

St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you



Maundy Thursday

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 2, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Welcome to St. Alban's!

Welcome to St. Alban's! Thank you for worshipping 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. *The congregation is invited to stand as able when indicated by an asterisk.

The Prelude: O Sacred Head

Don Hustad

***The Processional Hymn: 315, Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray**

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The Word of God

***The Opening Acclamation**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

***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 -
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***The Collect for Maundy Thursday**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *Read responsively by half verse.*

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.

O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the LORD's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***The Sequence Hymn: 577, God is love**

UBI CARITAS (MURRAY)

Stanzas 1 & 2 are sung before the Gospel, stanza 3 is sung after.

***The Gospel**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has

been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Leslie Nuñez Steffensen

The Washing of Feet

Celebrant

Fellow servants of our Lord Jesus Christ: On the night before his death, Jesus set an example for his disciples by washing their feet, an act of humble service. He taught that strength and growth in the life of the Kingdom of God come not by power, authority, or even miracle, but by such lowly service. Therefore, we invite you who share in the royal priesthood of Christ, to come forward, that we may recall whose servant we are by following the example of our Master. But come remembering his admonition that what will be done for you is also to be done by you to others, for "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done." **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. **Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

At this time all are invited to come forward to participate in the foot washing ritual. After your feet have been washed, you are invited to wash the next person's feet, as you are able. If you are unable to wash someone's feet, the clergy will step in.

Hymn During the Washing of the Feet: 602, Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love CHEREPONI

***The Prayers of the People**

The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as able.

Intercessor

Merciful God, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. As we commit ourselves to following his example of love and service, teach us humility. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant continues.

***The Sanctus: S 129**

Holy, holy, holy

Robert Powell

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

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 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: 168 O sacred head, sore wounded

PASSION CHORALE

*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 Stripping of the Altar

While the congregation sits or kneels in prayer, the chancel will be prepared for Good Friday with the removal of all altar vestments, books, candlesticks and other furnishings. During the stripping of the altar, the congregation is invited to join the choir in the repeated chant from the Taizé community.

Stay With Me

Jacques Berthier

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
No - ho pu, no - ho mai me ia'u, ki - a'i a

pray pu - le, watch and pray.
kiai a pule.

After the altar is stripped, the ministers depart in silence.

A Reading: The Agony in the Garden

Matthew 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

There is no dismissal. The people depart in silence. The nave will remain open for private prayer for a while after the conclusion of the liturgy.

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Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Friday, April 3 | Good Friday

11:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

Weather permitting, we will gather by the SEEDS garden shed for this ancient tradition that retraces Christ's journey to the cross. Please note that our outdoor Stations of the Cross trail is not suitable for those with limited mobility. The nave will be open for anyone wishing to walk the Stations independently.

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

This service includes readings, a sermon, and veneration of the cross.

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Saturday, April 4 | Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter, Holy Eucharist Rite II

As the sun sets, the congregation will gather in the Memorial Garden, weather permitting, to welcome the arrival of Easter. After processing to the nave, the service will include music led by the Parish Choir, Holy Baptism, and the first Holy Communion of Easter. Following the service, a festive reception of treats and bubbly beverages will be served in the narthex, courtesy of the Ministry of Fun.

Sunday, April 5 | Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

This simple, joyful service includes Easter hymns.

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

This is our most family-friendly service, with music led by the Children's Choir and Parish Choir. Overflow seating will be available in the Parish Hall.

10:15 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt, outside if weather permits

No Sunday School. Rain location: preschool lobby. Each child may find up to 5 eggs. They get to keep the contents, then use the eggs to "vote" for how we allocate our 2026 Easter offering to Episcopal Relief & Development.

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II with Parish Choir

This service includes music led by the Parish Choir. Overflow seating will be available in the Parish Hall.

Welcome to St. Alban's!

Together We...*Gather to Worship, Scatter to Serve, Love Like Jesus*



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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