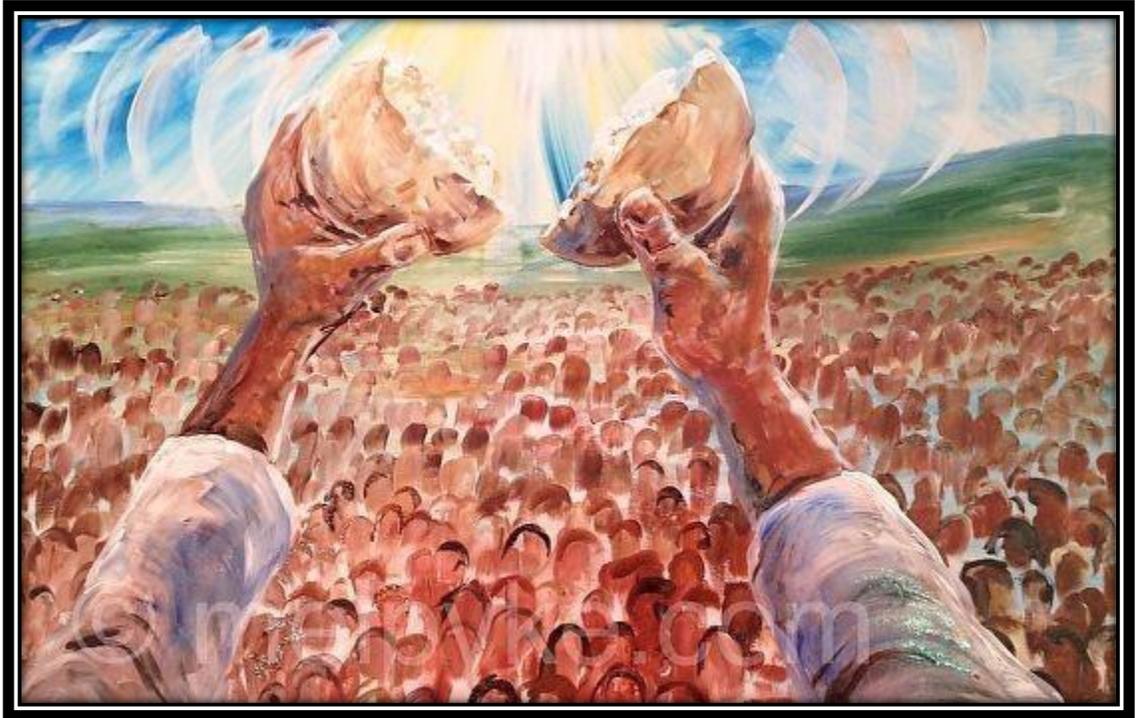


St. Alban's Anglican Church

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10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 1st, 2021

10:00 am In-person & On-line

St. Alban's Anglican Church is an inclusive community of disciples of Jesus Christ serving God in the heart of Richmond through Worship, Caring ministry and Outreach. All are Welcome.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Reader: Eric Hanson

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 51: 1-12

Have mercy on me, O God,*
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion*
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity*
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,*
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned*
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict*
and justified when you judge.
Surely I was sinful at birth,*
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;*
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;*
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;*
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins*
and blot out all my iniquity.
Create in me a pure heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence*
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. we must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

Reader: Katherine Yeo

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.

So, when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:24-35

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

The Reverend Armand Mercier

Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

All I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers & Intercessions

Katherine Yeo

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant

Most merciful God,

All

**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 neighbours 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.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Peace

People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

1. **You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart, to feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart. Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.**
2. **You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too, to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do. Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.**
4. **You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live, to know we best receive when joyfully we give. Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

God our sustainer,
**accept all we offer you this day,
and feed us continually with that bread
which satisfies all hunger,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

Holy Eucharist Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
CP 719 **heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
 for the goodness and love
 you have made known to us in creation;
 in calling Israel to be your people;
 in your Word spoken through the prophets;
 and above all in the Word made flesh,
 Jesus your Son.
 For in these last days you sent him
 to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
 In him, you have delivered us from evil,
 and made us worthy to stand before you.
 In him, you have brought us
 out of error into truth,
 out of sin into righteousness,
 out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death
a death he freely accepted,
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, Father, according to his command,

All

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

People

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

We break this bread
To share in the body of Christ.

All

**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless-
and we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

- 1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. Ref**
- 2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. Ref**
- 3. Grain for the field, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. Ref**

Prayer after Communion

God of grace,
we have shared in the mystery
of the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have tasted the bread of life
live with you for ever.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

**Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Blessing

1. **Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us, shine on me, shine on me.**

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. **Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness; search me, try me, consume all my darkness, shine on me, shine on me.** *Ref*
3. **As we gaze on your kingly brightness so our faces display your likeness; everchanging from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story, shine on me, shine on me.** *Ref*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Volunteers Needed – Please contact Pam Hiensch

We need two volunteers to be in the church from 1 - 3 p.m. each Thursday for Open Prayer. Pam would like to have enough volunteers so that you would only have to do it once a month. Once she hears from you, she will be able to make up a schedule. For more information please call Pam @ 604-277-5143!

Please join us
Today as we

Welcome our New Vicar
Reverend Armand Mercier,
wife Carol Anne and their
children Etienne & Benoit!!

Cake & Coffee will be served after the 10am service!!



Celebration of a New Ministry

Monday August 16th, 2021

7:00 pm

The installation of a new leader of ministry is a significant moment! Please join the congregation, The Reverend Armand Mercier and the Archdeacon of Fraser The Venerable Luisito (Louie) Engnan in this wonderful moment in the life of St. Alban's community of faith!

The Reverend Armand Mercier has been chosen to teach and proclaim God's word, to lead in prayer and worship, and to guide in living according to the Gospel!

**Join us in the church hall afterword's for a small reception
and welcome Rev. Armand to St Albans!**

THANK YOU TO NANDOS' AND THEIR RICHMOND STAFF!!!

Nelson Mandela International Day is on 18 July every year. On his 90th birthday, in London's Hyde Park, Mandela said, "It is time for new hands to lift the burdens.... By dedicating 67 minutes of your time ---one for every year of Mandela's service – people can give back to the world around them and make a contribution to global humanitarianism.

Founded in Johannesburg South Africa, Nando's is a fast-food chain with 1200 outlets in 35 countries, specializing in flame grilled chicken. Richmond Nando staff volunteered their time on the 18th of July and made 67 chicken wraps to be given to St. Alban's Outreach for distribution to those in need. This was done last Sunday 18 July by Team Sunday. The recipients were very grateful. Some live on the streets, some in the bushes, some on boats or mobile units.



Prayers for the Week of August 1st, 2021

✠ **For the World:**

- + for peace between all nations and wisdom for the nations' leaders;
- + for an end to prejudice, hatred, bullying and violence;
- + for justice, food, shelter and education for all earth's children.
- + that the vaccines for COVID 19 will continue to be swiftly distributed to all people.

✠ **For the Church:**

- + for the Anglican Communion:

- **Justin Welby**, Archbishop of Canterbury.

For the Anglican Church in Canada,

- **Linda Nicholls**, our Primate, **John Stephens** our Bishop, and our Archbishop **Lynne McNaughton** and for people and ministries of **St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby, St. Stephen, West Vancouver, The Archdeaconry of Fraser**. for the Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines, our Companion Diocese, **Bishop Brent Alawas**.

- + for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, Partner in Communion with us,

- **Susan Johnson**, Presiding Bishop and **Greg Mohr**, Bishop of the Western Synod
- **Christoph Reiner & the people of Our Saviour Lutheran Church**

✠ **For the Nation:**

- + for our leaders, **Justin Trudeau** and the members of Parliament and the Senate;
- + for our Province of British Columbia and our City of Richmond, and those who lead us: **John Horgan, Malcolm Brodie, and Bonnie Henry**, our Provincial Health Officer.
- + for all as we wait vaccines and the lessening of pandemic restrictions;
- + for our land and waters to be well-cared for.

✠ **For St. Alban's:**

- + for our staff, **Jennifer, Kyumin and Mary**;
- + for our **Altar Guild and Hospitality Groups**.
- + for all programmes under our **Outreach** umbrella, and those who lead them;
- + for the **Volunteers** whose work makes these essential services happen;
- + for all members of our congregation near and far.

✠ **For the Sick and Suffering:**

- + those recovering: Jennifer Everson
- + those who are sick: June Svensson, Valerie Scherban, Esther White and Eric Hanson.
- + those who are shut away from family at this time;
- + the addicted and those who work to address this 'hidden epidemic'

✠ **For the Dying:**

- + For those who have died, and those who mourn, especially those unable to be with loved ones at their endings and those who wait for times to gather and remember their beloved dead.

Staff Office hours:

Jennifer – Tues & Thurs work from home.

Wed's and Fri in the office 9am -12pm.

Please note Jennifer's "in office" schedule can change weekly depending on circumstances.

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Ministering Through the Liturgy

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Reverend Armand Mercier

Music:

Kyumin Lee

Bulletin:

Jennifer Kirk

Readers:

Eric Hanson, Stan O'Keeffe, Katherine Yeo

Intercessions:

Katherine Yeo

Greeter:

June Fletcher

Altar Guild:

Stephanie Christie & Anne Denis

Flowers:

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of our parents on what would have been their 76th wedding anniversary by Sue Robertson, Eric Hanson and Janet Redford.

From the Church Library: The Flying Scotsman / Sally Magnusson. (922 MAG)

The biography of Eric Liddell, highlighted in the film. *Chariots of Fire*, who won an Olympic gold medal, then went on to become a missionary in China. To reserve this book, please email Kathy [deakyeo2\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:deakyeo2(at)gmail.com)