

St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you



The Sunday of the Resurrection

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

March 31, 2024

11:00 a.m.

THIS EASTER I AM THANKFUL FOR...
This space can be used to write or draw a prayer of gratitude.

The Liturgy of the Word

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. 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 Prelude: Easter Fanfare
Easter Alleluia

Robert J. Powell
Aloÿs Ottenwalder

***The Processional Hymn: 207 Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

EASTER HYMN

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

***The Easter Acclamation**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. 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 for Easter Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Read responsively by half verse.*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***The Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

E. E. Ferguson

***The Gospel**

Mark 16:1-8

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

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Carmen Germino

***The Nicene Creed**

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**

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

Deacon

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go, saying Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Intercessor

In this Easter season, may we commit ourselves to work for the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We pray for our nation, and our world, and for its leaders, that your spirit of peace and renewal may overcome our differences, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Comfort all who suffer, and surround them with your grace. Together, we pray for: **Allison, Ben, Bob, Caroline, Chris, Chrissy, Colby, Courtney, Frank, Garth, Jess, Jessie, Jocelyn, Joe, Kathy, Kristin, Lee, Mark, Mike, Ole, Rick, Stephanie, Tricia, Wayne, Whitney.** Are there others? May they know your healing love, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Give rest to all who have died, especially Lynn Abplanalp and Sandy Washburn-Karn, and help us to trust that their pain is no more, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the women at the tomb. Make us your sign of new life in our world, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

***The Exchange of the Peace**

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: Around the World the Shout Resounds

words: Jaroslav J. Vadja
music: Carl Schalk

Around the world the shout resounds:
"Christ lives again, and life abounds!"
The serpent's head is crushed, the grasp of death is broken;
atonement has been sealed, the empty grave its token.
What happier news on earth than this:
Christ's life is ours, and we are His!

God bless the cloud of witnesses
who share the faith that we confess:
The women at the tomb, and Martha in her grieving,
the thief upon the cross, and Stephen killed believing.
With Job we know the life God gives:
"We know that our Redeemer lives!"

The wonder grows, remembering,
considering and marveling,
not with fast-fading cheers, but with a steady knowing,
a growing certainty, a peaceful, joyful glowing,
that sings convinced and unafraid:
"This is the day the Lord has made!
This is the day the Lord has made!"

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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, Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The Sanctus: S 128

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

William Mathias

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.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

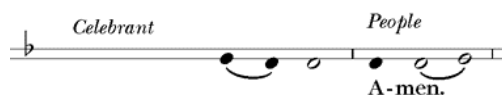
Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.



Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

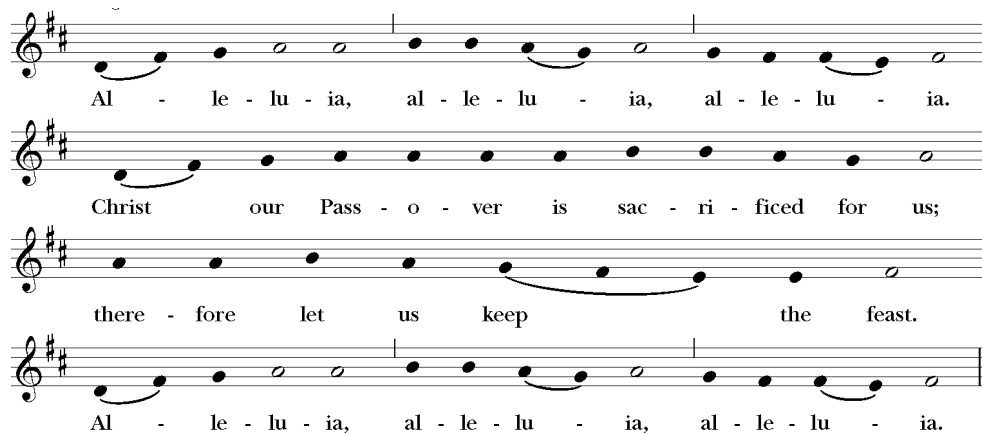
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

***The Breaking of the Bread**

***The Fraction Anthem: S 154**

Christ Our Passover

David Hurd



The Ministration of Communion

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: 306 Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to be Our Guest

SURSUM CORDA

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,

nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand;
one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
"This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;

in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

Descant
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

I-4 *Final Ending*
Praise to his Name. Name.
Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain
He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
Now we shall live for ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

***The Post Communion Prayer**

The congregation is invited to kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 Easter Blessing

Celebrant

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and everlasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

*The Recessional Hymn: 175 Hail Thee, Festival Day, stanzas 1, 2, 7, 8

SALVE FESTA DIES

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for -
 ev - er, day where - on Christ a - rose, break - ing the

First time only 2

king - dom of death. death.

1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the
 3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
 5 God the cre - a - tor, the Lord, who rul - est the
 7 Spi - rit of life and of power, now flow in us,

win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good
 glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her
 earth and the hea - vens, guard us from
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost

Repeat Refrain

gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:
 gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:
 harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - en all, life that in all dost a - bide:

2 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the
 4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of
 6 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our
 8 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art

ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre - a - ted on
 life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
 minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

Repeat Refrain

earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
 death, life thou be - stow - est on all:
 preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
 souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

*The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Postlude: Toccata on *Easter Hymn*

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Parish Prayer List: Allison, Ben, Bob, Caroline Condon, Chris Ewell, Chrissy Riccelli, Colby Giersch, Courtney J., Frank Allgauer, Garth Pearce, Jess, Jessie Collins, Jocelyn, Joe, Kathy, Kristin, Rev. Lee Griess, Mark, Mike, Ole Hass, Rick Smith, Stephanie Nixdorf, Tricia, Wayne Love, Whitney.

We pray for the departed, especially **Lynn Abplanalp**, and **Sandy Washburn-Karn**, wife of Harry Karn and beloved member of St. Alban's. *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 Abundant Life, All Saints', and Church of the Holy Spirit in Greensboro.

In our **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

Public Servant Prayer List: Matthew Shaw (Cornelius Police Department)

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

April 1: Hayden Boyd, Annie Ruthstrom

April 2: Susan Herbert, Lisa McDonnell

April 3: Liza Calder, Luke Mabry, Max Rirchun

April 5: Adrienne Bacchus, Leane Turner

April 6: Susan Olin, Caroline Patch, Austin 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

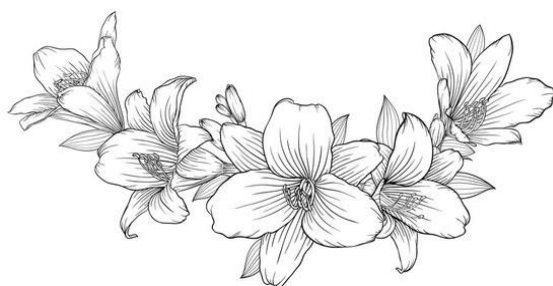
Anniversaries

April 2: Jason & Ashley Stopinski

April 5: John & Holly Bolton

April 6: Bob & Jane Boettger

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



EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

Claire & Geoffrey Allen, in honor of their parents/in laws, Beverly & Jim Mitchell
Susan & Bob Beard, in memory of Bruce Beard and Nancy Willig
Guy & Susan Beaumont, in memory of their parents
Raymund & Joan Bischoff, in honor of their siblings, Win Bischoff and Pamela Sanderson
Alison & Richard Boughrum, in thanksgiving for their children and grandchildren
Larry & Elaine Carmann, in memory of Marcia Carmann and Jerry Hibbeler
Joan & Newt Carpenter, in thanksgiving for their spiritual lives at St. Alban's, and in gratitude for the joy of music and the gift of new life in the birth of Ashton Newton Glick
Anne & John Depenbrock, for Doris & John Penello and Barbara & John Depenbrock
Susan Dickman, in memory of Wesley W. Dickman, Marie & Charles Stodgell, and Evelyn & Taylor Dickman
Jackie Dienemann, in memory of Paul Dienemann
Ellen Eller
Charles & Mary Emerich, in honor of Donna Littlejohn
Gordon & Debra Garrett, for Chuck & Virginia Foreman and William (Sunny) & Beth Dunlap
Carmen Germino, Matt Presson, & Chris, in memory of Chris Blucher Germino and Marvin Lee Presson
Scott & Amy Gollinger, in memory of their parents
Diane Hamilton, in memory of Robert Hamilton and Hilary Hamilton
Martha Hartle, in honor of our St. Alban's Clergy and Staff
Beth Jones, in memory of Scott Jones
Arthur Hayes, in memory of William B. Hayes & Love Berkely Hayes
Greg, Sarah, & Finn Hicks, in memory of Virginia Swindell and John LeClair
Harry Karn, in memory of his parents, Harold & Christine Karn
Mike & Annamarie Klemm, for the blessing of family & friends
Carole Kruger, in memory of Kathryn Beam
The Lloyd family, in memory of Margie McLaughlin and David Lloyd
Mike & Lisa McDonnell, in memory of Nancy & John Robb and Michael McDonnell, Sr.
The McMillan family, in memory of Kathleen's father, Frank White
Gordon & Alice Mietz, in memory of the Johnson and Mietz families
Marcy Reid & family, in memory of Norm Reid, and in honor of John Bailey & the Choir
Deacon Dr. Sue Setzer, in memory of Rev. Dr. Peter Setzer and Dr. Ted Mullen
Jane Shoemaker, in thanksgiving for the talent and commitment of music master John Bailey
Leslie Urban, in memory of Anne Cavett
The Wallace family, in memory of Jim Wallace
Madeline Williams, in honor of her mother, Julia

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Announcements

Adult Formation in April: *Journeys* will meet on Sunday mornings in April from 9:10 - 10:10 a.m. in the Reflection Room to observe National Poetry Month, which was introduced to celebrate the importance of poets and poetry in our culture. *Journeys* is a group for adults who enjoy poetry, theological discussion, and diving into the deep topics of life and faith. All are welcome!

- April 7 - Karl Plank will lead the discussion on two poems, *Put Your Hands Upon Your Eyes*, and *In the Hearth* by Katie Ford.
- April 14 - Karl Plank will lead a discussion on *Icebergs*, *Iulissat* by Jean Valentine, and *Year One* by Franz Wright.
- April 21 - The group will discuss a poem by Eve L. Ewing, *eschatology*.
- April 28 - The group will discuss *All My Friends Are Finding New Beliefs*, by Christian Wiman.

Men's Group Gathering: The next Men's Group gathering will be held on Tuesday (not Monday), April 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the narthex. More information to follow. We hope you can make it!

Moms Connect: Moms Connect had so much fun at trivia night we decided to do it again while the weather is nice! We will be meeting on Thursday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. for trivia at Summit Coffee Basecamp. If you think you can join us, give Sarah Hicks a heads up at 704-798-9082 so we can try to save you a seat. Our gatherings are completely casual and welcome to all mom-types so feel free to join us even if you never have before - we look forward to seeing you!

Save the Date – 2024 VBS: 2024 Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming! Please save the dates! 2024 VBS will be held Monday, July 29th to Thursday, August 1st from 9am-12pm. We have extended it an hour and are so excited to see all your children! More information and registration to come.

St. Alban's Youth Group: Youth Group is for 6th-12th graders. Mark your calendars for the next few events:

- Mar 31st – Easter Sunday, NO youth group
- April 7th at 5:30 p.m. – Paintball
- April 14th at 5:30 p.m. – Church night, dinner and games

Preschool Enrollment: Are you looking for a wonderful preschool program for your two or three year old (or know someone who is)? We have a few remaining spaces. We operate from Labor Day to Memorial Day, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. We have a highly experienced, loving group of teachers that would love to meet your family. Give us a call to set up a tour 704-892-8955 or visit our website: www.saintalbansweekdaypreschool.org.

Thank you to the members of the St. Alban's Altar Guild and Flower Guild for their tireless efforts beautifying the church and enriching our worship experience.

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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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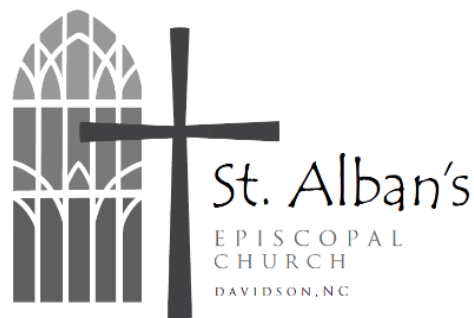
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