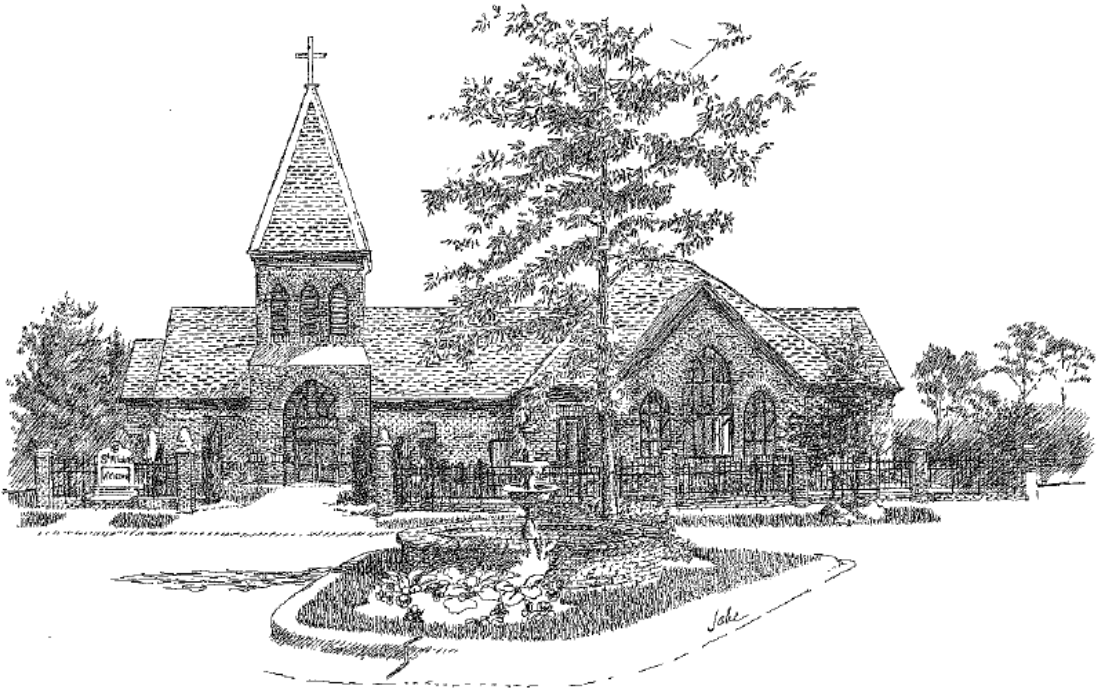


St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Baptism

March 2, 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-12th 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: Christ upon the Mountain Peak (Hymn 129) Cyril Taylor
O Splendor of God's Glory Bright William Knapp, arr. Gerald Peterson

***The Processional Hymn: 135 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise** SALZBURG

***The Opening Acclamation** *Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 299*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

***The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he

would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99 *Read responsively by half verse.*

The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The LORD is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; *

he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *

they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *

for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***The Sequence Hymn: 129 Christ upon the Mountain Peak**

MOWSLEY

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

***The Gospel**

Luke 9:28-36

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Kevin Lloyd

***The Baptismal Hymn: 513 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song**, *stanzas 1 & 3* BRIDEGROOM

***The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates** *BCP p. 301*

***The Baptismal Covenant** *BCP p. 304*

***The Prayers for the Candidates** *BCP p. 305*

The Thanksgiving Over the Water *BCP p. 306*

The Baptisms *BCP p. 307*

***The Exchange of the Peace** *BCP p. 308*

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

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: Sing of God Made Manifest

words: Carl P. Daw, Jr.
music: Bruce Neswick

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold, grave and God and king foretold.

Sing, sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."
Then, then from heaven a double sign dove-like Spirit,
voice divine hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest on a cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where the law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God, God would save.

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**

OLD 100TH

**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.**

***The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A**

BCP p. 361

***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

BCP p. 365

The Communion Hymn: 341 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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The Communion Hymn: 314 Humbly I Adore Thee, Verity Unseen

ADORO DEVOTE

***The Post Communion Prayer**

BCP p. 365

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: 383 Fairest Lord Jesus**

ST. ELIZABETH

***The Dismissal**

BCP p. 366

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: O Light of Light, Jesus, Redeemer of the Earth

Cary Ratcliff

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

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The Right Reverend Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Assistant Bishop

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The Reverend Kevin Lloyd, Associate Rector

Davidson College Campus Minister

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The Reverend Valerie Davis, Deacon

John Bailey, Organist and Choirmaster

Jessica Ewell, Parish Administrator and Communications Director

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