

# St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*welcomes you*



## **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

A Penitential Order and Holy Eucharist: Rite II

March 17, 2024

10:30 a.m.

# A Penitential Order and 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-12<sup>th</sup> 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:** Andante Sostenuto

From God Christ's Deity Came Forth(Hymn 443)

E. Bottiglierio

Ronald Arnatt

**\*The Processional Hymn: 709 O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand**

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**\*The Opening Acclamation**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351*

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** His mercy endures forever.

**The Confession & Absolution**

*BCP p. 352*

*The congregation is invited to kneel as able.*

*Deacon*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

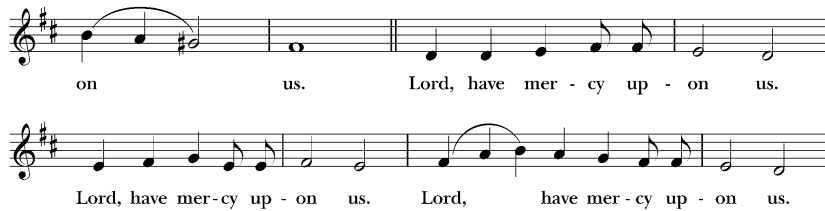
**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son 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 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 -



## \*The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 51:1-13** *Read responsively by half verse.*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*

**in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*

**and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, \*

**and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you only have I sinned \*

**and done what is evil in your sight.**

And so you are justified when you speak \*

**and upright in your judgment.**

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
**a sinner from my mother's womb.**  
 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
**and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**  
 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
**wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**  
 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
**that the body you have broken may rejoice.**  
 Hide your face from my sins \*  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**  
 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**  
 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
**and take not your holy Spirit from me.**  
 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
**and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

## The Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

## \*The Sequence Hymn: 443 From God Christ's Deity Came Forth

SALEM HARBOR

*Stanzas 1 & 3 are sung before the Gospel, stanzas 4 & 5 are sung after.*

## \*The Gospel

John 12:20-33

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
 People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And

what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour?” No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev. Kevin Lloyd

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

*Deacon*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Intersessor*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

**Have mercy upon us.**

From all evil, hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all oppression, violence, and disaster,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

That it may please you to give your Church a heart to love you, and diligently to live by your commandments,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please you to make wars cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all people,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please you to have mercy upon all humankind, especially those we know are in particular need. Together we pray for...

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please you to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, in the fellowship of all the saints,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: We ask you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to you; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*The Exchange of the Peace**

*BCP p. 360*

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

**The Greeting and Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory Anthem:** O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

music: Elaine Hagenberg

O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its  
flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my  
heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and  
feel the promise is not vain. That morn shall tearless be.

O Love, that will not let me go.

*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: O Father, Son, and Spirit Blest**

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O Father, Son, and Spirit Blest,  
to Thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in three-fold name adored,  
from age to age, the only Lord.

**\*The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A**

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**\*The Sursum Corda**

*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.

*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: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*



## \*The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

## \*The Fraction Anthem: S 161

## Lamb of God

David Hurd

Four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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

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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 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 Hymns: 603 When Christ Was Lifted from the Earth

ST. BOTOLPH

## 439 What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE



**\*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 Solemn Prayer over the People**

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*The Recessional Hymn: 370 I Bind Unto Myself Today, stanzas 1, 2, 7**

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

**\*The Dismissal**

*BCP p. 366*

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

J. Klug, arr. Callahan

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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.

### St. Alban's is a Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

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**The Right Reverend Jennifer Brooke-Davidson**, Assistant Bishop

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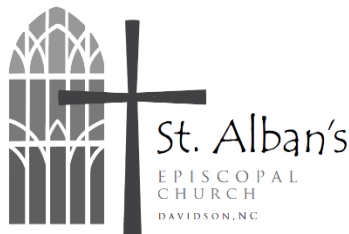
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