

ST ALBANS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



SUNDAY, MAY 17, 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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### 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, Diaa, 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:** Barnes, 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. Matthew's in National City. And also, for the richness and diverse cultures in the church and the essential role of intercultural dialogue and development.

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer,** we give thanks today for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

**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 214, “Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise”*

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, the King of glory, You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

**People:** **Amen.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson – Acts 1:6-14

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

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when You will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When He had said this, as they were watching, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. While He was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as His brothers.

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

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

# The Psalm

*Read responsively by verse.*

**Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

**BCP Page 676, 678-679**

<p>1 Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; * let those who hate Him flee before Him.</p> <p>2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; * as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.</p> <p>3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; * let them also be merry and joyful.</p> <p>4 Sing to God, sing praises to His Name; exalt Him who rides upon the heavens; * YAHWEH is His Name, rejoice before Him!</p> <p>5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, * God in His holy habitation!</p> <p>6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; * but the rebels shall live in dry places.</p> <p>7 O God, when You went forth before Your people, * when You marched through the wilderness,</p>	<p>8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, * at the presence of God, the God of Israel.</p> <p>9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon Your inheritance; * You refreshed the land when it was weary.</p> <p>10 Your people found their home in it; * in Your goodness, O God, You have made provision for the poor.</p> <p>33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * sing praises to the Lord.</p> <p>34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * He sends forth His voice, His mighty voice.</p> <p>35 Ascribe power to God; * His majesty is over Israel; His strength is in the skies.</p> <p>36 How wonderful is God in His holy places! * the God of Israel giving strength and power to His people! Blessed be God!</p>
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## The Second Reading – 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

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

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when His glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert.

Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

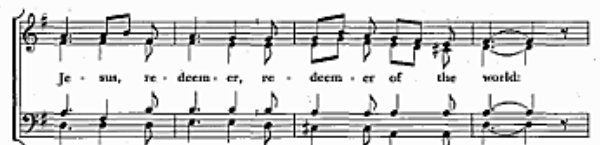
**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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

**The Gospel —John 17:1-11 (Reading in Arabic)**

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



## **The Gospel – John 17:1-11 ( (Reading in English)**

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son so that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I glorified You on earth by finishing the work that You gave Me to do. So now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had in Your presence before the world existed.

”I have made Your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything You have given Me is from You; for the words that You gave to Me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom You gave me, because they are Yours. All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them in Your name that You have given Me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

**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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea**. With thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

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

**Intercessor:** For the clergy and people of clergy and people of **St. Matthew's, National City**. **And also, for the richness and diverse cultures in the church and the essential role of intercultural dialogue and development**, 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 reasonable 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 &amp; family Angelynn Than &amp; family Bernice &amp; Grace Bob &amp; family Branda Moua Chris Miller &amp; family Christine Peters friends &amp; family of David Webb Diaa Don Mitchell Dyvid Elias Eileen McMillen Gavin Bishop George Elia &amp; Ibtisam Bashee Georgina &amp; Phil Loveless Helen Mallancy</p>	<p>Hilda Ro &amp; family Jamal Shorees Jason Longsworth Joy Bishop Judith Taylor Judy Brown Kent Crothers Mike &amp; Molly Mike &amp; Penny Park Marion Weist &amp; family Mu Tay Pa Lae Ricardo the Rodriguiz family Samir Matta Shae Paw &amp; 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>Barnes Christopher Ibanez Joshua Ibanez Clarence Thompkins David Longsworth Donovan Burns</p>	<p>Jacob Swerdfeger 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 **Dunstan**, Archbishop of Canterbury, **Alcuin of York**, Deacon, **Lydia of Thyatira**, Coworker of the Apostle Paul, **Helena of Constantinople**, Protector of the Holy Places, 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 685, “Rock Of Ages”**

**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 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 625, “Ye Holy Angels Bright”**

**Dismissal**

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

**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.

**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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