

St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

August 24, 2025

10:30 a.m.

The Word of God

**The congregation is invited to stand as able when indicated by an asterisk.*

The Prelude: Rhosymedre(“Lovely”) from *Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes* (Hymn 587)
Ralph Vaughan Williams

***The Processional Hymn: 8 Morning Has Broken** BUNESSAN

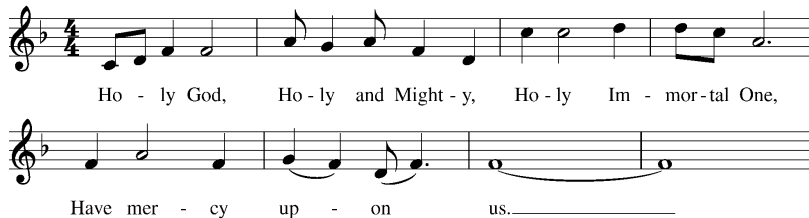
***The Opening Acclamation** *Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355*

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 Trisagion: Holy God** (*sung 3 times*) Carl Haywood



***The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 **Isaiah 58:9b-14**

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or

pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1-8 *Read responsively by half verse.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *

and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *

and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins *

and heals all your infirmities;

He redeems your life from the grave *

and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things, *

and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness *

and judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses *

and his works to the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *

slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***The Sequence Hymn: 411 Bless the Lord, My Soul!**

ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS)

Stanzas 1 & 2 are sung before the Gospel, stanzas 4—6 are sung after.

During the singing of stanzas 1 & 2, the children are invited to gather around the deacon for the reading of the Gospel.

***The Gospel**

Luke 13:10-17

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

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

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

After the Gospel reading, the children are invited to follow the cross to the narthex for Children's Chapel. They will return during the Passing of the Peace.

The Sermon

The Rev. Carmen Germino

***The Nicene Creed**

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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.

Intervessor

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 Middle East, 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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession & Absolution

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The congregation is invited to kneel as able.

Celebrant

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**

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

The Greeting and Announcements

The Blessing of the Backpacks

Clergy

A new school year can serve as a reminder that God the Creator is always bringing forth new things. With such faith, then, let us turn to God in prayer as we begin anew the year ahead.

For students of all ages and levels, that they may make new discoveries and experience the joy of learning, and for the families who support them; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For teachers and faculty, school administrators, and support staff, that they may be given wisdom, patience, and compassion; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, bless all schools, child-care centers, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the building up of friendships; and grant that those who teach and those who learn during the year ahead may find you ever to be the source of all truth and confidence; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God, pour your blessing upon these backpacks and book bags, and grant that those who use them may know your peace and presence throughout the joys and anxieties of the school year. May they grow in knowledge of all things and especially of your love through Christ our Lord. The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Hymn: God, Creator, Source of Healing

ABBOT'S LEIGH

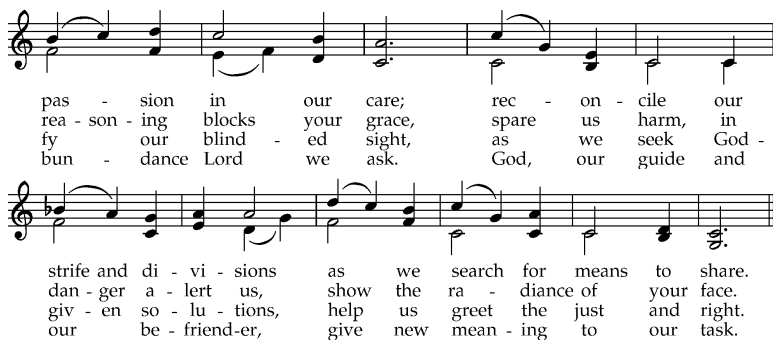


1 God, cre - a - tor, source of heal - ing here we
2 Je - sus, known to friend and seek - er ex - er
3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, bring us whole-ness, come with
4 Tri - ni - ty of awe and won - der yours the

pray for whole-ness and health. Guide our work, our
cis - ing heal - er's art, may the strong sup -
your trans - form - ing love; give us free - dom,
glo - ry, yours the praise. Strike our bind - ing

thoughts, and feel - ing, guide the shar - ing of our wealth.
port the weak-er show - ing love with head and heart;
hope and bold-ness, raise our eyes to see from a - bove;
chains a - sun - der, lib - er - ate our cramp - ing ways.

Give dis - cern - ment in our de - ci - sions give com -
give fresh en - er - gy and pur - pose when un -
shape our sys - tems, in - sti - tu - tions, clar - i -
May our lives re - flect your splend-our, in a -



pas - sion in our care; rec - on - cile our
 rea - son - ing blocks your grace, spare us harm, in
 fy our blind - ed sight, as we seek God -
 bun - dance Lord we ask. God, our guide and
 strife and di - vi - sions as we search for means to share.
 dan - ger a - lert us, show the ra - diance of your face.
 giv - en so - lu - tions, help us greet the just and right.
 our be - friend - er, give new mean - ing to our task.

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 and select the appropriate fund from the drop-down menu.

*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 A

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*The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
 Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **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, with the congregation responding as indicated.

*The Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

LAND OF REST



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. 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: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with 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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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.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 are choosing the common cup, it will be stationed in front of the altar rail in the center— please make your way there after consuming your wafer at the rail. If you choose to intinct, please remain where you are and 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: Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

SHARPE



1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and



store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

The Communion Hymns: 587 Our Father, By Whose Name

RHOSYMEDRE

*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: 580 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

*The Dismissal

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People: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: Put Forth, O God, Thy Spirit's Might

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Together We...

Gather to Worship, Scatter to Serve, Love Like Jesus



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