

St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you



The First Sunday in Lent

A Penitential Order and Holy Eucharist: Rite II

February 18, 2024

10:30 a.m.

A Penitential Order and 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. downstairs, with the children returning upstairs 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: Peace Descends

Lani Smith

***The Processional Hymn: 149 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church**

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***The Opening Acclamation**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue

BCP p. 350

The congregation is invited to kneel as able.

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Confession & Absolution

BCP p. 352

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 Kyrie: S 91

Lord, Have Mercy

Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, 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.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9 *Read responsively by half verse.*

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *

let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O LORD, *

and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *

for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *

remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

Gracious and upright is the LORD; *

therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *

and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *

to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism,

which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***The Sequence Hymn: 455 O Love of God, How Strong and True**

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

***The Gospel**

Mark 1:9-15

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

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend 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. Please read together the names on our prayer list, when prompted.

Deacon

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Intercessor

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

Have mercy upon us.

From all evil, from hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, violence, and disaster,

Good Lord, deliver us.

That it may please you to give your Church a heart to love you, and diligently to live by your commandments,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to make wars cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all people,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to have mercy upon all humankind, especially those we know are in particular need. Together we pray for: **Ben, Betty, Bob, Caroline, Cheri, Chrissy, Courtney, Don, Frank, Garth, Jess, Kathy, Mark, Mike, Nancy, Ole, Sandra, Stephanie, Tricia, Wayne, Whitney.**

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed, especially Peter Barends, Ginny Lynch, Tracey Ratte, The Rev. Dr. Richard Streeter, and Wesley White, eternal life and peace, in the fellowship of all the saints,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: We ask you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto you; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Loving and merciful God, you bestow your grace on all of your children: Remember our sisters and brothers throughout the world who, in partnership with Episcopal Relief & Development, strengthen communities, empower those who are experiencing poverty, nourish those who are hungry, heal those who are sick and uplift those affected by disaster; and continue to uphold Episcopal Relief & Development so that your Kingdom might be known to all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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 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.

Celebrant *People*
 A-men.

***The Lord's Prayer**

BCP p. 364

***The Fraction Anthem: S 161**

Lamb of God

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Ministration of Communion

BCP p. 365

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: 121 Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

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The Communion Anthem: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

African-American Spiritual
arr. Edward C. Deas

***The Post Communion Prayer**

BCP p. 366

The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

***The Solemn Prayer over the People**

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Recessional Hymn: 142 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

ST. FLAVIAN

***The Dismissal**

BCP p. 366

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude: Only Begotten, Word of God Eternal

French tune, arr. Anthony Baldwin

Servers this Morning

Deacon: Newt Carpenter

Altar Guild: Jean Cunningham, Jay Hammond, Leane Turner

Flower Guild: Cheryl Nealy

Acolytes: Charlie Calder, Emily O'Connell, Jacob Riccelli

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry Landry, Alex Slawson

Greeters: Mike & Lisa McDonnell, Wendi & Mark Russell

Lector: William Andrews

Stream Team: Matt Presson

Ushers: Bob Beckham, Annamarie Klemm

Vestry Person: Cheryl Nealy

In Our Prayers

Parish Prayer List: Ben, Betty Parker, Bob, Caroline Condon, Cheri Sell, Chrissy Riccelli, Courtney J., Don Nolte, Frank Allgauer, Garth Pearce, Jess, Kathy, Mark, Mike, Nancy Craig, Ole Hass, Sandra Dollar, Stephanie Nixdorf, Tricia, Wayne Love, Whitney.

In thanksgiving for the birth of **Ashton Newton Glick**, Newt & Joan Carpenter's grandchild.

We pray for the departed, especially **Peter Barends**, friend of the McDonnell family, **Jane Horne**, friend of John Bailey, **Ginny Lynch**, mother of Sandy Laken, **Tracey Ratte**, **The Rev. Dr. Richard Streeter**, lifelong friend of Dutch Mietz, and **Wesley White**, friend of Allison Kratt. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the departed through the mercy of God rest in eternal peace. - BCP p. 502*

In our **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for Grace Mission in Clayton, St. Clement's in Clemmons, and Christ Church in Cleveland.

In our **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Public Servant Prayer List: Matthew Shaw (Lincoln County Sheriff's Office)

Parish Birthdays and Anniversaries

We want to celebrate special occasions with all our members. If you do not see your name on this list, or to confirm that we have your birthday and anniversary in our database, please reach out to the church office: parishadmin@saintalbansdavidson.org.

Birthdays

- February 18: Kristen Rushe, Wren McCall
- February 19: Anne Linker, Kathy Miles, Miriam Buckner
- February 20: Chris Presson
- February 21: Sarah Finnerty
- February 22: Rick Meeks
- February 23: Brian Diehl
- February 24: Adam Arnett

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. -BCP p. 830

Anniversaries

February 19: Sid & Marcy Linker

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. -BCP p. 431

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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

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

The Right Reverend Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Assistant Bishop

The Clergy and Staff

The Reverend Carmen Germino, Rector

The Reverend Kevin Lloyd, Associate Rector

Davidson College Campus Minister

The Reverend Leslie Nuñez Steffensen, Priest Associate

The Reverend Valerie Davis, Deacon

John Bailey, Organist and Choirmaster

Jessica Ewell, Parish Administrator and Communications Director

Courtney Fossett, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Erin Garrett, Director of Finance

Matt Presson, Director of Children's Choir and Stream Team

Patti Rossini, Preschool Director

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