

# St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*welcomes you*



## **The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

February 16, 2025

10:30 a.m.

# 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., with the children returning 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:** Love's Redeeming Work Is Done (Hymn 188)  
Blest Are They

*Harmonia Sacra*, 1760  
David Haas, arr. Marilyn Biery

**\*The Processional Hymn: 423 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

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**\*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 280**

**Glory to God**

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty 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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

**Jeremiah 17:5-10**

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 1** *Read responsively by half verse.*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
**nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*

**and they meditate on his law day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*

**everything they do shall prosper.**

It is not so with the wicked; \*

**they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*

**nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.**

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*

**but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

**The Second Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Sequence Hymn: 188 Love's Redeeming Work Is Done**

SAVANNAH

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

**\*The Gospel**

**Luke 6:17-26**

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

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on

account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev. Valerie Davis

## \*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 arise and shine as we offer our prayers to the Lord, for the light has come, and the glory of God has dawned upon us.

*Intervenor*

For your Church, and all lay persons and clergy, that we would seek your Son always. Lord, your light has come, **and your glory has dawned upon us.**

For the nations of the world, that they may be guided by the same wisdom and faith of the kings who searched for the true King. We pray for peace in every place affected by war and violence. Lord, your light has come, **and your glory has dawned upon us.**

For our nation, its leaders, and its people, that we would give you homage by learning to love one another. We pray for our neighbors whose hurricane recovery efforts continue, for those affected by wildfires, and for all affected by natural disasters. Lord, your light has come, **and your glory has dawned upon us.**

For people in need, that we would share our gifts and treasures with all your children. We hold before you our loved ones who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Together we pray for... Lord, your light has come, **and your glory has dawned upon us.**

For those who have entered into the mystery of your eternal life. We pray for all who mourn. Lord, your light has come, **and your glory has dawned upon us.**

*Celebrant*

Lord, hear our prayers, and help us to be manifestations of your presence. Let the light of your Spirit shine within and among us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## **The Confession & Absolution**

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*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 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 For a Closer Walk with God**

arr. Charles V. Stanford

*Please see Hymn 684 for the text of the anthem.*

*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: Hymn 380, stanza 3**

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**



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 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 Anthem: Heal Me, Lord** *(sung by the Choir)*

Carol E. Petersen

**The Communion Hymn: Heal Me, Hands of Jesus**

Carl Haywood

1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain: re -  
 2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let  
 3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -  
 4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and  
 store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.  
 me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.  
 pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.  
 heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!



**\*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: 493 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

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**\*The Dismissal**

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Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude: O God of Light**

H. Barrie Cabena

## Welcome to St. Alban's!



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

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

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

### The Clergy and Staff

**The Reverend Carmen Germino**, Rector

**The Reverend Kevin Lloyd**, Associate Rector

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**The Reverend Valerie Davis**, Deacon

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