

St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Baptism

February 11, 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-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: Fuga in G Major

J.S. Bach (1686-1750)

***The Processional Hymn: 135 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

SALZBURG

***The Opening Acclamation**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 299

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: One God and Father of all.

***The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?"

And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6 *Read responsively by half verse.*

The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth from above *

to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers, *

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *

for God himself is judge.

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***The Sequence Hymn: 129 Christ upon the Mountain Peak**

MOWSLEY

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

*The Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Kevin Lloyd

*The Baptismal Hymn: 513 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song, *stanzas 1 & 3* BRIDEGROOM

*The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate *BCP p. 301*

*The Baptismal Covenant *BCP p. 304*

*The Prayers for the Candidate *BCP p. 305*

The Thanksgiving Over the Water *BCP p. 306*

The Baptism *BCP p. 307*

*The Exchange of the Peace *BCP p. 308*

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: Beautiful Savior

arr. F. Melius & O. C. Christiansen

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son on Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine. Now and forevermore 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**

OLD 100TH

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**

The musical notation for the Sursum Corda consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al-so with you." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The music is in a simple, rhythmic style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

The Celebrant continues.

***The Sanctus: S 124**

Holy, Holy, Holy

David Hurd

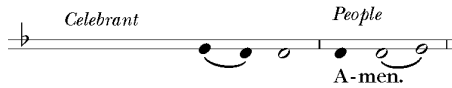
The musical notation for the Sanctus: S 124 consists of three staves of music. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is in a simple, rhythmic style with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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.



*The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

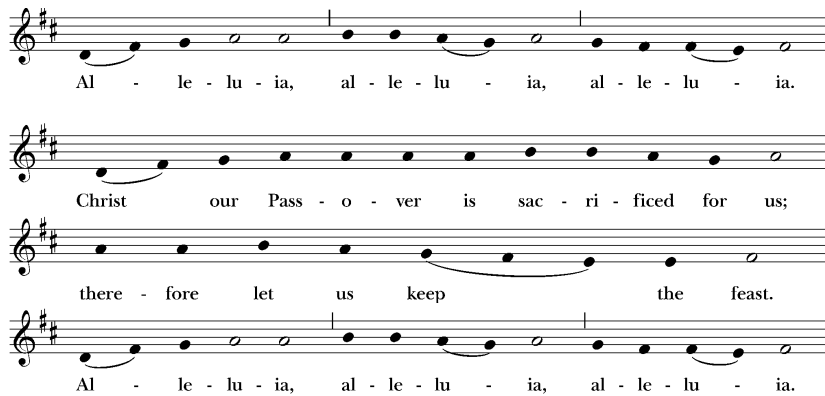
Celebrant and People

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

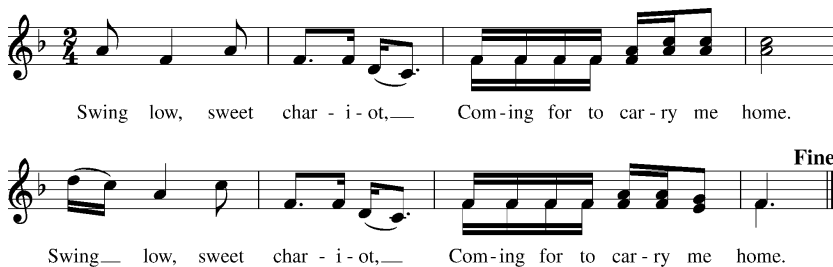


The Ministration of Communion

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The Communion Hymn: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

African-American Spiritual





1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see ___
 2. If you get there be - fore I do, ___
 3. The bright - est day that ev - er I saw ___
 4. I'm some - times up and some - times down, ___



1. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. A band of an - gels
 2. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. Tell all my friends I'm
 3. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. When Je - sus wash'd my
 4. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. But still my soul feels

D.C.



1. com - ing af - ter me, Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
 2. com - ing too, Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
 3. sins a - way, Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,
 4. heaven - ly bound, Com - ing for to car - ry me home. O,

***The Communion Hymn: 133 O Light of Lights, Love Given Birth**

ELMHURST

***The Post Communion Prayer**

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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: 137 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair**

WAREHAM

***The Dismissal**

BCP p. 366

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: Deux Bransles de Champagne

Claude Gervaise (1525-1583)

Baptismal Candidate: Ivy Lockhart McCall

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