

St. Alban's Anglican Church

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 21st, 2024
10:00 am
All Welcome.

January 21st, 2024 – *Third Sunday after Epiphany*
Welcome to St. Alban's Church and to our In-person and online worship.

"St. Alban's Anglican Church, Richmond, acknowledge we gather on the ancestral, unceded lands of the Musqueam people, the hən'q'əmín'əm' language group. We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is God's land." And work today and each day to live in right relationship and reconciliation.

10:00 am Eucharist - The Book of Alternative Services (BAS)

Processional Hymn Will you Come and Follow Me

CP 340

The Gathering of the Community

Introduction

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh
and splendour of the Creator:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

Glory, in the Highest Glory

CP 366

- 1. Glory, in the highest glory, peace to all, in all their days. Worship, thanks, and praise unceasing to the Source of all we raise: reigning in the sapphire height, hidden from our mortal sight, now receive our adoration, as we make our supplication.**
- 2. Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Lamb of God, for sinners given, Word eternal, born of Mary, Word made flesh, the face of heaven: holy one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day, with the Spirit there untied, and the God-head high exalted.**

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, with those you called by the lakeside, **may we follow you, proclaiming the reign of God, and sharing your mission to bring good news to all; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the book of Jonah

Stan O’Keeffe

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. *Jonah 3.1-5*

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 62: 5-12

563

Refrain: In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy. Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

For God alone my soul in silence waits; *

truly, my hope is in God.

God alone is my rock and my salvation, *

my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken. **R**

In God is my safety and my honour, *

my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in God always, O people, *

pour out your hearts before the One who is your refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *

even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together. **R**

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Leise Jim

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. *1 Corinthians 7.29-31*

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CP 714

The Gospel

Reverend Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. *Mark 1:4-11*

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Reverend Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

When Long Before Time

CP 307

The Prayer over the Gifts

**Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came
among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have
blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others.
With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout
for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer D

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.**

Almighty God, Loving Parent to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,** **CP 722**
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes, who comes, who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Creator of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

All **This is our song:**
 Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Gracious God, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

All **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. 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.**

Communion Hymn

God is Calling through the Whisper

SNC 97

- 1. God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs, through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise. Flash of lighting, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder: God is calling can you hear? God is calling can you hear?**
- 2. God is calling through the voices of our neighbours' urgent prayers, through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair. Place of hurt or face or needing; strident cry or silent pleading: God is calling can you hear? God is calling can you hear?**

3. **God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts, through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts. Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing: God is calling can we hear? God is calling can we hear?**

Communion Hymn

Bless the Lord, My Soul

CP 360

Prayer after Communion

Radiant God,
**with our eyes we have seen your salvation,
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.
May your Word take flesh in us, so that we may be your holy
people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

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

Sending Hymn

When the King Shall Come Again

CP 109



Liturgy Meeting Sunday January 28th
after the 10:00 am service

Please join us to discuss Liturgy for Lent and 2024

Coldest Night of the Year

It's cold out there. And on February 24, 360 Community is going to do something about it. We're joining thousands of Canadians in walking and fundraising to support people and families struggling with hurt, hunger, and homelessness in our community. To know more about the walk, sponsor us and join our team, please visit walk.w-ith.me/360c

Prayers for the People January 21st, 2024

- ✠ **For the World:** + As we look for wisdom in the world, wisdom in our homes, and wisdom in our hearts we pray for the World. We pray for peace around the world, especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land, -the land you took your first steps on, the place where you were shaped and formed, loved and taught. We pray for wisdom and courage for those whose decisions affect the lives and deaths of many.
- ✠ **For the Church:** + in the Anglican Communion: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity The Church of South India (United). We Pray for the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East; covering the areas of Israel, Palestine, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon, we pray for her people and clergy and their Archbishop Hosam.
- ✠ **In the Anglican Church in Canada:** ACC Our Primate Linda Nicholls, The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry; **ELCIC** Bishop Michael Pryse, the people and rostered ministers of the Eastern Synod; **TOGETHER** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the ecumenical work and witness of our churches. **In the Diocese of New Westminster:** Bishop John, St. Agnes, North Vancouver - St. Paul, Vancouver - St. Titus, Oakridge -St. Timothy, Brentwood.
- ✠ **For St. Alban's:** we pray for all those who take leadership in our parish, we pray for our Clergy Liz, Bill and Kathy. We pray for our Outreach ministry and all those who organize, volunteer and access our services. We pray for the *360 Ministry (Chinese Language Ministry) and the continued growth and energy they bring. We pray for everyone who calls this place their home, near and far, known and unknown. May we all bring your light to the world.
- ✠ **For the Sick and Suffering:** + Fay Leung, June Svensson, Anthony Larson, Bernadette Seow, Sandra Thorp, Corie, Dong Sheng Jin, Anne Denis, Lenore Clemens, James Carter, Jack, Reverend Jim Fergusson, June, Karen Monique, Archdeacon Philippa, Mother Vivian Lam and Angela Appleton.
- ✠ **For all those who we love but see no longer:** + We pray for all those we love but see no longer (*remembering especially*). Rest eternal grant unto them O lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them, may they be received in God's loving arms and may all those who have died rest in peace and rise in glory.



Vestry Notes

Our annual Vestry meeting will be held in February 2024. It's that time of year again that I ask all heads of each Ministry and board members to send their reports into Jennifer's office via email for my year-end report by January 31st, 2024. Thank you!!!!

Board Reports - Due by Jan 31st, 2024

- Vicar's Report
- Music Report
- Properties and Gardens and Rentals

Reports from Ministry Areas - Due by Jan 31st, 2024

- Hospitality Group
- Altar Guild
- ~~Library Report~~
- The Community Meal at St. Alban's
- Friday Lunch, Sunday Outreach
- Weds Hamper Program

Financial Reports

- ~~Envelope Secretary - Due by Jan 31st, 2024~~
- 2023 Financial Statements (unaudited)
- 2024 Budget

Staff Office hours:

Jennifer – Tues & Thurs work from home. **Wed's and Fri in the office 9am -12pm.**

Elizabeth – **Office Day Fridays** - Tuesday & Wednesday offsite but please email or call.

Please email:

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Ministering Through the Liturgy

<i>Celebrant:</i>	Reverend Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz
<i>Preacher:</i>	Reverend Bill Mok
<i>Deacon:</i>	Reverend Katherine Yeo
<i>Music:</i>	Benjamin Sigerson
<i>Readers:</i>	Stan O'Keeffe, Leise Jim, Rev E. Ruder-Celiz
<i>Intercessions:</i>	Reverend Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz

Communion Administrator:

Greeter: Stan O'Keeffe

Alta Guild: Stephanie Christie

Flowers: The flowers in the Chancel are dedicated to the glory of God.

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