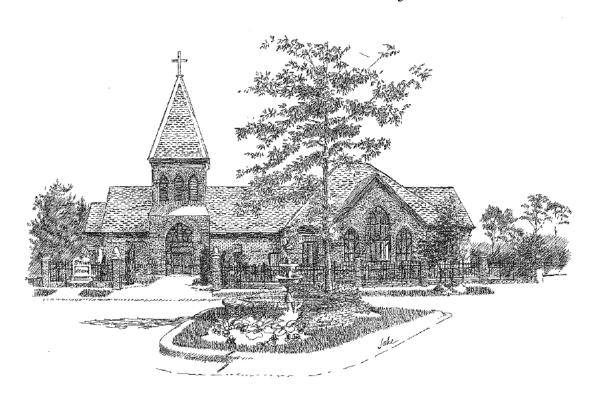
St. Alban's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you



The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Confirmation and Reception November 10, 2024 10:30 a.m.

The Bishop of The Diocese of North Carolina

The Right Reverend Samuel Sewall Rodman, III

Confirmation Candidates

Will Campbell Maribelle Myers Quinn Notte Jenny Fowles

Reception Candidates

Rex Fulks Amy Grigg Laurie Harrison Joseph Shea

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-12th 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: When the Poor One (Communion Hymn)

Trumpet Dialogue

John Tobin, trumpet

Olivar & Manzano Michael Helman

*The Processional Hymn: 410 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

*The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 413

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

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

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

*The Collect of the Day and Collect for Veterans Day

Bishop: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Bishop: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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 First Lesson 1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 Read responsively by half verse.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *

for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, * and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *

who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *

and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; *

he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, *

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and

again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

*The Sequence Hymn: 429 I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

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

*The Gospel Mark 12:38-44

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Samuel Sewall Rodman, III

The Prayer for the Human Family

BCP p. 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Diocesan Prayer for Mission

Most gracious and loving God: Strengthen the hearts of your people in this Diocese, that loving you with our whole heart, and loving our neighbors as ourselves, we might, in the power of the Spirit, obey the call of Jesus, to go into our world as disciples making disciples, and making a difference, through your saving love. **Amen.**

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

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*The Baptismal Covenant	BCP p. 416
*The Prayers for the Candidates	ВСР р. 305
The Prayer and Laying on of Hands	BCP p. 418
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*The Exchange of the Peace The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.	ВСР р. 419

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: God Is Our Refuge (Psalm 46) *Please see p. 649 in the BCP 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 loose plate offering this morning will be designated for the Bishop's discretionary fund. If you would like to make an online offering to the Bishop's discretionary fund, please visit this website: https://givingtools.com/give/1182/1995.

*The Presentation of Gifts

*The Doxology: As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought, stanza 1 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 B

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music: Allen Pote

*The Sursum Corda

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

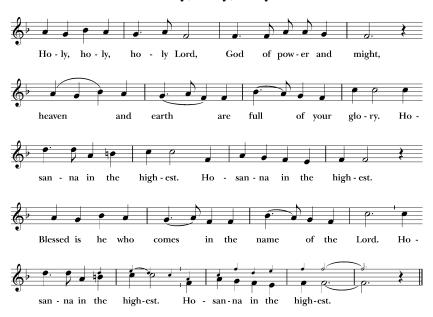
People: And also with you.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Bishop continues.



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

Bishop: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

The Bishop continues.

Bishop: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,

Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: AMEN.

*The Lord's Prayer

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Bishop 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 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 haptized 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.



When our lips can speak no words other than true, When we know that love for simple things is better. Refrain

The Communion Hymn: 656 Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Franconia

^{4.} When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance. When we learn how to make peace instead of war. When each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor. Refrain

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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: 460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!, stanzas 1—4 HYFRYDOL

*The Dismissal BCP p. 366

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Hancock & Tedesco

John Tobin, trumpet

Welcome and Thank You to our guest musician, trumpet player John Tobin.

Altar Arrangement

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Sue Setzer to the glory of God and in loving memory of her brother, Ted Mullen.

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