

# St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*welcomes you*



**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 19, 2023

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. 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:** O For a Closer Walk with God  
Gather Us In

J. B. Dykes, arr. Gerald Peterson  
Marty Haugen

**\*The Processional Hymn: 632 O Christ, the Word Incarnate**

MUNICH

**\*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*

**\*A Song of Praise: S 236**

**Glory to You**

John Rutter



1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
\_ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
 you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
 ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the  
 depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to  
 you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

### \*The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson

**Judges 4:1-7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who

lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 123** *Read responsively by half verse.*

To you I lift up my eyes, \*

**to you enthroned in the heavens.**

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*

**and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*

**until he show us his mercy.**

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*

**for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*

**and of the derision of the proud.**

## The Second Lesson

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Sequence Hymn: 536 Open Your Ears, O Faithful People**

TORAH SONG

*Stanza 1 is sung before the Gospel, stanza 2 is sung after.*

## \*The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Valerie Colbert

## \*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: A Litany of Thanksgiving**

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. **We thank you, Lord.**

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. **We thank you, Lord.**

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. **We thank you, Lord.**

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. **We thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. **We thank you, Lord.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that they may live in joy, peace, and health. Together we pray for...

For all who have died, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

### **The Annual Giving Collect**

**Gracious God, thank you! Thank you for all the gifts we notice, and all the gifts we don't. Thank you for the ever-flowing river of your grace, your justice, your compassion, and your love. Let our gratitude overflow into generosity. Let your gifts to us overflow into gifts we give to others. As your children, made in your image, let us be creators of abundant life for all. In the joyful, generous name of Jesus we pray. 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 Christ the Same**

words: Timothy Dudley-Smith  
music: Irish tune, arr. John Barnard

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages, our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;  
eternal Lord, the King of all the ages, unchanging still amid the passing years.

O living Word, the source of all creation, who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation, we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;  
still as of old upon your body bearing the marks of love in triumph glorified.

O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven, O Prince of life, in all your saving power;

O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given: we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping our lives and loves, our days and years remain;  
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain.

O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

*Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. Today's loose offering will be directed toward the United Thank Offering. To donate to the United Thank Offering by check, please write "UTO" in the memo line. To utilize our text-to-give option, simply text "ALBANS" to 73256. You can then select the account to which you wish to donate from the drop down menu.*

**\*The Presentation of Gifts**

**\*The Doxology: As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought**

FOREST GREEN

**As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyards, flock, and field to God,  
the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;  
so we today our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land,  
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.**

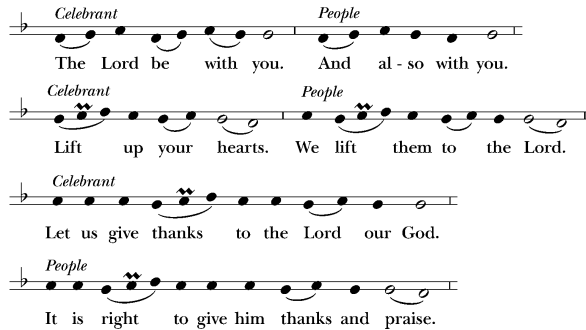
## \*The United Thank Offering Prayer

Source of all creation, all love, all true joy, accept we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering; and keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenges that come our way; through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

## \*The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

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## \*The Sursum Corda



Musical score for the Sursum Corda. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

*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.

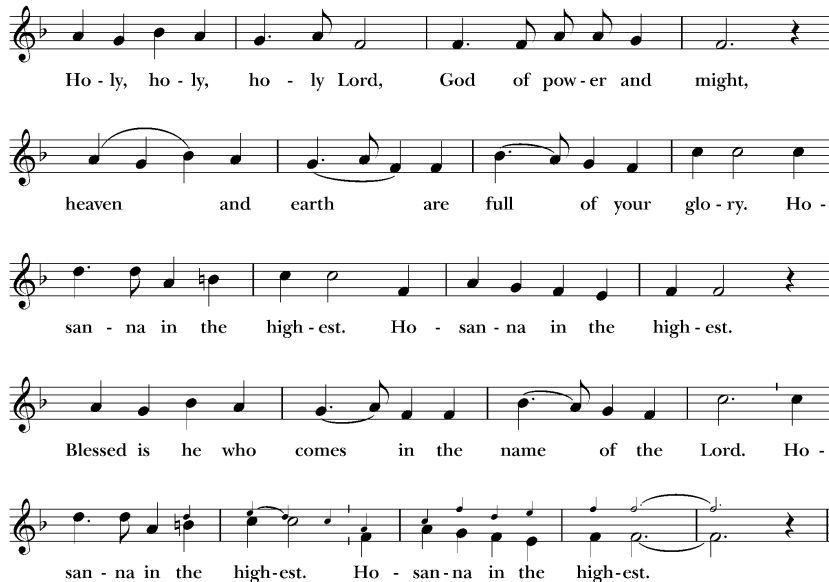
*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues.*

## \*The Sanctus: S 125

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Richard Proulx



Musical score for The Sanctus: S 125. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed 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 music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

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heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
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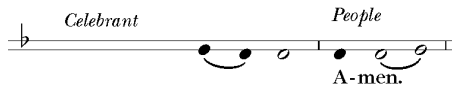


*The Celebrant continues. The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as able.*

**Celebrant:** Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**People:** we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues.*



**\*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: Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus**

Gary James

*Cantor or Choir*  
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the  
break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The  
bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -  
mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be  
known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the  
bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though  
man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord  
Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

1. *Congregation* | 2. *Cantor or Choir*  
*Congregation*

## 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: 490 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 683 O For a Closer Walk with God

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### \*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: 290 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come, *stanzas 1, 2 & 4*

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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: From Glory to Glory, We Praise Thee, O Lord

Craig S. Lang

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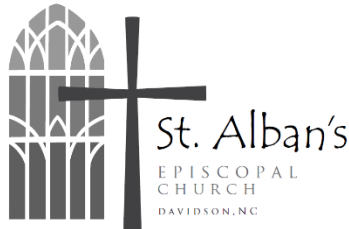
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### The Clergy and Staff

**The Right Reverend Samuel Sewall Rodman, III**, Bishop of North Carolina  
**The Right Reverend Jennifer Brooke-Davidson**, Assistant Bishop  
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**The Reverend Kevin Lloyd**, Associate Rector  
Davidson College Campus Minister  
**The Reverend Valerie Colbert**, Deacon  
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