

St. Alban's Anglican Church

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9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 25th, 2021

8:30 am BCP Service 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 Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

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*"St. Alban's Anglican Church, Richmond, acknowledge we gather on the ancestral lands of the
Coast Salish people, the hən̓ q̓'əmin̓ ʔəm̓ 'language group."*

Prayer

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And with thy Spirit.

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Trisagion

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

Collect

O God,
the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal,
that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

Reader: Sandy Scherban

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

Thanks be to God

Psalm 145: 10-18

All your works praise you, LORD;*
your faithful people extol you.
They tell of the glory of your kingdom*
and speak of your might,
so that all people may know of your mighty acts*
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,*
and your dominion endures through all generations.
The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises*
and faithful in all he does.
The LORD upholds all who fall*
and lifts up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,*
and you give them their food at the proper time.

You open your hand*
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
The LORD is righteous in all his ways*
and faithful in all he does.
The LORD is near to all who call on him,*
to all who call on him in truth.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3: 14-21

Reader:

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

Reader: Rev Fergusson

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.

Jesus said,” whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. “Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6:5-15

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

The Reverend Jim Fergusson

Hymn:

Just a closer walk with Thee

Rev Fergusson

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God, of God; Light, of Light;
very God, of very God;
begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father;
through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of
the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and
was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
and I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And
the Life of the world to come. Amen**

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, our Bishop **John Stephens**, and our Archbishop **Lynne McNaughton** that they may all by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments (*Diocesan prayer list*): prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the gospel of thy kingdom among the nations (*the Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines, Brent Alawas, bishop*); and to thy all people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness of all the days of their life (*St. Alban's congregational prayer list*).

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace; and grant unto thy servant **ELIZABETH** our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. (*Canadian leaders*)

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired (*name*)s.

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; and we bless thy holy name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom (*names*)

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen**

Confession and Absolution

Hear what comfortable words our Lord Jesus Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto to me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matt 11:28

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Jn 3:16

Hear also what St. Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be believed, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

I Tim 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2.1,2

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord

**Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of
sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy
upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***All* And with thy spirit.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of Gifts

The Prayer over the Gifts God of grace,
**accept all we offer you this day, accept all we offer you this
day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we
ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Thanksgiving and Consecration

Priest The Lord be with you.

***All* And with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts;

***All* We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

***All* It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. Therefore with angels and archangels, and, with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me".

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

All **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee,
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

or

Lamb of God

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, **have mercy upon us.**
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, **have mercy upon us.**
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

Communion.

After Holy Communion

The Priest shall then continue:

God of grace,
we have received the memorial
of the death and resurrection of your Son.
May your love, poured into us,
bring us to your promises.
We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ

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**

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen*

Blessing and Dismissal

Priest The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Go in the Light of Christ!
Thanks be to God.

Please join us

TODAY

on the

Garden Lawn

after the 10am service

as we say farewell to

Rev. Jim Fergusson



Prayer Cycle for week July 25th, 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 be swiftly distributed to all people.

✠ **For the Church:**

+ for the Anglican Communion:

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

For the Anglican Church in Canada,

- o **Linda Nicholls**, our Primate, and **John Stephens** our Bishop, and our Archbishop **Lynne McNaughton** and for people and ministries of **St. Anne , Steveston, The Diocesan Refugee Unit and 127 Society for housing.** 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,

- o **Susan Johnson**, Presiding Bishop and **Greg Mohr**, Bishop of the Western Synod
- o **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 **Dr. 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 **Wardens and Parish Council members.**
- + 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 Friday in the office 9am -12pm.

Please note Jennifer's "in-office" schedule can change at any time.

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Ministering Through the Liturgy Today

Celebrant & Preacher:

Music:

Bulletin:

Altar Guild:

Readers:

Flowers:

Reverend Jim Fergusson

Kyumin Lee

Jennifer Kirk

Stephanie Christie

Sandy Scherban, Reader & Rev Fergusson

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Sue Robertson with loving thoughts of her dear friend Donna.

Please join us

Next Sunday August 1st to welcome our new Vicar
Reverend Father Armand Mercier, his wife Carol Anne
and their children Etienne & Benoit!!

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@gmail.com)