

St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you



The Sunday of the Resurrection

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 5, 2026

9:00 a.m.

This Easter I am thankful for...

This space can be used to write or draw a prayer of gratitude.

The Liturgy of the Word

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. 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. *The congregation is invited to stand as able when indicated by an asterisk.

The Prelude: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness
Trumpet and Organ

arr. Donald Busarow

***The Processional Hymn: 207 Jesus Christ is risen today**

EASTER HYMN

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

***The Easter Acclamation**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

***The Collect for Easter Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Read responsively by half verse.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*The Sequence Hymn: Mary's grief and joy

ABERYSTWYTH

Stanzas 1 & 2 are sung before the Gospel, stanza 3 is sung after. The Children's Choir will sing the refrain.

All Mary to her Savior's tomb hasted at the early dawn;
spice she brought and sweet perfume, but the Lord she loved was gone.
For awhile she weeping stood, struck with sorrow and surprise;
shedding tears, a plenteous flood, for her heart supplied her eyes.

Refrain Oh, my Savior, oh, my Savior, where has my Savior gone?
Children's Choir Oh, my Savior, here's my Savior! He has risen from the tomb!

All Mary to the upper room hasted as the sun arose;
news she brought of empty tomb: naught was left but Jesus' clothes!
John and Peter ran to see; open-mouthed, they touched the stone;
"Oh my God, how could this be?" then they left her there alone.

Children's Choir Refrain

*The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

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

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Mary's grief and joy, *Stanza 3*

All Mary to the cave return'd, slowly past the stone did creep.
Spake a voice for which she'd yearn'd: "Child of God, why do you weep?"
Turning, wide-eyed Mary stood, struck with wonder and surprise;
shedding tears, a joyous flood, for her heart supplied her eyes.

Children's Choir Refrain

The Homily

The Reverend Carmen Germino

*The Nicene Creed

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**

Please read together the names on our prayer list, when prompted.

Deacon

Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go, saying Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Intercessor

In this Easter season, may we commit ourselves to work for the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We pray for our nation, and our world, and for its leaders and members of the armed forces, that your spirit of peace and renewal may overcome our differences, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Comfort all who suffer, and surround them with your grace. Together, we pray for: **BJ, Bill, Bill, Judy, Bob, Bob, Bob, Brandy, Brian, Carrie, Christine, Christopher, Clark, Cynthia, David, Dreema, Eric, Gina, Jackson, Joan, Joe, Joyce, Linda, Linda, Linda, Mark, Matt, Noah, Riley, Shirley, Sujata, Susie, Tony, Wayne.** Are there others? May they know your healing love, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Give rest to all who have died, especially Maria Collias, and help us to trust that their pain is no more, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the women at the tomb. Make us your sign of new life in our world, for Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

***The Exchange of the Peace**

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: Lord of the Dance

Children's Choir

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. To utilize our text-to-give option, text "ALBANS" to 73256.

***The Presentation of Gifts**

***The Festival Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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, Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The Sanctus: S 128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

William Mathias

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.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

The Communion Hymn: 210 The day of resurrection!

ELLACOMBE

Descant

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,
1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.
our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

*The Post Communion Prayer

The congregation is invited to kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 Easter Blessing

Celebrant

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his grace, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

*The Recessional Hymn: 175 Hail thee, festival day, stanzas 1, 2, 7, 8

SALVE FESTA DIES

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for -
 ev - er, day where - on Christ a - rose, break - ing the
 king - dom of death. death.

First time only 2

1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the
 3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
 5 God the cre - a - tor, the Lord, who rul - est the
 7 Spi - rit of life and of power, now flow in us,
 win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good
 glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her
 earth and the hea - vens, guard us from
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost

Repeat Refrain

gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:
 gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:
 harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - en all, life that in all dost a - bide:

2 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the
 4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of
 6 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our
 8 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art
 ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre - a - ted on
 life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
 minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

Repeat Refrain

earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
 death, life thou be - stow - est on all:
 preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
 souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

*The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude: Postlude from Little Suite

Emma Lou Diemer



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Welcome and thank you to our guest musician for today's service.
Ben Mitchell, trumpet

Thank you to Lois Buesser, who is serving as our interim organist and choir director during our time of staff transition.

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Together We...*Gather to Worship, Scatter to Serve, Love Like Jesus*



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