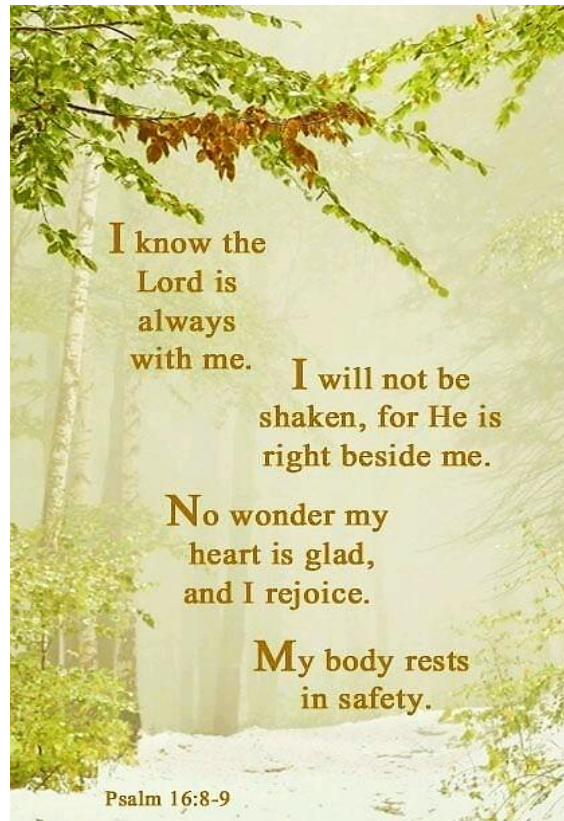


ST ALBANS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026  
9:00AM

THE REV. DR. RICHARD VEVIA, JR.  
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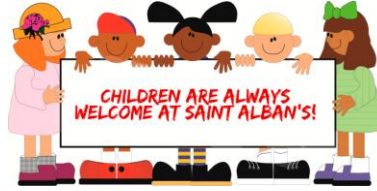
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## Welcome Newcomers!

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](mailto:generalbusiness@stalbanschurch.info). Also, check out our website at [www.st-albans-church.org](http://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 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, Amanda & family, Angelynn Than & family, Bob & family, Branda Moua, Chris Miller & family, Christine Peters, Diaa, Don Mitchell, Dyvid Elias, Eileen McMillen, Gavin Bishop, George Elia & Ibtisam Bashee, Georgina & Phil Loveless, Helen Mallancy, Hilda Ro & family, Jamal Shorees, Joy Bishop, Judith Taylor, Judy Brown, Kent Crothers, Mike & Molly, Mike & Penny Park, Marion Weist & family, Mu Tay, Pa Lae, Ricardo, The Rodriguiz family, Samir Matta, and Vivien.

**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 women, children and leadership of Comunidad de Luz.

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer,** we give thanks today for Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.

**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 –

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 and everlasting God, Who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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 – Acts 2:14a,22-32

**Lector:** A reading from the book of Acts

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through Him among you, as you yourselves know— this Man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised Him up, having freed Him from death, because it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. For David says concerning Him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for He is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that He would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did His flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 16**

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<p>1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in You; * I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my Good above all other."</p> <p><b>2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.</b></p> <p>3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.</p> <p><b>4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.</b></p> <p>5 O LORD, You are my portion and my cup; * it is You who uphold my lot.</p>	<p><b>6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.</b></p> <p>7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.</p> <p><b>8 I have set the LORD always before me; * because He is at my right hand I shall not fall.</b></p> <p>9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.</p> <p><b>10 For You will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let Your Holy One see the Pit.</b></p> <p>11 You will show me the path of life; * in Your presence there is fullness of joy, and in Your right hand are pleasures for evermore.</p>
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**The Second Reading – 1 Peter 1:3-9**

**Lector:** A reading from Paul’s first letter to Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Music – LEV 277 “The Lord is my Light”**

**The Gospel — John 20:19-31 (Reading in Arabic)**

**Sequence Music – LEV 277 “The Lord is my Light”**

**The Gospel – John 20:19-31 (Reading in English)**

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in His side, I will not believe."

A week later His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it in My side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name.

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

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

### **Sequence Music – LEV 277 “The Lord is my Light”**

### **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 – LEV 277 “The Lord is my Light”**

*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 **Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola**. With thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

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

**Intercessor:** For the women, children and leadership of **Comunidad de Luz**.

**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:

<p><b>Ahlam Westeen</b> <b>Amanda &amp; family</b> <b>Angelynn Than &amp; family</b> <b>Bob &amp; family</b> <b>Branda Moua</b> <b>Chris Miller &amp; family</b> <b>Christine Peters</b> <b>Diaa</b> <b>Don Mitchell</b> <b>Dyvid Elias</b> <b>Eileen McMillen</b> <b>Gavin Bishop</b> <b>George Elia &amp; Ibtisam Bashee</b> <b>Georgina &amp; Phil Loveless</b> <b>Helen Mallancy</b></p>	<p><b>Hilda Ro &amp; family</b> <b>Jamal Shorees</b> <b>Joy Bishop</b> <b>Judith Taylor</b> <b>Judy Brown</b> <b>Kent Crothers</b> <b>Mike &amp; Molly</b> <b>Mike &amp; Penny Park</b> <b>Marion Weist &amp; family</b> <b>Mu Tay</b> <b>Pa Lae</b> <b>Ricardo</b> <b>the Rodriguiz family</b> <b>Samir Matta</b> <b>Vivien</b></p>
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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:

<p><b>Christopher Ibanez</b> <b>Joshua Ibanez</b> <b>Clarence Thompkins</b> <b>Donovan Burns</b> <b>Jacob Swerdfeger</b></p>	<p><b>Lindzy Macias</b> <b>Phoenix Locken</b> <b>Riley McMillen</b> <b>Travis Warner</b></p>
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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 **Zenaida, Philonella, and Hermione**, Unmercenary Physicians, **Damien**, Priest, **Marianne Cope**, Monastic, **Peter William Cassey**, Deacon and **Anna Besant Cassey**, **Kateri Tekakawitha**, Lay Contemplative, **Juana Ines de la Cruz**, Monastic and Theologian, 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 –**

**Offertory Response –**

## **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. But chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, Who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has won for us everlasting life.

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 pew card)***

*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.

### **Communion Hymn –**

*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 –**

### **Dismissal**

**Celebrant:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### **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/Choirmaster:** Justin Hansen

**Streaming Tech:** Lily Airy

**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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