

Morning Prayer - Rite I

The Holy Name



St. Alban's Episcopal Church
333 South Drexel Avenue
Bexley, Ohio 43209

The Rev. Craig Foster, Presider
January 1, 2023
10:30 a.m.

*At St. Alban's Episcopal Church, we seek to be transformed
by the Holy Spirit by welcoming the stranger, striving for justice,
loving God and neighbor and promoting peace.*

*Welcome to Worship! Our Service is from the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns are
primarily from the Hymnal 1982. Both of these books can be found in your pew.
The S in front of a number indicates that the music can be found
in the Service Music, front section of the Hymnal.*

PRELUDE*O Worship the King*, J. Michael Hayden**OPENING HYMN***Of the Father's love begotten*– Hymnal 1982, #82**OPENING SENTENCE***Book of Common Prayer*, p. 37*The Presider says*

Behold, I bring you good tidings of a great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

CONFSSION OF SIN BIDDING*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 41*The Presider says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.**Presider and People together, all kneeling***CONFSSION OF SIN***Book of Common Prayer*, p. 41*Almighty and most merciful Father,*

*we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.*

*But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,*

*according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.*

The Presider alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

The People stand, as able.

VERSICLE

Book of Common Prayer, p. 42

Presider O Lord, open thou our lips.
People *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

Presider and People

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.*

JUBILATE

Book of Common Prayer, p. 45

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; *
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; *
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; *
 be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting; *
 and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Presider and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

INVITATORY

Book of Common Prayer, p. 43

Alleluia. Unto us a child is born: O come, let us adore him.
Alleluia.

PSALM 8

Book of Common Prayer, p. 592

The People sit

- 1 O LORD our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
 the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
 you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
 you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
 even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-27

The People sit.

A Lesson from the book of Numbers.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Reader Here endeth the Lesson.
People *Thanks be to God.*

The People stand for the canticle

FIRST CANTICLE

Book of Common Prayer, p. 47

A Song of Creation: Benedicite, omnia opera Domini

I Invocation

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

II The Cosmic Order

O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord;
O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord;
O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord;
O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord;
O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord; *
praise him and magnify him for ever. *Amen.*

The People sit for the reading

SECOND READING:

Philippians 2:5-11

A Lesson from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader Here endeth the Lesson.
People *Thanks be to God.*

The People stand for the canticle

SECOND CANTICLE

Book of Common Prayer, p. 47

III The Earth and its Creatures

O let the earth bless the Lord; *
O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord; *
 praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye wells, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord;
O ye whales and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord;
 praise him and magnify him for ever.

O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord; *
O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord;
O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord; *
 praise him and magnify him for ever.

IV The People of God

O ye people of God, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;
O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord; *
 praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord; *
O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.
Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; *
 praise him and magnify him for ever. *Amen.*

Response: Thanks be to God.

The People sit for the reading

THIRD READING

Luke 2:15-21

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke:

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and

found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Reader Here endeth the Reading.
People *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

Book of Common Prayer, p. 53

Presider and People together, all standing

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;*

*And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS

SALUTATION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 54

Presider The Lord be with you.
People *And with thy spirit.*
Presider Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer, p. 54

*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.*

SUFFRAGES

Book of Common Prayer, p. 55

Leader O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People *And grant us thy salvation.*

Leader Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
People *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

Leader Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People *For only in thee can we live in safety.*

Leader Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
People *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Leader Let thy way be known upon earth;
People *Thy saving health among all nations.*

Leader Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Leader Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People *And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Book of Common Prayer, p. 162

Eternal Father, who didst give to thine incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we beseech thee, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, even our Lord Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

Book of Common Prayer, p. 56

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

Book of Common Prayer, p. 56

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

Book of Common Prayer, p. 57

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 57

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving are invited

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OFFERTORY SENTENCE*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 376

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY MUSIC*Be Thou My Vision* – Thomas Tallis**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING***Book of Common Prayer*, p. 58*Presider and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Presider Let us bless the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

CLOSING HYMN*How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds* –Hymnal 1982, #644

CONCLUDING SENTENCE

Book of Common Prayer, p. 59

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* *Romans 15:13*

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart – Arthur H. Messier

Serving in Worship This Morning

Presider

The Rev. Craig Foster

Organist & Choir Director

Dr. Karen Eckenroth

Guest Musician

Kathy Foster

Lector

Penny Shyjka

Ushers

Larry Burton

*The altar flowers today are given
In memory of:*

Bruce Christy; Virginia & David Harris Thomas
and

In honor of:

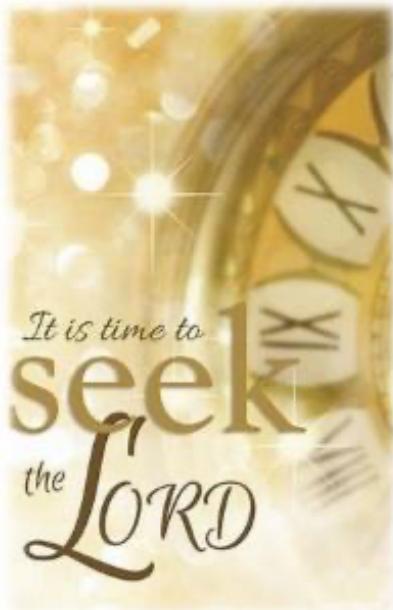
Harris & Jennifer Wood
Louisa & Tom Shields

*Family members married/active at St. Alban's
by
Carolyn Thomas Christy.*

What is Happening at St. Alban's?

Please stop by the "Serve" and "Get Involved" bulletin board, located in the living room, for opportunities to minister to the needs of others.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the holidays, St. Alban's office will be closed!

The office will re-open on **Tuesday, January 3, 2023.**

Have a Happy and Blessed Holiday!

Caring and Sharing Partner for January

St. Alban's Social Concerns Committee selects an organization to receive the loose plate offering each month on Caring and Sharing Sunday. Contributions can also be made at any time during the month.

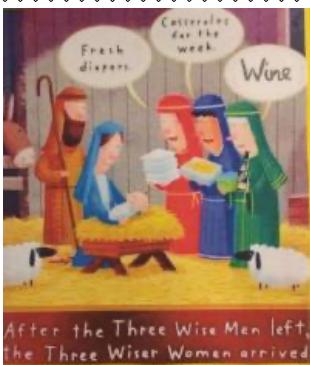


Our January Caring & Sharing partner is She Has A Name (SHAN). SHAN exists because they *"Believe In The Inherent Value Of Every Human Being."*

She Has A Name strives for a world where all those impacted by human trafficking know their value and therefore, thrive. The programming focuses on responding to human trafficking through education, advocacy and care for those impacted.

SHAN has 13 continuing programs which work to combat human trafficking in Central Ohio. They stage a variety of trainings and offer a variety of support to women who have been trafficked as they move away from that life to a better future.

For more on She Has a Name, go to: <https://shehasaname.org/>



Wise Women - Save the Date

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship
in the St. Alban's Living Room

Thursday, January 12th
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

All women of St. Alban's are invited.

Please bring a snack or beverage, as well as feminine hygiene products to stock the St. Phillips' Food Pantry (These necessities are not covered by food stamps). There will also be a box in the living room for your donations.

For more information please see:
Ann Boeckman or Melissa Ingwersen.

Annual Meeting Vestry Elections



Annual Meeting - Vestry Nominations

Sunday, February 12, 2023
11:30 a.m.

St. Alban's 2023 Annual Meeting will be held February 12, 2023 following the 10:30 a.m. church service. Please plan to attend.

The Nominating Committee met on November 16th and put forth a slate of:

Senior Warden:
Miranda Cox

Junior Warden:
Russ Rosler

Vestry Member:
Janet Lewis
Jeff Roth
Penny Shyjka
Robert Sweeney
Kevin Tomkies

Convention Delegate:
Carolyn Christy

For nominees' pictures and profiles, please see the Red Door.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Building & Grounds:** Next meeting will be **January 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Rector's office.
- **Book Club:** Next meeting on **January 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Library! (See Red Door for upcoming books and online links).
- **Vestry:** Next meeting on Tuesday, **January 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Living Room. All are welcome to attend.
- **Creation Care:** Next meeting on **January 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.**, in-person in the Living Room. There will be no December meeting.
- **Social Concerns:** Next meeting on **January 12, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Living Room. There will be no December meeting.
- **Choir Rehearsals:** Rehearsals are every Sunday at **9:15 a.m.**, in the Choir Room.