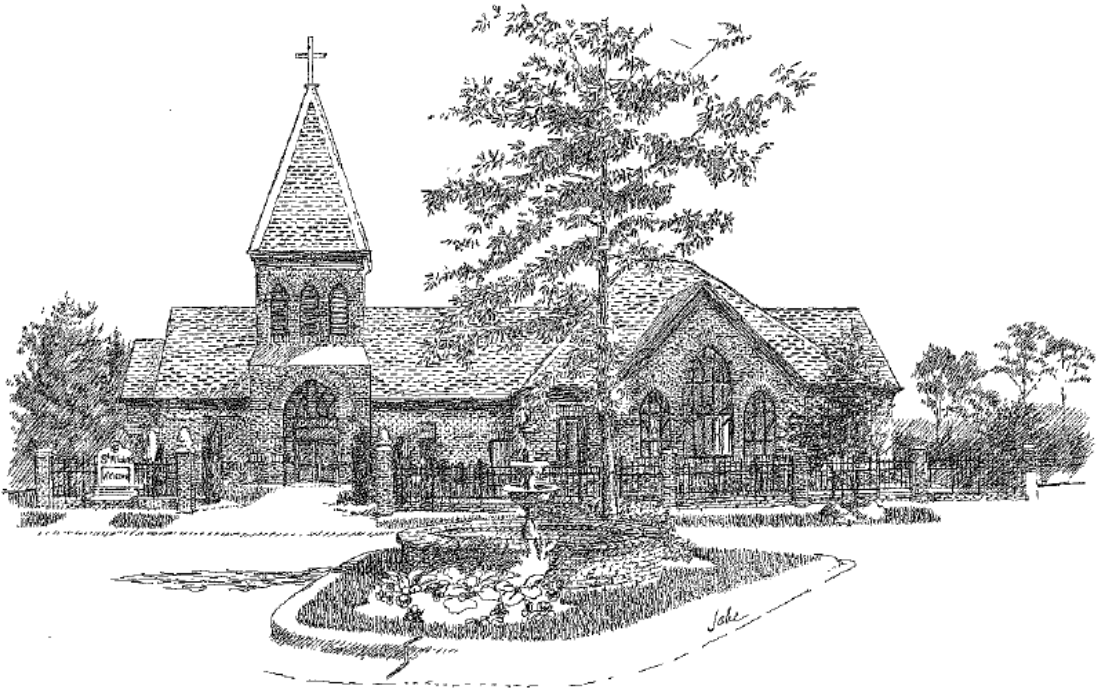


# St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*welcomes you*



**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

September 15, 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. If desired, our nursery is available for children age three and under, and is located downstairs. Sunday School for ages four-12<sup>th</sup> grade takes place from 10:15-11:00 a.m., with the children returning to the nave at the Exchange of the Peace. \*The congregation is invited to stand as able when indicated by an asterisk.

## The Word of God

**The Prelude:** Partita on A Mighty Fortress                      Martin Luther, arr. Charles Callahan  
I. Introduction and Chorale    III. Bicinium    IV. Canticum

**\*The Processional Hymn: 525 The Church's One Foundation**                      AURELIA

**\*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*

**\*A Song of Praise: S 236**                      **Glory to You**                      John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord  
God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_  
— for the ra - diance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will  
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

### \*The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The

Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 116:1-8** *Read responsively by half verse.*

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*

**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*

**I came to grief and sorrow.**

Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*

**"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; \*

**our God is full of compassion.**

The Lord watches over the innocent; \*

**I was brought very low, and he helped me.**

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*

**for the Lord has treated you well.**

For you have rescued my life from death, \*

**my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord \*

**in the land of the living.**

## The Second Lesson

**James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **\*The Sequence Hymn: 675 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said**

BOURBON

*Stanzas 1 & 2 are sung before the Gospel, stanzas 4 & 5 are sung after.*

## **\*The Gospel**

**Mark 8:27-38**

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Kevin Lloyd

## **\*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*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and everywhere affected by war. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Together we pray for... Are there others? Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

## **The Collect for Election Season**

*Celebrant*

Almighty and eternal God, bless our nation and all who dwell in it. Grant us courage and compassion to treat everyone as our beloved neighbor. Enable us to see one another not as enemies, but, in all our diversity, as your children each created in your image. Give to those seeking elected office wisdom and a heart for service. Teach us to live together with humility, civility, and generosity of spirit. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Confession & Absolution**

*BCP p. 360*

*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 Holy Communion**

**The Offertory Anthem: God Be in My Head**

music: Philip Wilby

*Please see Hymn 694 for the words of the anthem.*

*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: As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought**

FOREST GREEN

As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyards, flock, and field to God,  
the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;  
so we today our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land,  
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.

**\*The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A**

*BCP p. 361*

**\*The Sursum Corda**

The musical notation is arranged in four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you." followed by a bar line and "And al - so with you." for the People. The second staff continues the lyrics: "Lift up your hearts." for the Celebrant and "We lift them to the Lord." for the People. The third staff has the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." for the Celebrant. The fourth staff has the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." for the People. The notation includes a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

*The Celebrant continues.*

**\*The Sanctus: S 125**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People:** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

*Celebrant* *People*  
 A-men.

**\*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: Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus**

Gary James

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are: "Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread." The score includes performance directions: "Cantor or Choir" at the beginning, "1. Congregation" and "2. Cantor or Choir" for the first and second endings, and "Cantor or Choir" and "Congregation" for the final sections.

**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: 168 O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded**

PASSION CHORALE

## **\*The Post Communion Prayer**

*BCP p. 365*

*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: 334 Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing**

Johann König

## **\*The Dismissal**

*BCP p. 366*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Postlude: Maestoso**

Théodore Dubois

## **Altar Flowers**

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Barb, Beatrice, Cheryl, Susan, and other gardening friends, to the glory of God and in celebration of the return of Jean and Al Bonnyman.*

## Welcome to St. Alban's!



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

**The Right Reverend Samuel Sewall Rodman, III**, Bishop of North Carolina

**The Right Reverend Jennifer Brooke-Davidson**, Assistant Bishop

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**The Reverend Kevin Lloyd**, Associate Rector

Davidson College Campus Minister

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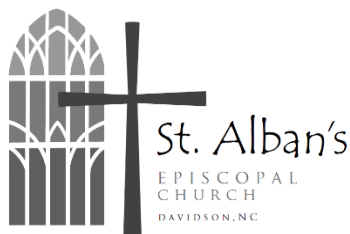
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