back of the church, introduce yourself to the priest, and join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall immediately after the service, just across the courtyard.

Our hope is that you find a home among us, in a place where the love of God is shared, the mystery of grace is experienced, and the joy and laughter of the Christian life is taught.

To learn more about St. Alban's call the office at (619) 444-8212 or email us at: generalbusiness@stalbanschurch.info. Also, check out our website at www.st-albans-church.org.



Sunday School meets in the building across the courtyard at 9:00am. The children return to their parents at the church for the Communion service. Sunday School starts **Sundays at 9:00 am**. The children will be attending in-person at St. Alban's Church in the Education Room.

Please Note: There is no Sunday School on the 1st Sunday of each month. Children are welcome to the service with their families.

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers: Ahlam Westeen, Angelynn Than & family, Bob & family, Branda Moua, Chris Miller & family, Christine Peters, Diaa, Don Mitchell, Gavin Bishop, George Elia & Ibtisam Bashee, Georgina & Phil Loveless, Hilda Ro & family, Jamal Shorees, Joy Bishop, Judith Taylor, Judy Brown, Kent Crothers, Mike & Molly, Mike & Penney Park, Marion Weist & family, Mu Tay, Pa Lae, Ricardo, the Rodriguez family, and Samir Matta.

Pray for those serving in the military: Christopher Ibanez, Joshua Ibanez, Clarence Thompkins, Donovan Burns, Jacob Swerdfeger, Lindzy Macias, Phoenix Locken, Riley McMillen, and Travis Warner.

We pray for peace in the Holy Land most especially for our Christian brothers and sisters in Ukraine, Haiti, 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.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: We give thanks today for the clergy and people of Trinity in Escondido. And for the children and leaders at Epiphany Camp at Camp Stevens. And for our Ecumenical partnerships during the Week of Christian Unity.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we give thanks today for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

Prayer Requests: To make a request 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 in the narthex to be read in our Sunday public prayers. We can also receive prayer requests through our website: www.st-albans-church.org



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Please ask the usher if you need assistance.

The Word of God

Prelude

Welcome

Please rise in body or spirit.

Opening Hymn – *Hymnal 119, “As With Gladness”*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria – S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day –

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

A period of silence is kept.

The Lessons

The First Lesson – Isaiah 49:1-7

Lector: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb He named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of His hand He hid me;
He made me a polished arrow,
in His quiver He hid me away.
And He said to me, "You are My servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be His servant,
to bring Jacob back to Him,
and that Israel might be gathered to Him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength--
He says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be My servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and His Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,

“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Read responsively by verse.

Psalm 40:1-12

1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
He stooped to me and heard my cry.
2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of
the mire and clay; *
He set my feet upon a high cliff and
made my footing sure.
3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.
4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn
to false gods.
5 Great things are they that You have done,
O LORD my God!
how great Your wonders and Your plans
for us! *
there is none who can be compared with
You.
6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell
them! *
but they are more than I can count.

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7 In sacrifice and offering You take no pleasure *
(You have given me ears to hear You);
8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering You have not
required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
"I love to do Your will, O my God;
Your law is deep in my heart."
10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great
congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, You know.
11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your
deliverance; *
I have not concealed Your love and faithfulness
from the great congregation.
12 You are the LORD;
do not withhold Your compassion from me;
*
let Your love and Your faithfulness keep me
safe forever.

The Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Lector: A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

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

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

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Music – “*Ubi Caritas*”

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

The Gospel — John 1:29-42 (Reading in Arabic)

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Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus Ibi Est.

The Gospel – John 1:29-42 (Reading in English)

Celebrant: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because He was before me.’ I myself did not know Him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that He might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him, but the One who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, He said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are You staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying, and they remained with Him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Music – “*Ubi Caritas*”

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus Ibi Est.

Sermon – The Rev. Dr. Richard Vevia, Jr.

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

Amen.

Lord Christ, You came and dwelled among us and through Your Holy Spirit You dwell among us still.

Use Word and Sacrament this day to help us know this truth more deeply in our hearts
and live its reality more fully in our lives. **Amen.**

Sequence Music – “*Ubi Caritas*”

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus Ibi Est. **(Repeat 3 times)**

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Please rise in body or spirit and join me in saying the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All say together.

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

Intercessor: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor: For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. With thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: We give thanks today for the clergy and people of **Trinity in Escondido**. And for the **children and leaders at Epiphany Camp at Camp Stevens**. And for our **Ecumenical partnerships** during the Week of Christian Unity.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For **Sean our presiding bishop, Susan our bishop, Richard our priest-in-charge**, and for all bishops, priests and deacons, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For **President Donald Trump; Governor Gavin Newsom; Mayor Bill Wells**; and all the men and women who serve our country, state, and city in leadership positions, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For **El Cajon, Lakeside, Santee, and San Diego**, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve her, let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those who travel on land, in or on water, in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those with particular concerns:

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Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For what else would the people of God pray:

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

Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the health and safety of those serving in the military, particularly:

Christopher Ibanez Joshua Ibanez Clarence Thompkins Donovan Burns Jacob Swerdfeger	Lindzy Macias Phoenix Locken Riley McMillen Travis Warner
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Intercessor: and with thanksgiving for all our veterans, let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant: For **Aelred of Rievaulx**, Monastic and Theologian, **Hilary of Poitiers**, Bishop, **Richard Meux Benson**, Priest, **Charles Gore**, Bishop, **Antony of Egypt**, Monastic, and all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of Your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Confession of Sin

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

A period of silence is kept.

All say together:

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

Absolution

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

At this time you are invited to greet others with a handshake, a wave or hug in peace as you are comfortable.

Announcements

OFFERING PRAYER

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

Celebrant: All things come from You O Lord.

People: And of Your own we have given You.

Offertory – “Your Only Son”, *Choir Anthem*

Offertory Response – *Hymnal 309, “O Food to Pilgrims Given”*

The Holy Communion

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Because in the mystery of the Word made Flesh, You have caused a new Light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

Sanctus S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are full, —
full — of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes — in the name of the Lord. —
— Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In Your infinite love You made us for Yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night He was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks to You, he broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said,

"Take, eat: This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me."

After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: This is My Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of Me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer You these gifts.

Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for our people the Body and Blood of Your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ. By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer – *(please see insert)*

A moment of reverence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Invitation

Celebrant: This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ.

It is made ready for those who love Him and who want to love Him more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed;
come, not because the church invites you;
it is Christ, and He invites you to meet Him here.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn – *Hymnal 652, “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”*

Please stand in body or spirit.

Celebrant: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

People: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and You have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve You with gladness
and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn – *Hymnal 657, “Love Divine”*

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace glorifying and praising God.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Participants in Today's In-Person and Online Worship

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Richard Vevia, Jr.

Lectors/Prayers: Colette Hurd, Joanne Bishop, Eileen McMillen, Tracy Vevia

Organist/Choirmaster: Justin Hansen

Streaming Tech: Hsa Blu Moo, Nahrien Patak

Gospel Readers: **Arabic** Nawal Yousif, Mary Zori, Jamil Shorees, Ibtisam Bashee, Nahrien Patak, Intissar Razoq, & Musa Karen Angelynn Than

Ushers: Sharon Hathaway and Lisa Hilliker

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