

# ST ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 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.

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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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. Children are welcome to the service with their families.

## PRAYERS

**Please remember in your prayers:** Ahlam Westeen, Angelynn Than & family, Bishop Susan Brown-Snook, Bob & family, Branda Moua, Chris Miller & family, Christine Peters, friends & family of Cynthia Nyblade, Diaa, Don Mitchell, Dyvid Elias, 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, Ralph McMillen, 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 St. Alban's in El Cajon. And for the youth and leaders at the Epiphany Retreat at Camp Stevens.

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer,** we give thanks today for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.st-albans-church.org)



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# The Word of God

## Prelude

## Welcome

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## Opening Hymn – *Hymnal 657, “Love Divine”*

## 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.

O God, Who before the passion of Your only begotten Son revealed His glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of His countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into His likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson – Exodus 24:12-18

**Lector:** A reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

*Read responsively by verse.*

### Psalm 99

1 The LORD is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
He is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.  
2 The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
He is high above all peoples.  
3 Let them confess His Name, which is great and  
awesome; \*  
He is the Holy One.  
4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,  
You have established equity; \*  
You have executed justice and  
righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and fall down before His footstool; \*  
He is the Holy One.  
6 Moses and Aaron among His priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon His  
Name, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and He answered  
them.  
7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept His testimonies and the decree that He  
gave them.  
8 O LORD our God, You answered them indeed; \*  
You were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.  
9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and worship Him upon His holy hill; \*  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

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## The Second Reading – 2 Peter 1:16-21

**Lector:** A reading from the second letter to Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to Him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is My Son, My Beloved, with Whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with Him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**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 — Matthew 17:1-9 (Reading in Arabic)

### Sequence Music – “*Ubi Caritas*”

### The Gospel – Matthew 17:1-9 (Reading in English)

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and His brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with Him I am well pleased; listen to Him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Sequence Music – “*Ubi Caritas*”

### 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*”

*(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 **Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean**. With thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Intercessor:** We give thanks today for the **clergy and people of St. Alban's in El Cajon**. And for the **youth and leaders at the Epiphany Retreat at Camp Stevens**.

**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:

Ahlam Westeen Angelynn Than & family Bishop Susan Brown-Snook Bob & family Branda Moua Chris Miller & family Christine Peters Friends and Family of Cynthia Nyblade Diaa Don Mitchell Dyvid Elias 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 Ralph McMillen Ricardo the Rodriguez family Samir Matta
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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

**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 **Janani Luwum**, Archbishop & Martyr, **Agnes Tsao Kou Ying**, **Agatha Lin Zhao** and **Lucy Yi Zhenmei**, Catechists & Martyrs, **Fredrick Douglass**, Social Reformer, 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 – “*Peace Among Earth’s Peoples*”

## 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 – *LEV 251, "Lead Me Lord"***

*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

### Farewell to Alleluia

Celebrant: Dear Friends in Christ, today we bring to a close the season of joy and revelation – the season of Epiphany. This is the season that celebrates the shining forth of the Infant Redeemer to the Gentiles when the Magi brought their worship. This is the season recalling the shining forth of the Spirit of God at Our Blessed Lord's Baptism. The season culminated in today's recounting of the shining forth of a bit of the glory of the Father at Our Lord's Transfiguration.

The "Alleluia" with which we sing and shout our praise during the joyous times is now put away, until we acclaim on the joyous Feast of Easter, "Christ is risen! Alleluia!"

As we look for its return, we look for the Resurrection – the Resurrection that gives us hope for ourselves and those we love as we all pass through the grave.

## Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can-not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - ilies still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.



## Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Go in peace glorifying and praising God.  
**All:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude

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### Participants in Today's In-Person and Online Worship

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

**Assisting in Worship:** Mary Zori

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

**Organist/Chormaster:** 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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