

St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Holy Baptism, Confirmation,
Reception, and Reaffirmation

October 12, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Alban's Episcopal Church!

If you are new today, we are very glad you are here. There is a Welcome Desk to the right of the front doors, under the blue and gold banner. Look for a friendly Greeter to answer any questions or point you in the right direction. Please complete a newcomer form at the Welcome Desk so that we can be in touch and send you our newsletter. We would love to get to know you and become your spiritual home.

Our Building

Our worship area/sanctuary is called the *nave*, which comes from a Latin word for “ship” because the ceiling of a church resembles the upside-down hull of a boat, and the people within are on a journey together with Christ.

The upstairs lobby area is called the *narthex*. Adjacent is the Reflection Room, which is used for meetings and classes. The hallway off the narthex leads to the office and the stairs.

Upstairs restrooms are located just off the narthex. A gender neutral/family restroom with a changing table is available in the Reflection Room.

You can access the lower floor by staircase or elevator. Once downstairs, turn left to find the nursery, Sunday School classrooms for children, and additional restrooms. Turn right to find the choir room, the youth room, and the parlor, which leads to the Parish Hall and another gender neutral/family restroom.

Worship

Our bulletin will guide you through the service. At times, the congregation will be invited to stand or kneel, but feel free to participate in whatever way is comfortable for you. Responses spoken by the congregation are included in the bulletin, and the full text of any parts not printed in the bulletin can be found in *The Book of Common Prayer* (the book with the cross on the cover) or the hymnal—see your bulletin for the page numbers. Hymnals and prayer books can be found beneath the chairs.

If you are new to Episcopal worship, feel free to simply listen and let the rhythms and cadences of the service wash over you. With time, you will find that many of the words in the service become imprinted on your heart.

Nametags

God calls us each by name, and we want to be able to call one another by name too. We encourage everyone to wear a nametag each time you come to church. If you need a nametag, a Greeter can help you in the narthex. When not in use, we have magnetic storage boards for nametags both upstairs in the narthex and downstairs in the parlor—feel free to pick the station closest to the entrance you tend to use most often.

Children

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. The sounds of children in church are the sounds of a living, thriving church! Sitting close to the front can help little ones be more engaged in the service. Crayons and a coloring page are available just outside the nave. Sometimes kids (and adults!) need a little break, so feel free to visit the narthex or Reflection Room for more wiggle space if that would be helpful.

If desired, our nursery (for ages 3 and under) is open from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. It is located downstairs in the Sunday School area. The nursery is staffed by a mix of volunteers and paid attendants, often Davidson College students. All nursery attendants have had background checks and follow safe church procedures.

Sunday School for ages 4 - 12th grade begins at 10:15 a.m. downstairs. Students will return to the nave during the Passing of the Peace, so that families can be together for Communion.

Refreshments & Fellowship

Following the service, all are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, snacks, and friendly conversation. Whether you're a newcomer or a longtime member, you are encouraged to find someone you haven't met before and say hello!

The Word of God

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

The Prelude: Processional for a Joyful Day

Dale Wood

***The Processional Hymn: 410 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

LAUDA ANIMA

***The Opening Acclamation**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 299

Bishop: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop: 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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the

prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 111 *Read responsively by half verse.*

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *

in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; *

holy and awesome is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *

those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

The Second Lesson

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful--for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Sequence Hymn: No Saint on Earth Lives Life to Self Alone

SONG I

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

1. No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone
2. For to this end our Lord by death was slain,
or dies a - lone, for we with Christ are one.
that to new life he might a - rise a - gain.
So if we live, for Christ a - lone we live,
Through sor - row on to tri - umph Christ has led,
and if we die, to Christ our dy - ing give.
and reigns o'er all: the liv - ing and the dead.
In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:
In liv - ing and in dy - ing, him we bless.
we are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.

*The Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

The Sermon The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism *BCP p. 301*

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation *BCP p. 303*

***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 Welcome of the Newly Baptized *BCP p. 308*

The Prayer for Those Renewing Their Commitment to Christ *BCP p. 309*

The Prayers and Laying on of Hands *BCP p. 309-310*

The Concluding Prayer *BCP p. 310*

***The Exchange of the Peace** *BCP p. 310*

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

The Greeting and Announcements

The Diocesan Prayer for Mission

Bishop

Most gracious and loving God: Strengthen the hearts of your people in this Diocese, that loving you with our whole heart, and loving our neighbors as ourselves, we might, in the power of the Spirit, obey the call of Jesus, to go into our world as disciples making disciples, and making a difference, through your saving love. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: O God Beyond All Praising

words: Michael Perry
music: Holst, arr. Dan Forrest

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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 loose plate offering this morning will be designated for the Bishop's discretionary fund. If you would like to make an online offering to the Bishop's discretionary fund, please visit this website: <https://givingtools.com/give/1182/1995>.

*The Presentation of Gifts

***The Doxology: 705 As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought, stanza 1** 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 our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.

***The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B**

BCP p. 367

*The Sursum Corda

The musical notation for the Sursum Corda consists of two staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second is for the People. Both staves begin with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 Bishop continues.

*The Sanctus: S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy

Richard Proulx

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

Bishop: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

The Bishop continues.

Celebrant

People

A-men.

*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

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

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The

bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -

Congregation

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be

known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the

Cantor or Choir

bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

Congregation

man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord

Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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 are choosing the common cup, it will be stationed in front of the altar rail in the center—please make your way there after consuming your wafer at the rail. If you choose to intinct, please remain where you are and 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: Healing River of the Spirit

BEACH SPRING

1 Heal-ing riv - er of the Spi - rit, bathe the wounds that liv - ing brings.
2 Well-spring of the heal-ing Spi - rit, stream that flows to bring re - lease,
3 Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, make us chan - nels of your pow'r.

Plunge our pain, our sin, our sad-ness deep be - neath your sa - cred springs.
as we gain our selves, our sens-es, may our lives re - flect your peace.
All the world is torn by con-flict; wars are rag - ing at this hour.

Wea - ry from the rest - less search-ing that has lured us from your side,
Grate-ful for the flood that heals us, may your church en - act your grace.
Sav - ing Spi - rit, move a - mong us; guide our wind-ing hu - man course,

we dis-cov - er in your pres - ence peace that world can - not pro - vide.
As we meet both friend and strang-er, may we see our Sav-ior's face.
till we find our way to - geth - er, flow - ing home-ward to our source.

The Communion Hymn: 309 O Food to Pilgrims Given

O WELT, ICH MUSS

*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: 657 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*The Dismissal

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

The Postlude: Fantasia in C, HWV 490

G. F. Handel, arr. Lani Smith

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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.

St. Alban's is a Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

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The Right Reverend Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Assistant Bishop

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