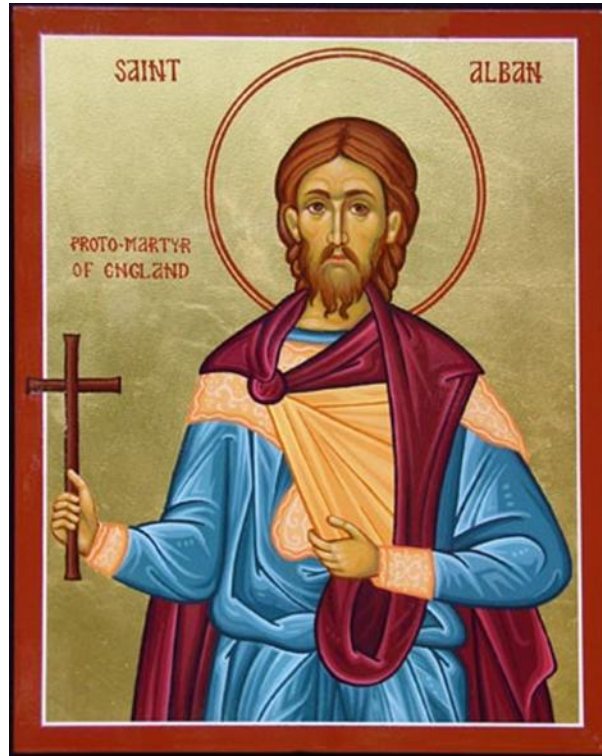


St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you



The Feast of Saint Alban the Martyr

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

June 21, 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: *A Grand Celebration*
Bell Choir

Derek Hakes

***The Processional Hymn: 688, A mighty fortress is our God**

EIN FESTE BURG

***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 Trisagion: Holy God** (*sung 3 times*)

Carl Haywood

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One,
Have mer - cy up - on us. _____

***The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by whose grace and power your holy martyr Alban triumphed over suffering and was faithful even unto death: Grant us, who now remember him in thanksgiving, to be so faithful in our witness to you in this world that we may receive with him the crown of life; 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

Wisdom 3:1–9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them

forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 125 *Read responsively by half verse.*

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.

The Second Lesson

1 John 3:13–16

Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***The Sequence Hymn: 236, King of the Martyrs' noble band** JESU NOSTRA REDEMPTIO

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

King of the mar - tyrs' no - ble band,
hear us as now we cel - e - brat
Dy - ing, through thee they o - ver - came;
Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther be;

crown of the true of ev - ery land,
faith un - de - terred by cru - el hate;
liv - ing, were faith - ful to thy Name.
glo - ry to Christ, who set us free;

strength of the pil - grim on the way,
hear and for - give us, sin - ners who
Turn our re - bel - lious hearts, and thus
and to the Spi - rit, liv - ing flame,

bea - con by night and cloud by day:
are bur - dened by the wrong we do.
win a like vic - to - ry in us.
glo - ry un - ceas - ing we pro - claim.

***The Gospel**

Matthew 10:34–42

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Gospeler: 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. 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.

Intercessor: Let us offer our prayers to God, giving thanks for the witness of our patron, who said “I am Alban and I worship the true and living God.”

Gracious God, strengthen your Church throughout the world. Give courage to all who bear witness to the Gospel, and make us faithful disciples of Jesus Christ in word and deed. Bless and protect our fellow parishioners who are on pilgrimage at St. Alban’s Cathedral in England now.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christians and all people who face persecution, violence, or discrimination because of their beliefs. Uphold them with your Spirit, and grant them courage and hope.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the leaders of every nation in the ways of justice, mercy, and peace. Turn hearts away from hatred and oppression, and help us seek the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Following the example of Alban, who welcomed a stranger in need, make us generous in hospitality and compassionate toward all who seek refuge, comfort, or friendship.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the lonely, the grieving, the poor, and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those known to us today. Together we pray for...May they know your healing presence and unending love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who have died in the faith of Christ and all who have gone before us. Rejoicing in the fellowship of Alban the Martyr and all the saints, we trust in your promise of eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose servant Saint Alban, strengthened by your grace, gave his life in witness to the Gospel: Following his example may we worship and adore you, the true and living God, through your Son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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 Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: *Take this Moment, Sign and Space*

John Bell

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

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 B

BCP p. 367

*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

Holy, holy, holy Lord

LAND OF REST

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. 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 164**

Jesus, Lamb of God

F. Schubert/R. Proulx

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your 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 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: 693, Just as I am, without one plea**

WOODWORTH

***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: 390, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation**

LOBE DEN HERREN

***The Dismissal**

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People: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

arr. Dale Wood

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The Life of Saint Alban

Alban lived around the year 300 in the Roman town of Verulamium, modern day England. One day he gave shelter to a stranger fleeing from persecution – a Christian priest. We do not know the priest’s real name but later, when the story was retold, he was called Amphibalus. Alban was so moved by the priest’s faith and courage that he asked to be taught more about Christianity, then still a forbidden religion. When the authorities came to arrest the fugitive priest, Alban, inspired by his new-found faith, exchanged cloaks with Amphibalus, allowing him to escape. The Roman soldiers arrested Alban instead and brought him before the city magistrate. Alban refused to sacrifice to the Roman emperor and gods, declaring, ‘I am called Alban and I worship and adore the true and living God, who created all things’. The magistrate ordered that Alban should receive the punishment due to the priest. He was brought out of the town and up to the site of execution on a hill, where he was beheaded. Alban is honored as the first British martyr, and his grave quickly became a place of pilgrimage. Alban’s story takes us back to the beginning of the Christian faith in Britain; he is a saint of the undivided church, a saint for all Christians. His welcome to the persecuted stranger is a powerful example of courage, compassion, and hospitality.

A Prayer for Father’s Day

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they nurture and care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, compassion and love. Be with all those who feel grief or sorrow on this day. Help us to recognize all who have guided us and loved us like fathers, shining your light upon all of your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assisting Musicians

We give thanks to our assisting musicians for their contributions to today’s service.
Larina Pierce, *piano*; Mike McDonell, *guitar*, Chuck Rice and Meghan Wally, *flute*

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.

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