

ST ALBANS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Our lives
are in His hands
and He keeps
our feet
from stumbling

Psalm 66:9

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 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.

To the Parents of Our Young Children

We are so glad you are here! We know how challenging it can be to get a family out the door to come to church. We hope you can relax and receive the gifts of God that are here for you today. Please don't worry about squirming children or crying babies. All are welcome here. If you feel you must leave the service with your child, please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." We want them to know they are at home in this house of worship.

To All Worshippers

The presence of those with special needs is a gift to us and the Church. Please welcome all children and give their parents a smile of encouragement. Please greet those with special needs and their families, helping them to know they are valued and accepted in our community. Please introduce yourself to someone you do not know.

Thank you for being the welcoming Body of Christ!

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers: Ahlam Westeen, Amanda & family, Angelynn Than & family, Bernice & Grace, Bob & family, Branda Moua, Chris Miller & family, Christine Peters, friends & family of David Webb, Daa, Don Mitchell, Dyvid Elias, Eileen McMillen, Gavin Bishop, George Elia & Ibtisam Bashee, Georgina & Phil Loveless, Helen Mallancy, Hilda Ro & family, Jamal Shorees, Jason Longsworth, 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, Shae Paw & Lily, and Vivien.

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

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. John's in Indio.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we give thanks today for The Church of Pakistan (United).

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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The Word of God

Prelude

Welcome

Please rise in body or spirit.

Opening Hymn – Hymnal 180, “He Is Risen”

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, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards You, that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 17:22-31

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, He who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor He made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and He allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for Him and find Him—though indeed He is not far from each one of us. For ‘In Him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are His offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed, and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Read responsively by verse.

Psalm 66:7-18

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7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of His praise to be heard;
8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
 9 For You, O God, have proved us; *
 You have tried us just as silver is tried.
10 You brought us into the snare; *
You laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and water; *
 but You brought us out into a place of
 refreshment.
12 I will enter Your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay You my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in
trouble.

13 I will offer You sacrifices of fat beasts
 with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give You oxen and goats.
14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what He has done for me.
 15 I called out to Him with my mouth, *
 and His praise was on my tongue.
16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
 He has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my
prayer, *
nor withheld His love from me.

The Second Reading – 1 Peter 3:13-22

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

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also He went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to Him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.



Sequence Music – S 164, “Jesus Lamb of God”

The Gospel —John 14:15-21 (Reading in Arabic)



Sequence Music – S 164, “Jesus Lamb of God”

The Gospel – John 14:15-21 ((Reading in English)



Celebrant: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.



Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, because He abides with you, and He will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. They who have My commandments and keep them are those who love Me; and those who love Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love them and reveal Myself to them."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Sequence Music – S 164, "Jesus Lamb of God"

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 became flesh 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 – S 164, "Jesus Lamb of God"

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 Pakistan (United)**. With thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the clergy and people of clergy and people of **St. John's in Indio**, let us pray to the Lord.

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>Ahlam Westeen Amanda & family Angelynn Than & family Bernice & Grace Bob & family Branda Moua Chris Miller & family Christine Peters friends & family of David Webb Diaa Don Mitchell Dyvid Elias Eileen McMillen Gavin Bishop George Elia & Ibtisam Bashee Georgina & Phil Loveless Helen Mallancy</p>	<p>Hilda Ro & family Jamal Shorees Jason Longsworth 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 Shae Paw & Lily Vivien</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>Christopher Ibanez Joshua Ibanez Clarence Thompkins David Longsworth Donovan Burns Jacob Swerdfeger</p>	<p>Lindzy Macias Phoenix Locken Riley McMillen Travis Warner Xavier Arthurs</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 **Johan Arndt & Jacob Boehme**, Mystics, **Frances Perkins**, Social Reformer, **Pachomius of Tabenissi**, 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 – Hymnal 62, “In Christ There Is No East Or West”

Offertory Response – Hymnal 676, “There is a Balm in Gilead”

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 – *(Arabic/English - 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 – Hymnal 314, “Humbly I Adore Thee, Verity Unseen”

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 460, “Alleluia Sing To Jesus”

Dismissal

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

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/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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