

# St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*welcomes you*



## **The Second Sunday of Easter**

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

April 27, 2025

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

Johann Crüger, arr. Kenneth Kosche

**\*The Processional Hymn: 205 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!**, *sts. 1, 3—5* M. Vulpius

**\*The Opening Acclamation**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**\*The Gloria: S 278**

**Glory to God in the Highest**

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,  
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

5. you are seated at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### \*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 5:27-32**

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 150** *Read responsively by half verse.*

Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
**praise him in the firmament of his power.**

Praise him for his mighty acts; \*  
**praise him for his excellent greatness.**

Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
**praise him with lyre and harp.**

Praise him with timbrel and dance; \*  
**praise him with strings and pipe.**

Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
**praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.**

Let everything that has breath \*  
**praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

## **The Second Lesson**

**Revelation 1:4-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Sequence Hymn: 454 Jesus Came, Adored by Angels**

LOWRY

*Stanzas 1 & 2 are sung before the Gospel, stanzas 3 & 4 are sung after.*

**\*The Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

Gospeler: 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.

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

## 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.*

*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, 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: ... 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, 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**

*BCP p. 360*

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

**The Greeting and Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory Anthem:** Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150)

music: Robert J. Powell

*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 and select the appropriate fund from the drop-down menu. Today's loose offering will support the work of Galilee Ministries of East Charlotte. To donate to GMEC by check, please make it out to St. Alban's with "Galilee Ministries" in the memo.*

**\*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**

**\*The Sursum Corda**

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.	
<i>Celebrant</i> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
<i>People</i> It is right to give him thanks and praise.	

*The Celebrant continues, with the congregation responding as indicated.*

**\*The Sanctus: S 128**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

William Mathias

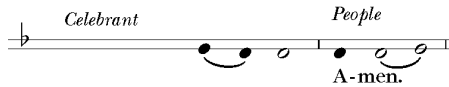
Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*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

Musical notation for the Fraction Anthem. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff contains "Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;" The third staff contains "there - fore let us keep the feast." The fourth staff contains "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." There are slurs under the "lu - ia" parts of each line.

## 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 Hymn: 206 Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters

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**\*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: 209 We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight**

ST. BOTOLPH

**\*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: Fanfare in D**

Robert J. Powell

## 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

**The Reverend Carmen Germino**, Rector

**The Reverend Kevin Lloyd**, Associate Rector

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**The Reverend Leslie Nuñez Steffensen**, Priest Associate

**The Reverend Valerie Davis**, Deacon

**John Bailey**, Organist and Choirmaster

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**Erin Garrett**, Director of Finance

**Matt Presson**, Director of Children's Choir and Stream Team

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