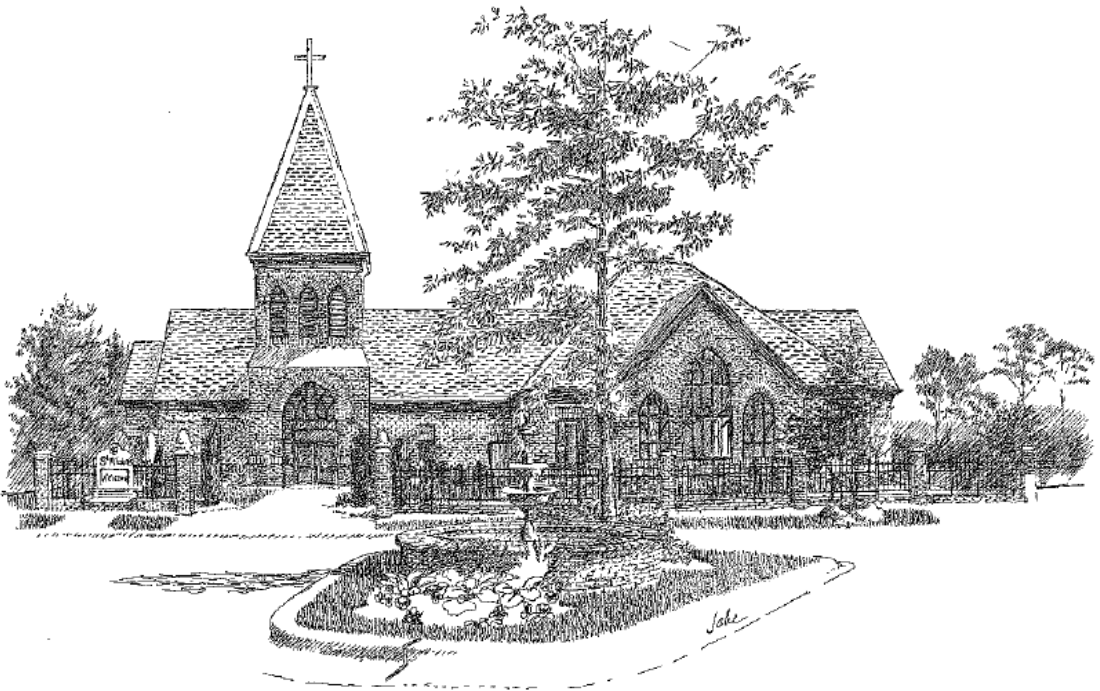


# St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*welcomes you*



**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

August 25, 2024

10:30 a.m.

# Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Welcome to St. Alban's! Thank you for worshiping with us today. In order to allow for private prayer, we ask that you refrain from loud conversation upon entering the nave. Page numbers in the bulletin refer to *The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*, the book with the cross on the cover. Hymnals and Prayer Books can be found beneath the seats. If you choose to kneel for parts of the service, please use the kneeler beneath your own chair. Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. Crayons and a Bible story coloring page are available on the table just outside the doors to the nave. \*The congregation is invited to stand as able when indicated by an asterisk.

## The Word of God

**The Prelude:** O Christ, the Word Incarnate (Hymn 632)  
Grand Chorus from the Oratorio *Joshua*

arr. Edward Broughton  
Handel, arr. Frank Honey

**\*The Processional Hymn: 594 God of Grace and God of Glory**

CWM RHONDDA

**\*The Opening Acclamation**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**\*The Collect for Purity**

*BCP p. 355*

**\*The Trisagion: Holy God** (*sung 3 times*)

Carl Haywood

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One,  
Have mer - cy up - on us.

**\*The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

**Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in

faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34:15-22** *Read responsively by half verse.*

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \*

**and his ears are open to their cry.**

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, \*

**to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \*

**and delivers them from all their troubles.**

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \*

**and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*

**but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.**

He will keep safe all his bones; \*

**not one of them shall be broken.**

Evil shall slay the wicked, \*

**and those who hate the righteous will be punished.**

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*

**and none will be punished who trust in him.**

## The Second Lesson

## Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray

also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**\*The Sequence Hymn: 440 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word**

LIEBSTER JESU

*Stanza 1 is sung before the Gospel, stanza 3 is sung after.*

*During the singing of stanza 1, the children are invited to gather around the deacon for the reading of the Gospel.*

**\*The Gospel**

**John 6:56-69**

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

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

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*After the Gospel reading, the children are invited to follow the cross to the narthex for Children's Chapel. They will return during the Passing of the Peace.*

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Carmen Germino

**\*The Nicene Creed**

*BCP p. 358*

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

*The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as able.*

*Deacon*

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

*Intercessor*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Archbishop Justin; Presiding Bishop Michael; Presiding Bishop-elect Sean; Our Bishops Sam and Jennifer; Bishop Metlha of Botswana and Bishop Gomez of Costa Rica; for our Clergy, Carmen, Kevin, Leslie, and Valerie; for this gathering; and for all ministers and lay people.

Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and everywhere affected by war.

Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed...

Pray for those who have died.

I ask your prayers for all those on our parish prayer list. Together we pray for...

I invite your own thanksgivings and petitions, either silently or aloud.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Confession & Absolution

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*The congregation is invited to kneel as able.*

*Deacon*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## \*The Exchange of the Peace

BCP p. 360

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Greeting and Announcements

### The Blessing of the Backpacks

*Clergy*

A new school year can serve as a reminder that God the Creator is always bringing forth new things. With such faith, then, let us turn to God in prayer as we begin anew the year ahead.

For students of all ages and levels, that they may make new discoveries and experience the joy of learning, and for the families who support them; **Lord hear our prayer.**

For teachers and faculty, school administrators, and support staff, that they may be given wisdom, patience, compassion; **Lord hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, bless all schools, child-care centers, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the building up of friendships; and grant that those who teach and those who learn during the year ahead may find you ever to be the source of all truth and confidence; **Lord hear our prayer.**

God, pour your blessing upon these backpacks and book bags, and grant that those who use them may know your peace and presence throughout the joys and anxieties of the school year. May they grow in knowledge of all things and especially of your love through Christ our Lord. The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory Hymn: 632 O Christ, the Word Incarnate

MUNICH

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. To utilize our text-to-give option, simply text "ALBANS" to 73256.*

## \*The Presentation of Gifts

## \*The Doxology

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## \*The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

*BCP p. 367*

## \*The Sursum Corda

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

**\*The Sanctus:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

**LAND OF REST**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues. The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as able.*

**Celebrant:** Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

*The Celebrant continues.*



## \*The Lord's Prayer

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*Celebrant and People*

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.

## \*The Fraction Anthem: S 164

## Jesus, Lamb of God

F. Schubert/R. Proulx

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## The Ministration of Communion

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*All are welcome to gather at the Lord's table. At the appropriate time, you may come forward to the altar rail, filling in from right to left. Kneeling is optional. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the clergy. Wine is available either by sipping from the common cup (silver chalice) or by intinction (dipping the wafer into the pottery chalice). If you choose to intinct, please hold your wafer visibly to indicate that is your preference. Please take utmost care to keep your fingers from touching the wine as you dip. You may choose to receive only the bread or the wine, as either one alone is a full Communion. Please tell an usher if you need Communion brought to you. In the Episcopal Church, it is customary that those receiving Communion have been baptized in any Christian tradition, and no one who comes to the altar in faith is turned away. If you would like to learn more about Baptism at St. Alban's, please be in touch with the clergy. If you are not receiving Communion, we hope you will come forward and cross your arms over your chest, so that we might share a blessing with you.*

# The Communion Hymn: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Indian folk melody

1. I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

— No turn - ing back, \_\_\_\_\_ no turn - ing back! \_\_\_\_\_  
(no turn - ing back,)

## \*The Post Communion Prayer

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*The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as able.*

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.

## \*The Blessing

\*The Recessional Hymn: 561 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus, stanzas 1, 3, & 4 MORNING LIGHT

## \*The Dismissal

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Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude:** Prologue on *MORNING LIGHT*

George Webb, arr. David Paxton

## Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Scott Higgins to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Sharon Higgins.

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St. Alban's is a friendly, inclusive, and growing congregation that seeks to honor the Lord Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, and outreach. We pray that your worship with us will bring you the grace, peace, and joy of Christ. If you are new to our faith community, we would love to connect with you. Please fill out a purple sheet located on the Welcome Center table in the narthex or scan the QR code to the left with the camera on your smart phone which will direct you to an online newcomer form.

### St. Alban's is a Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

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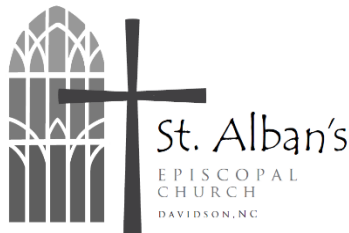
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