

# St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*welcomes you*



## **The Second Sunday of Easter**

Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Baptism

April 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

# Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*Welcome to St. Alban's! Thank you for worshipping 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:** Awake, My Heart, with Gladness  
Fanfare in D Major

Johann Crüger  
Robert J. Powell

**\*The Processional Hymn: 205 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!**, *stanzas 1, 3—5*  
GELOBT SEI GOTT

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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

**Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 133** *Read responsively by half verse.*

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
**when people live together in unity!**

It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
**that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
**and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
**that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
**life for evermore.**

## **The Second Lesson**

**1 John 1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Sequence Hymn: 490 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

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*Stanza 1 is sung before the Gospel, stanza 3 is sung after.*

**\*The Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 Baptism** *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:** Angels Visit When We Sing

*Margo Gilmore, piano*

Words: Thomas H. Troeger

Music: Tom Trenney

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Angels visit when we sing, and the morning stars rejoice,  
we can hear them echoing in each faithful heart and voice:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Angels visit when we sing as they did at Jesus' birth,  
and the music that they bring links the heavens with the earth!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Angels visit when we sing, and with their praise sin and death have lost their sting!

For the Crucified is raised!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Angles visit when we sing, and our hearts are touched by fire,  
as our hymns and anthems ring with the sound of heaven's choir. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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 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 B**

*BCP p. 367*

## \*The Sursum Corda

*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 128

## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

William Mathias

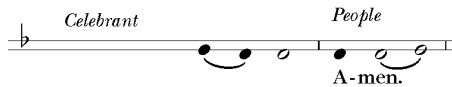
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

**Celebrant:** Therefore, 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**

*BCP p. 364*

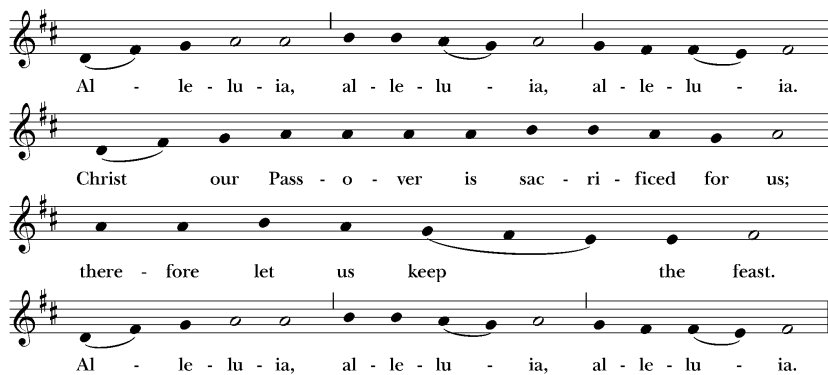
*Celebrant and People*

**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



**The Ministration of Communion**

*BCP p. 365*

*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: 206 O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing  
209 We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight**

O FILII ET FILIAE  
ST. BOTOLPH

**\*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: 492 Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness**

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**\*The Dismissal**

*BCP p. 366*

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**The Postlude: Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!**

Frederick Maker

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## 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

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**The Reverend Kevin Lloyd**, Associate Rector

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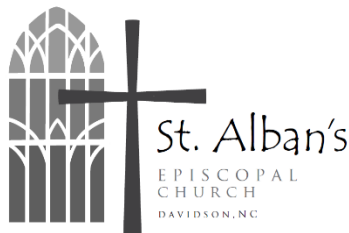
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