

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ASCENSION DAY  
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MORNING PRAYER RITE 2  
ONLINE SERVICE BULLETIN

**Morning Prayer beginning on page 77**

**Opening Acclamation**

**Officiant:** Alleluia Christ is risen!

**People:** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Officiant:** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (Colossians 3:1)

*The Invitatory and Psalter page 80*

**Invitatory**

**Officiant:** Lord, open our lips.

**People:** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Officiant and People:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Officiant:** Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.

**People:** Alleluia!

*Please be seated for the readings.*

**First Reading - Acts 1:1-11 – read by Penny Park**

A reading from the Book of Acts:

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "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."

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response

### Psalm 93 - read by Brad Cook and Victoria Mayor

<p>1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.</p> <p>2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved;</p> <p>3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting.</p>	<p>4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.</p> <p>5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.</p> <p>6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.</p>
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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. **Amen.**

### The Epistle – Ephesians 1:15-23 - read by Joann Bishop

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians:

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **The Gospel – Luke 24:44-53**

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Officiant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Short Reflection – The Reverend Dr. David Madsen**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **The Prayers -**

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray

## **The Lord's Prayer – read by Brad Cook and Victoria Mayor**

**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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Suffrages - pg 97, read by Judy Brown, and Penny Park**

**V.** Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R.** **And grant us your salvation.**  
**V.** Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R.** **Let your people sing with joy.**  
**V.** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R.** **For only in you can we live in safety.**

**V.** Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R.** **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
**V.** Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R.** **Your saving health among all nations.**  
**V.** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R.** **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
**V.** Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R.** **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

V. We lift all those on the front lines of this pandemic & their families.

**R. Jesus, Lord of life, hear our prayer.**

V. We hold in prayer all who have been impacted by this virus. For those who have or have had the virus. For those who have died & their families as they grieve.

**R. Jesus, Lord of life, hear our prayer.**

V. We pray for all those on our daily family & church prayers. We pray for those serving this country wherever they may be.

**R. Jesus, Lord of life, hear our prayer.**

V. We pray for all our leaders, in our churches, our country & the world. We pray they listen to You in all their decision making.

**R. Jesus, Lord of life, hear our prayer.**

### **The Collect - Father Dave**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

### **A Prayer of St Chrysostom – in unison**

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Blessing – Father Dave**

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## PRAYERS

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**Please remember in your prayers** all who are refugees, Dick Walter, Samson, Hilda & Due family, Christine Peters, Judith Taylor, Victoria, Penny, Betty Levie, Ralph McMillen, Norah Lytle, Betty Johnsen, George Elia, and Lillian.

**Pray for those serving in the military especially,** Kendall, Lindzy, Denny, Cris, Ben, Bryan, Matt, Kristin, Joe Bates, Donovan Burns, David Nye, Kristyn, Eric, Stephanie, Donovan, Madison, and for our country's veterans.

We pray for peace in Holy Land most especially for our Christian brothers and sisters in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Burma, India, Afghanistan, **Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, Tunisia, Eritrea, Yemen, Nigeria, and Somalia** who are suffering deprivation, torture, and death for confessing Christ as their Lord.

We pray for all people in our country who are suffering from poverty, injustices, brutality, racial and sexual discrimination; for those that are sexually, physically and verbally abused or bullied; for the unemployed and the underemployed; for the uninsured and the under insured.

**In our Diocesan cycle of prayer,** we give thanks today for the Clergy and people of St Stephen's in Menifee. And also for the children and teachers of St Stephen's Preschool.

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer,** please pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world: For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev'd Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops. For members of the Anglican Consultative Council. For the Secretary General, The Most Rev'd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon. For the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London, and the UN offices in Geneva and New York.

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### Participants in Today's ONLINE Worship

**Celebrant:** The Reverend Dr David Madsen

**Readers:** Penny Park, Brad Cook, Victoria Mayor, Joann Bishop

**Prayers:** Judy Brown, Penny Park

**Streaming Tech:** Mike Park

**Worship on the campus of St. Alban's has been suspended until further notice. We will re-assess our situation when it becomes safe to do so.**

Thank You for Your Support

At this holy season, churches are usually filled with worshippers. During these challenging times, we encourage you to support your home church.

If you have no home church and like what you see here you may support St Alban's Ministries by going to:

<https://st-albans-church.org/giving>

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*Announcements for the week of 05/24/2020*

**Welcome Church and Picnic in the park**

The Welcome Church (the church without walls) is suspended until the beginning of May when we will re-assess our situation. Until then we will still be distributing lunches on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month at 3pm in Wells Park, but there will be no church service. The next meetings are **Sunday June 7 & 21 at Wells Park at 3 PM**. If you would like more information about participating in this ministry contact Father Dave or Program Coordinator Victoria Mayor through St Alban's office at (619) 444-8212, Tuesday through Friday between the hours of 9am-1pm.

**Sunday School Lessons via ZOOM**

The Sunday School has an innovative way to still have Sunday lessons on Sundays at using ZOOM. Our Sunday School director, Caroline Hurd, will be creating a group named "St Alban's Sunday School". Please send a text to 619-820-0674 if your children would like to join in the ZOOM lesson and Caroline will add your cell phone number to the Sunday School families who will have access to join this weekly group. Lessons will run about 20 min and begin at 10:30am so families can enjoy the St Alban's live stream of the Morning Prayer Sunday worship services at 9:30am.

## Regular Notices

**Pick up Father Dave's Sermons:** Reprints of Father Dave's sermon for today and from past Sundays are available on the table in the church entrance. Please pick one up on the way out. MP3 audio files are available on the sermon page of the website. If you have trouble hearing the sermon, please pick one up on the way in. Today's sermon is also available through our weekly emailing and on our church website. Sign up for this service at our website: [www.st-albans-church.org](http://www.st-albans-church.org).

**Worship & Education Times:** These services are temporarily suspended until further notice.

Sunday Worship 9:30 am; Sunday School for kids Sunday 9:30 am (see notes about going to Sunday School via Google Due in this week's announcements, previous page); Bi-lingual Eucharist service every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday morning at 8:30 am.

**Holy Communion:** All are welcome to receive Communion. We normally receive the bread by extending our open palms, partake, and then drink the wine from the cup. If you don't desire Communion, you are invited forward to receive a blessing from the priest by crossing your hands over your chest. Our ministers use hand sanitizer to prevent the spread of germs prior to distribution of the bread and wine.

**El Libro de Oración Común:** Está disponible en el vestíbulo y en los bancos de la iglesia.

**Prefaces:** Copies of *Prefaces* (short introductions to the Lections for the day), on today's service readings are on the table in the foyer. These are produced each week by Linnea Lagerquist.

**Prayer Requests:** To make a request for the prayer chain or bulletin or to update requests, please call Penny Park at 619-328-0692 or email: [pennypark@cox.net](mailto:pennypark@cox.net). You are also invited to add a prayer request to be read in our Sunday public prayers on the Petition Sheet near the entrance in the foyer. Names added will be listed for three weeks only, unless otherwise requested. We can also now receive prayer requests through our website: [www.st-albans-church.org](http://www.st-albans-church.org)

**Parking:** If you are able-bodied, please park in the lot on Camden or the side streets, saving the prime spots for those who require a closer parking space. Thank you!

**Bulletin Announcements:** There will be no Non-Church related fundraising announcements during the weekly announcement period in church. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sharon Hathaway, our Senior Warden. Sales tables are allowed in the Parish Hall during coffee hour.

**Altar Flowers:** Dedicate the altar flowers one or two Sundays a year is a great way to remember loved ones! Donation envelopes are on the table in the church entrance and can be placed in the offering plate when completed. Don't know when to remember a loved one? Please refer to the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board in the church entrance.

**Newsletter Submissions:** If you would like to submit an article or photos for the newsletter please turn it in to the office no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. It is easy to email it in to: [dcote@stalbanschurch.info](mailto:dcote@stalbanschurch.info)

**Report Misconduct:** As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe haven for everyone, our diocese trains people in the prevention of misconduct and encourages all to report misconduct. All reported incidences are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly and confidentially. If you believe you have experienced misconduct of any kind, please contact **Equilla Luke**, ([aequilla@icloud.com](mailto:aequilla@icloud.com)), **760-583-0485**.

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