

# St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*welcomes you*



## **The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

January 26, 2025

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:** Prelude in D Major  
A Carol of Light

J. Diebold  
Robert Powell

**\*The Processional Hymn: 616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,** *stanzas 1, 2, & 5* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS

**\*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 Gloria: S 280**

**Glory to God**

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### \*The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

### Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the

Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 19** *Read responsively by half verse.*

The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
**and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

One day tells its tale to another, \*  
**and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, \*  
**and their voices are not heard,**

Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
**and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
**it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
**nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
**the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
**the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
**and in keeping them there is great reward.**

Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
**cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \*  
**then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
**O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### \*The Sequence Hymn: 536 Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

TORAH SONG

*Stanza 2 is sung before the Gospel, stanza 4 is sung after.*

### \*The Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

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

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**\*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 arise and shine as we offer our prayers to the Lord, for the light has come, and the glory of God has dawned upon us.

*Intervenor*

For your Church, and all lay persons and clergy, that we would seek your Son always. Lord, your light has come, **and your glory has dawned upon us.**

For the nations of the world, that they may be guided by the same wisdom and faith of the kings who searched for the true King. We pray for peace in every place affected by war and violence. Lord, your light has come, **and your glory has dawned upon us.**

For people in need, that we would share our gifts and treasures with all your children. We hold before you our loved ones who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Together we pray for... Lord, your light has come, **and your glory has dawned upon us.**

For those who have entered into the mystery of your eternal life. We pray for all who mourn. Lord, your light has come, **and your glory has dawned upon us.**

*Celebrant*

Lord, hear our prayers, and help us to be manifestations of your presence. Let the light of your Spirit shine within and among us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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: The Heavens Resound**

Ludwig van Beethoven

The heavens resounding his glory eternal, and all creation, praise our God.  
The earth and the ocean his love and devotion, his truth and power proclaim abroad.  
And angels sing of his glory incarnate, the King of kings. The hosts re-echo, all praise,  
Adoration, O Sovereign God and King divine, shall now and evermore be thine!

*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: Hymn 380, stanza 3**

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*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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: S 124

## Holy, Holy, Holy

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

*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.*

*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: S 154

## Christ Our Passover

David Hurd

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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: One Bread, One Body

John B. Foley, SJ

One bread, — one bod - y, —  
 — one Lord of all, — — — — — one cup of  
 bless - ing which we bless. — — — — — And we, — — — — — though  
 man - y, — — — — — through - out the earth, — — — — — We are one  
*Last time* ⊕  
 bod - y in this one. — — — — — Lord. — — — — —  
 1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the  
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and  
 1. free, wom - an or man, — — — — —  
 2. works, one in the Lord — — — — —  
 3. grown, gath - ered to one — — — — —  
*D.S.*  
 1. — no more. — — — — — One  
 2. — of all. — — — — — One  
 3. — for all. — — — — — One  
 ⊕ CODA  
 Lord. — — — — —

## \*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: 539 O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling**

TIDINGS

**\*The Dismissal**

*BCP p. 366*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude:** Psalm 19

B. Marcello, arr. G. Kaluza

## 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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