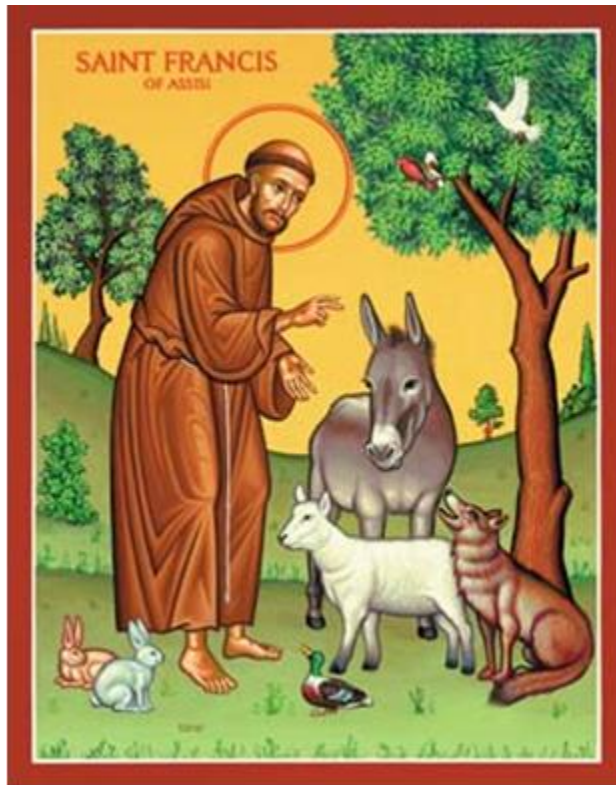


St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you



The Feast of Francis of Assisi

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

October 4, 2026

8:00 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. * The congregation is invited to stand as able when indicated by an asterisk.*

The Word of God

*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 Gloria

BCP p. 356

*The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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

Job 39:1–18

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. "Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. "Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? "The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121 *Read responsively by half verse.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Leslie Nuñez Steffensen

***The Nicene Creed**

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***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.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea; **We thank you, Lord.**

For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers; **We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of humans; **We thank you, Lord.**

For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life; **We thank you, Lord.**

For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees; **We thank you, Lord.**

That we may love and honor all your works, O God; **We pray to you, Lord.**

That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation; **We pray to you, Lord.**

For those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. Together we pray for...

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed.

The Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Celebrant

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

The Confession & Absolution

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The congregation is invited to kneel as able.

***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

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 Great Thanksgiving, Prayer C

BCP p. 369

*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.

*The Sanctus

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

*The Lord's Prayer

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*The Fraction

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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 Post Communion Prayer

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The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as able.

*The Blessing

*The Dismissal

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

In Remembrance

Maddie Phillips

Marcelle Zerrer

God, the refuge and strength of all who mourn: Hear our prayers for all who grieve the death of a beloved pet. Bring comfort in loneliness, peace in distress, and joy in remembering; and lift their hearts in thanksgiving for the gift of companionship they have known. Amen.

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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