

ST ALBANS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 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](mailto:generalbusiness@stalbanschurch.info). Also, check out our website at [www.st-albans-church.org](http://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, 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, Laurie Ibanez, 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 Alban's in El Cajon. And also for the City of El Cajon and its civic leadership in our community.

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer,** we give thanks today for The Scottish Episcopal Church.

**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.*

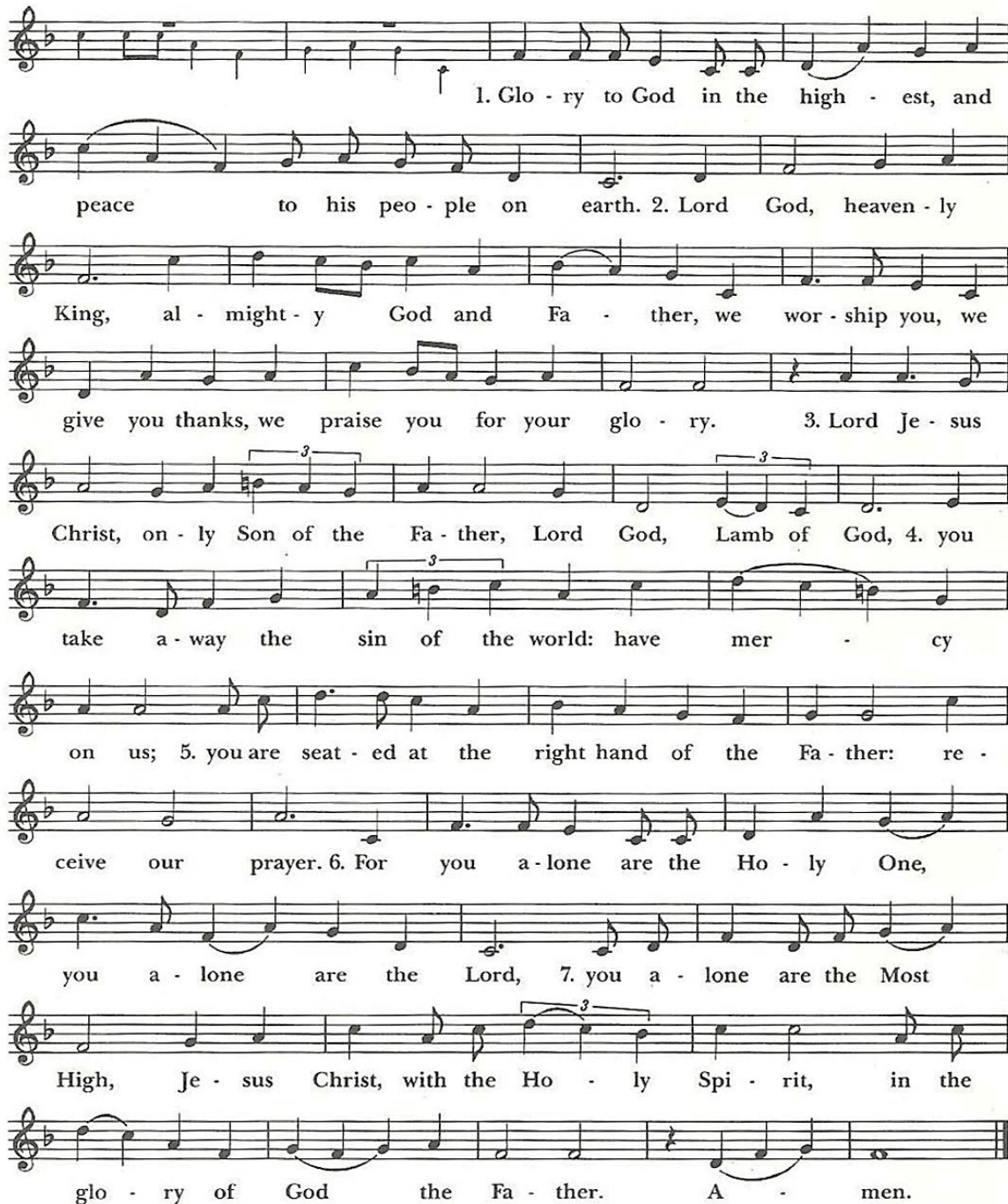
Opening Hymn – *Hymnal 636, “How Firm A Foundation”*

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, from Whom all good proceeds: Grant that by Your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by Your merciful guiding may do them; 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 – Hosea 5:15-6:6

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

Thus says the Lord: “I will return again to My place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face. In their distress they will beg My favor: ‘Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is He who has torn, and He will heal us; He has struck down, and He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; His appearing is as sure as the dawn; He will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.’ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of My mouth, and My judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”

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

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

### The Psalm

*Read responsively by verse.*

#### Psalm 50:7-15

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7 Hear, O My people, and I will speak:  
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.

**8 I do not accuse you because of your  
sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before Me.**

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
nor he-goats out of your pens;

**10 For all the beasts of the forest are Mine, \*  
the herds in their thousands upon the  
hills.**

11 I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in My  
sight.

**12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is Mine and all that is in  
it.**

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?

**14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most High.  
Hosea**

15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor Me."

## **The Second Reading – Romans 4:13-25**

**Lector:** A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

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

### **Sequence Music – LEV 85, “Let All that is Within Me Cry Holy”**

Let all that is within me cry, “Holy!”

Let all that is within me cry, “Holy!”

Holy! Holy! Holy is the Lamb that was slain.

### **The Gospel —Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (Reading in Arabic)**

### **Sequence Music – LEV 85, “Let All that is Within Me Cry Holy”**

### **The Gospel – Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 ( (Reading in English)**

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and He said to him, “Follow Me.” And he got up and followed Him. And as He sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Him and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when He heard this, He said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While He was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before Him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with His disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch His cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her He said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, He said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at Him. But when the crowd had been put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People:** Praise to You, Lord Christ.

**Sequence Music – LEV 85, “Let All that is Within Me Cry Holy”**

**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 – LEV 85, “Let All that is Within Me Cry Holy”**

*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 Scottish Episcopal Church**. With thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Intercessor:** For the clergy and people of **St Alban's in El Cajon**. And also, for the **City of El Cajon and its civic leadership in our community**. 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 &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</p>	<p>Hilda Ro &amp; family Jamal Shorees Jason Longsworth Joy Bishop Judith Taylor Judy Brown Kent Crothers Laurie Ibanez Mike &amp; Molly Mike &amp; Penny Park Marion Weist &amp; family Mu Tay Pa Lae Ricardo the Rodriguiz family Samir Matta</p>
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<b>Georgina &amp; Phil Loveless</b> <b>Helen Mallancy</b>	<b>Shae Paw &amp; Lily</b> <b>Vivien</b>
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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:

<b>Barnes</b> <b>Christopher Ibanez</b> <b>Joshua Ibanez</b> <b>Clarence Thompkins</b> <b>David Longsworth</b> <b>Donovan Burns</b>	<b>Jacob Swerdfeger</b> <b>Lindzy Macias</b> <b>Phoenix Locken</b> <b>Riley McMillen</b> <b>Travis Warner</b> <b>Xavier Arthurs</b>
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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 **Melania the Elder**, Monastic, **Columba of Iona**, Monastic, **Ephrem of Nisibis**, Deacon and Poet, **Saint Barnabas the Apostle**, **Emmegahbowh**, Priest and Missionary, 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 – “Shepherd Me, Oh God” – Tracy Vevia, Solo**

## 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. In fulfillment of His true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to Your Church the power to serve You as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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



**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 643, “My God How Wonderful Thou Art”**

*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 680, “Oh God Our Help In Ages Past”**

**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, 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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***SAVE THE DATE: 21 June is St. Alban's Day***

The custom of having a patron saint can be traced to the practice of building churches over the tombs of martyrs. Patron s..... may be chosen for a variety of reasons. For example, a church that was founded on a saint's day might have that saint as patron.

The feast of a church's patron or title may be observed on or transferred to a Sunday, taking precedence over the usual Sunday observance in the calendar of the church year (excerpted from *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*).

**Our patronal saint is St. Alban, first martyr of England.**

According to the historian Bede, St. Alban served in the Roman army and was converted to Christianity by a fugitive priest whom he sheltered and with whom he exchanged clothes, so that he was martyred in the priest's place ([www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Alban](http://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Alban)).

We will celebrate St. Alban on 21 June. We will be dedicating a cover for our Arabic Gospel Book and a new icon of St. Alban. **New information: There will be a barbecue hosted by the Vestry. Please bring a side dish to share.**