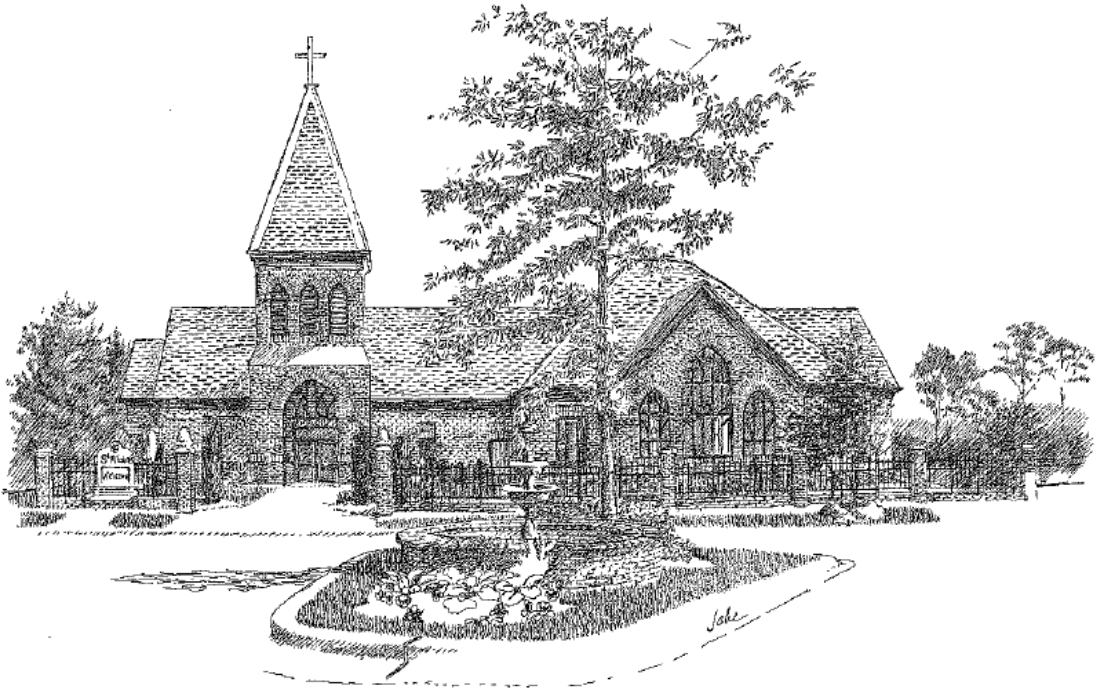


# St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*welcomes you*



## **The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

September 28, 2025

10:30 a.m.

# The Word of God

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

**The Prelude:** Andante in G major  
Fight the Good Fight (Hymn 552)

Joseph Becher  
W. Boyd, arr. C. Callahan

**\*The Processional Hymn: 429 I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath**

OLD 113TH

**\*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*

**\*A Song of Praise: S 236**

**Glory to You**

John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
— for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your  
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the  
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to  
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,  
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

### \*The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

**Amos 6:1a,4-7**

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 146

*Read responsively by half verse.*

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*

**for there is no help in them.**

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*

**whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*

**who keeps his promise for ever;**

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*

**and food to those who hunger.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*

**the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \*

**he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

The LORD shall reign for ever, \*

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## The Second Lesson

## 1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **\*The Sequence Hymn: 552 Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might**

PENTECOST

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

## **\*The Gospel**

**Luke 16:19-31**

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie Nuñez Steffensen

## **\*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.*

*Deacon*

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

*Intercessor*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Archbishop Justin; Presiding Bishop Sean; Our Bishops Sam and Jennifer; Bishop Metlha of Botswana and Bishop Gomez of Costa Rica; for our Clergy, for this gathering; and for all ministers and lay people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for peace for everyone affected by war and violence. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

I ask your prayers for all those on our parish prayer list. Together we pray for...

I invite your own thanksgivings and petitions, either silently or aloud. Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*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 Sanctus: S 125**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed 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, according to his command, O Father,

**People:** we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues.*

*Celebrant* *People*  
 A-men.

**\*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.**

**\*The Fraction Anthem: Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus**

Gary James

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: "Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread." The score includes performance directions: "Cantor or Choir" for the first, second, and sixth staves; "1. Congregation" for the first ending of the second staff; "2. Cantor or Choir" for the second ending of the second staff; and "Congregation" for the fourth and fifth staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

**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: 356 May Choirs of Angels Lead You**

Melchior Vulpus

# The Communion Hymn: All to Jesus I Surrender

Van de Vanter & Weeden

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der,  
 I will ev - er love and trust Him,  
 2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der  
 World - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en,  
 3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der  
 Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it  
 4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der  
 Fill me with thy love and pow - er.

1. all to Him I free - ly give;  
 In His pres - ence dai - ly live.  
 2. Hum - bly at His feet I bow;  
 Take me, Je - sus, take me now.  
 3. Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;  
 Tru - ly know that thou art mine.  
 4. Lord, I give my self to thee;  
 Let thy bless - ings fall on me.

I sur - ren - der all,  
 I sur - ren - der all,

I sur - ren - der all,  
 I sur - ren - der all, All to thee, my

bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

**\*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: 625 Ye Holy Angels Bright**

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**\*The Dismissal**

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**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

arr. Robert Hebble

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