

St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

welcomes you



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

A Penitential Order and Holy Eucharist: Rite II

March 10, 2024

10:30 a.m.

A Penitential Order and 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-12th 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: Allegretto

Forty Days and Forty Nights (Hymn 150)

H. Oberhoffer

M. Herbst, arr. C. Callahan

***The Processional Hymn: 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

NETTLETON

***The Opening Acclamation**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

The Confession & Absolution

BCP p. 352

The congregation is invited to kneel as able.

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept.*

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

***The Kyrie: S 91**

Lord, Have Mercy

Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

*The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 *Read responsively by half verse.*

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

Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *

they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food *

and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *

and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them *

and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *

and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *

and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***The Sequence Hymn: 706 In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me**

HALTON HOLGATE

Stanzas 1 & 2 are sung before the Gospel, stanza 3 is sung after.

***The Gospel**

John 3:14-21

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

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come

into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Carmen Germino

*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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Intersessor

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

From all evil, hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, violence, and disaster,
Good Lord, deliver us.

That it may please you to give your Church a heart to love you, and diligently to live by your commandments,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to make wars cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all people,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to have mercy upon all humankind, especially those we know are in particular need. Together we pray for...

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace, in the fellowship of all the saints,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Celebrant

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: We ask you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to you; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: God So Loved the World

music: John Stainer

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 Presentation of Gifts**

***The Doxology: O Father, Son, and Spirit Blest**

ERHALT UNS, HERR

**O Father, Son, and Spirit Blest,
to Thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in three-fold name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord.**

***The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B**

BCP p. 367

***The Sursum Corda**

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 Celebrant continues.

***The Sanctus: S 129**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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.

Celebrant People

A - men.

***The Lord's Prayer**

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***The Fraction Anthem: S 161**

Lamb of God

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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: 671 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound
150 Forty Days and Forty Nights**

NEW BRITAIN
Martin Herbst

***The Post Communion Prayer**

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The congregation is invited to stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

***The Solemn Prayer over the People**

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Recessional Hymn: 473 Lift High the Cross**

CRUCIFER

***The Dismissal**

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Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude: To You, Omniscient Lord of All

V. Schumann

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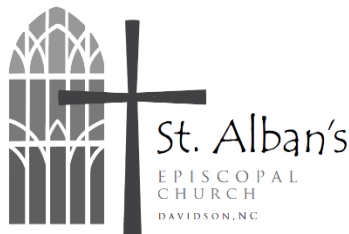
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