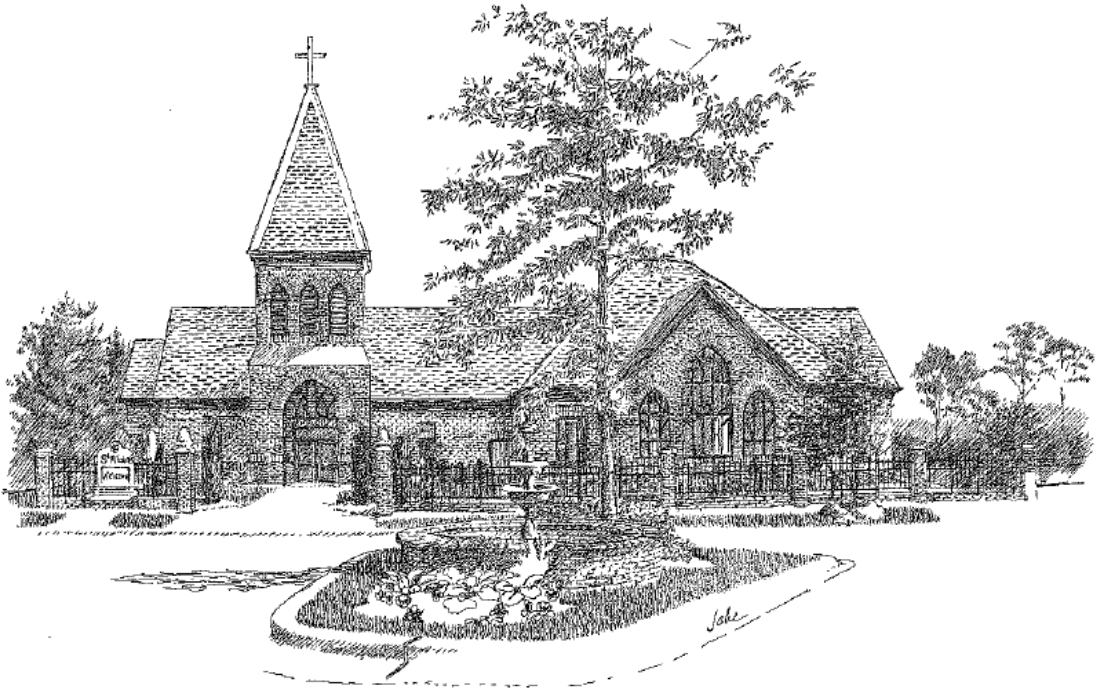


# St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*welcomes you*



## **The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday**

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

May 31, 2026

10:30 a.m.

# Welcome to St. Alban's Episcopal Church!

If you are new today, we are very glad you are here. There is a Welcome Desk to the right of the front doors, under the blue and gold banner. Look for a friendly Greeter to answer any questions or point you in the right direction. Please complete a newcomer form at the Welcome Desk so that we can be in touch and send you our newsletter. We would love to get to know you and become your spiritual home.

## Our Building

Our worship area/sanctuary is called the *nave*, which comes from a Latin word for “ship” because the ceiling of a church resembles the upside-down hull of a boat, and the people within are on a journey together with Christ.

The upstairs lobby area is called the *narthex*. Adjacent is the Reflection Room, which is used for meetings and classes. The hallway off the narthex leads to the office and the stairs.

Upstairs restrooms are located just off the narthex. A gender neutral/family restroom with a changing table is available in the Reflection Room.

You can access the lower floor by staircase or elevator. Once downstairs, turn left to find the nursery, Sunday School classrooms for children, and additional restrooms. Turn right to find the choir room, the youth room, and the parlor, which leads to the Parish Hall and another gender neutral/family restroom.

## Worship

Our bulletin will guide you through the service. At times, the congregation will be invited to stand or kneel, but feel free to participate in whatever way is comfortable for you. Responses spoken by the congregation are included in the bulletin, and the full text of any parts not printed in the bulletin can be found in *The Book of Common Prayer* (the book with the cross on the cover) or the hymnal—see your bulletin for the page numbers. Hymnals and prayer books can be found beneath the chairs.

If you are new to Episcopal worship, feel free to simply listen and let the rhythms and cadences of the service wash over you. With time, you will find that many of the words in the service become imprinted on your heart.

## Nametags

God calls us each by name, and we want to be able to call one another by name too. We encourage everyone to wear a nametag each time you come to church. If you need a nametag, a Greeter can help you in the narthex. When not in use, we have magnetic storage boards for nametags both upstairs in the narthex and downstairs in the parlor—feel free to pick the station closest to the entrance you tend to use most often.

## Children

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. The sounds of children in church are the sounds of a living, thriving church! Sitting close to the front can help little ones be more engaged in the service. Crayons and a coloring page are available just outside the nave. Sometimes kids (and adults!) need a little break, so feel free to visit the narthex or Reflection Room for more wiggle space if that would be helpful.

If desired, our nursery (for ages 3 and under) is open from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. It is located downstairs in the Sunday School area. The nursery is staffed by a mix of volunteers and paid attendants, often Davidson College students. All nursery attendants have had background checks and follow safe church procedures.

Children of all ages are invited to Children's Chapel. Following the Gospel, children will process out for age-appropriate music, prayers, and a brief lesson during the Sermon. They will return during the Passing of the Peace so families can be together for Communion.

## Refreshments & Fellowship

Following the service, all are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, snacks, and friendly conversation. Whether you're a newcomer or a longtime member, you are encouraged to find someone you haven't met before and say hello!

# 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:** *Chorale Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

**\*The Processional Hymn: 48, O day of radiant gladness** ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

**\*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 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 of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

### Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and

to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 8** *Chanted by the Children's Choir*

O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!  
Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.  
You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.  
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?  
You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:  
All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.  
O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

## The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

### \*The Sequence Hymn: 370, I bind unto myself today

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

*Stanzas 1-2 are sung before the Gospel, stanza 7 is sung following the Gospel.*

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

### \*The Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Following 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

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 for Trinity Sunday

*The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as able.*

*Deacon:* With gracious hearts, let us appeal to God, saying, “Glory to you, Holy Trinity; we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.”

*Intervenor:* Holy Trinity, you separated the light from the darkness, making day and night: may your Church ever dwell in your radiance and walk in the light of your love. Glory to you, Holy Trinity; **We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Holy Trinity, you placed the same sky above all people: may people across the world live in peace with one another. Glory to you, Holy Trinity; **We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Holy Trinity, you created all things and called them good: give us the will to respect and preserve your creation, that future generations may experience the goodness of all you have made. Glory to you, Holy Trinity; **We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Holy Trinity, you created the sun to give us light: shine your light upon our community, so that your justice and peace shall reign in our neighborhoods. Glory to you, Holy Trinity; **We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Holy Trinity, from your hands come forth creatures great and small: Grace the lives of all your children with healing and strength. Together we pray for: **April, Ashley, BJ, Bill, Bob, Cheryl, Christine, Christopher, David, Donna, Eddie, Eric, Gina, Jackson, Jen, Joan, Joyce, Kara, Kevin, Linda, Linda, Linda, Mark, Matt, Noah, Pam, Shirley, Sujata.** Are there others? Glory to you, Holy Trinity; **We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Holy Trinity, you created humankind in your image and you promised to be with us always: may those who have died take comfort in your eternal presence, especially Gordon Duncan Morris. Glory to you, Holy Trinity; **We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

*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 Recognition of the Children's Choir**

# **The Holy Communion**

## **The Offertory Anthem: *Weave Us Together***

Children's Choir

*Refrain: Weave, weave, weave us together.  
Weave us together in unity and love. (Repeat)*

We are many textures. We are many colors.  
Each one different from another.  
But we are entwined with one another  
in one great tapestry. *Refrain*

We are different instruments playing our own melody.  
Each one tuning to a different key.  
But we are all playing in harmony  
in one great symphony. *Refrain*

A moment ago, we did not know  
Unity, only diversity.  
Now the Christ in me greets the Christ in you  
in one great family. *Refrain*

*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 Thompson from the pull-down menu.*

**\*The Presentation of Gifts**

**\*The Festival Doxology**

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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, 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.

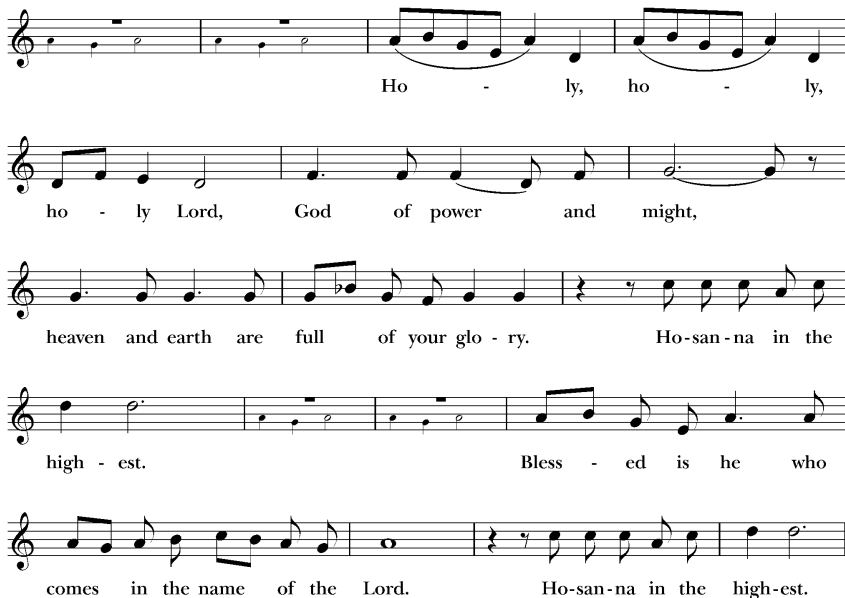
**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues, with the congregation responding as indicated.*

**\*The Sanctus: S 128**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

William Mathias



Ho - ly, 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.

*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.**

### **\*The Fraction Anthem: S-154**

### **Christ our Passover**

David Hurd

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### **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 Anthem: The Love of God**

Parish Choir & Children's Choir

**\*The Communion Hymn: Children of the heavenly Father**

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1. Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in His bos - om gath - er;  
2. God His own doth tend and nour-ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;  
3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His chil - ren sev - er;  
4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num-bers, Your pro - tect - or nev - er slum-bers;  
5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

1. Nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
2. From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.  
3. Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
4. At the will of your de - fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.  
5. His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

**\*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: 362, Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

NICAEA

**\*The Dismissal**

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**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Choral Benediction: The Parting Hand**

Children's Choir

My Christian friends, in bonds of love, whose hearts in sweetest union join:  
your friendship's like a drawing band, yet we must take the parting hand.  
Your company's sweet, your union dear, your words delightful to my ear,  
yet when I see that we must part, you draw like cords around my heart.

How sweet the hours have passed away since we have met to sing and pray.  
How loath we are to leave the place where Jesus shows his smiling face.  
O could I stay with friends so kind, how would it cheer my drooping mind!  
but duty makes me understand that we must take the parting hand.

And, since it is God's holy will, we must be parted for awhile.  
In sweet submission, all as one, we'll say: "Our Father's will be done."  
O glorious day! O blessed hope! My soul leaps forward at the thought  
when, on that happy, happy land, we'll no more take the parting hand.

**The Postlude:** *Postlude on NICAEA*

arr. Piet Post

We give thanks to our assisting musicians for their contributions to today's service.

Sarah & Jason Bamford, violins  
Victoria Bublin, viola  
Dennis Baraw, cello  
Caroline Fortune, bass  
Mike McDonnell, guitar  
Heidi & L.J. Peters, soloists

# 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.

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

**The Right Reverend Samuel Sewall Rodman, III**, Bishop of North Carolina

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

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