

# St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*welcomes you*



**The First Sunday after Pentecost:  
Trinity Sunday**

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

May 26, 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:** Round the Lord in Glory Seated

C. Parry, arr. C. Callahan

**\*The Processional Hymn: 362 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty,** stanzas 1, 3—4 NICAEA

**\*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 Gloria: S 278**

**Glory to God in the Highest**

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched

your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29** *Read responsively by half verse.*

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*

**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*

**worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*

**the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*

**the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*

**the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*

**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*

**the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*

**and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the LORD \*

**all are crying, "Glory!"**

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*

**the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*

**the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

## The Second Lesson

**Romans 8:12-17**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **\*The Sequence Hymn: 371 Thou, Whose Almighty Word**

MOSCOW

*Stanzas 1 & 2 are sung before the Gospel, stanzas 3 & 4 are sung after.*

## **\*The Gospel**

**John 3:1-17**

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie Nuñez Steffensen

## **\*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.

*Intersessor*

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 Memorial Day**

*BCP p. 839*

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Confession & Absolution**

*BCP p. 360*

*The congregation is invited to kneel as able.*

### **\*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:** Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

words: Richard Leach

Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,  
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.  
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,  
but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.

Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;  
then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.  
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;  
when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.

Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame  
set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move.

Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,  
we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.  
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

*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 Festival Doxology**

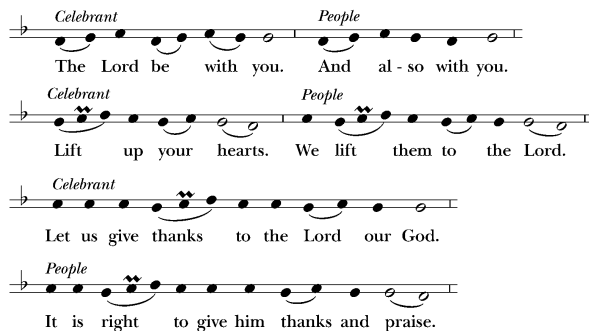
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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

*BCP p. 361*

## \*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.

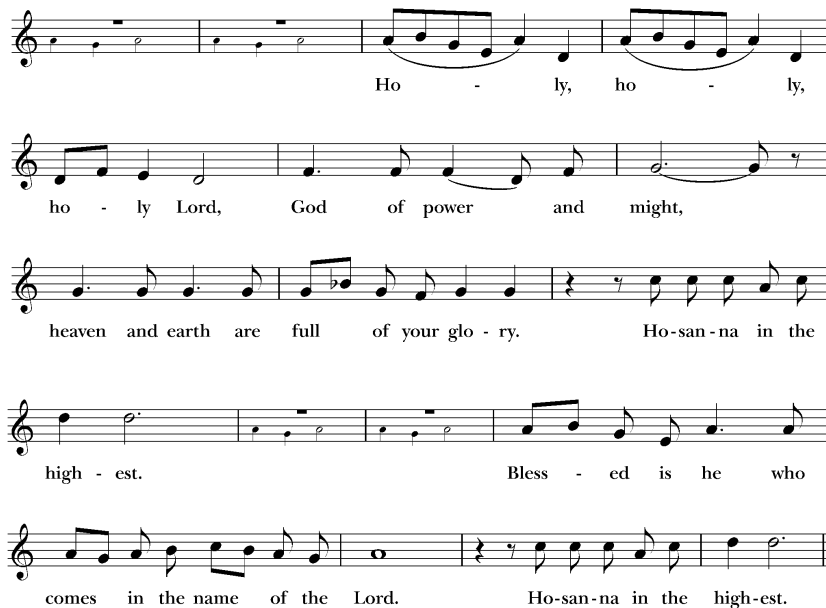
*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues.*

## \*The Sanctus: S 128

## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

William Mathias



Ho - ly, 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.

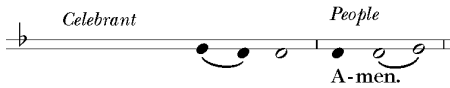
*The Celebrant continues. The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as able.*

**Celebrant:** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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



The Celebrant continues.



## \*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 154

## Christ Our Passover

David Hurd

Musical notation for the Fraction Anthem. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "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: 370 I Bind unto Myself Today, stanzas 1, 2, 5—7

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

**\*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: 368 Holy Father, Great Creator**

REGENT SQUARE

**\*The Dismissal**

*BCP p. 366*

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude: O Triune God, with Heart and Voice Adoring**

Alec Wyton

**St. Alban's Choir Thank You**

Thank you to John Bailey and the St. Alban's Choir for the time, work, and heart that you have put into rehearsing and leading us in music each week. The dedication you have shown throughout the year helped to provide beautiful hymns and songs that have enriched our worship experience.

**Altar Flowers**

The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jessica Ewell and in memory of her mother Janice Parker.

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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.

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

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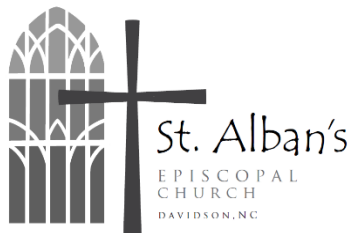
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