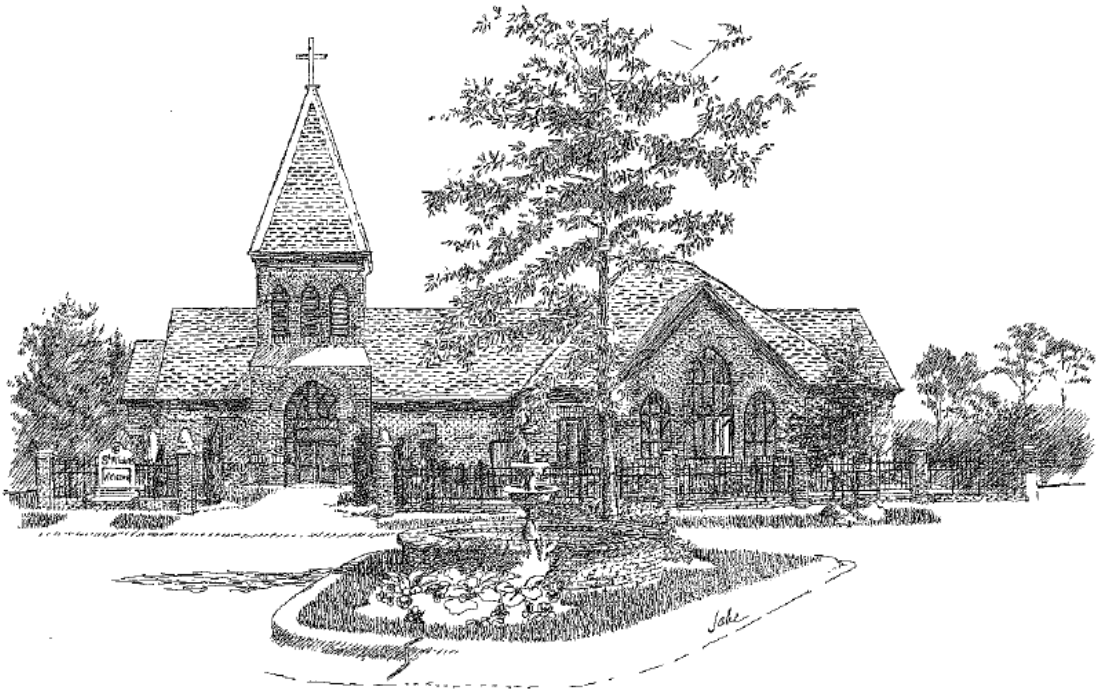


# St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*welcomes you*



## **The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
with Confirmation and Reception

October 15, 2023

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 off the narthex (lobby). 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:** Holy Spirit, Lord of Love (Hymn 349)  
Come, Thou Almighty King

Joseph Parry  
Giardini, arr. Martin

**\*The Processional Hymn: 556 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!**, *stanzas 1—2, 5—7*

MARION

**\*The Opening Acclamation**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 413*

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**

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Bishop: 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**

**Exodus 32:1-14**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the

gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader:           The Word of the Lord.

People:           **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23**

*Read responsively by half verse.*

Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
**for his mercy endures for ever.**

Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD \*  
**or show forth all his praise?**

Happy are those who act with justice \*  
**and always do what is right!**

Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, \*  
**and visit me with your saving help;**

That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  
**that I may glory with your inheritance.**

We have sinned as our forebears did; \*  
**we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \*  
**and worshiped a molten image;**

And so they exchanged their Glory \*  
**for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

They forgot God their Savior, \*  
**who had done great things in Egypt,**

Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \*  
**and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  
**to turn away his wrath from consuming them.**

## The Second Lesson

## Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## \*The Sequence Hymn: Rejoice in the Lord Always

Evelyn Turner

*The hymn will be sung once before and after the Gospel reading.*

1 F C7 F  
Re - joice in the Lord al - ways, and a - gain I say, re - joice!

2 C7 F  
Re - joice in the Lord al - ways, and a - gain I say, re - joice!

3 C7 F  
Re - joice! Re - joice! And a - gain I say re - joice!

4 C7 F  
Re - joice! Re - joice! And a - gain I say re - joice!

## **\*The Gospel**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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 Candidates**

*BCP p. 415*

## **\*The Baptismal Covenant**

*BCP p. 416*

## **\*The Prayers for the Candidates**

*BCP p. 305*

## **The Prayer and Laying on of Hands**

*BCP p. 418*

## **The Concluding Prayer**

*BCP p. 419*

## **\*The Exchange of the Peace**

*BCP p. 419*

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

## **Children’s Choir: All God’s Critters**

## **The Greeting and Announcements**

## **The Dedication of the Stations of the Cross** *(see insert)*

## **The Diocesan Prayer for Mission**

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:** The Peace of God (Phil. 4)

music: John Rutter

*The words of the anthem are from the Book of Common Prayer (1662).*

*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: As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought**

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 today 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 A**

*BCP p. 361*

### **\*The Sursum Corda**

**Bishop:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

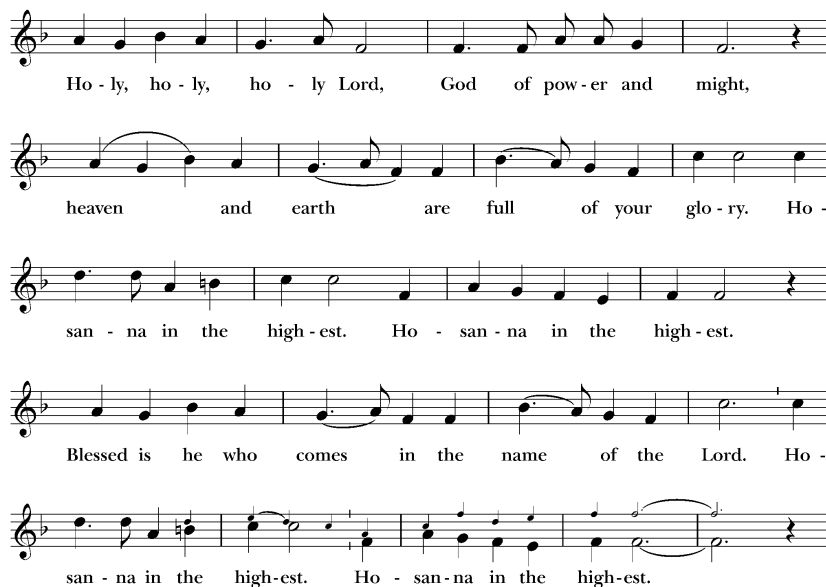
**Bishop:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Bishop:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Bishop continues.*



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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People:** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Bishop continues.*

**Bishop:** All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**People:** **AMEN.**

\*The Lord's Prayer

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*Bishop 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

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread." The score includes performance directions: "Cantor or Choir" and "Congregation". There are two endings: the first ending leads to the start of the second ending, and the second ending concludes the piece.

## 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 Hymns: 317 This Is the Hour of Banquet and of Song 349 Holy Spirit, Lord of Love

MORESTEAD  
ABERYSTWYTH



**\*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: 665 All My Hope on God Is Founded, stanzas 1—3, 5**

**MICHAEL**

**\*The Dismissal**

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**Deacon:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude: A Festive Trumpet Tune**

**Gilbert Martin**

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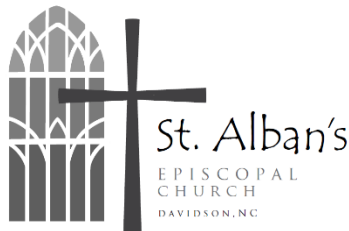
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### The Clergy and Staff

**The Right Reverend Samuel Sewall Rodman, III**, Bishop of North Carolina  
**The Right Reverend Jennifer Brooke-Davidson**, Assistant Bishop  
**The Reverend Carmen Germino**, Rector  
**The Reverend Kevin Lloyd**, Associate Rector  
Davidson College Campus Minister  
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