



Welcome to  
St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
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Bexley, Ohio

*The Second Sunday  
of Easter  
April 11, 2021*

*Alleluia, the Lord is risen!  
The Lord is risen indeed!  
Alleluia!*



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**Our Vision for St. Alban's**

*Our Vision for St. Alban's is to be a spiritual home to share God's grace through worship, service, faith, and love. We welcome **all** and strive to promote justice, peace, and love in our communities by following Jesus.*

*So Come! Worship, Learn, Care, Connect with us!*

**About our Worship Today**

Today we again are able to worship in person & we continue to worship via live-stream technology.

*If you are present for the in-person service:*

- *Wear your mask*
- *Use the Red Doors to enter & exit*
- *Stay seated for both Prelude & Postlude*
- *Ushers will dismiss us after the service ends*
- *Maintain safe social distancing*
- *We cannot all participate as singers; please enjoy the music by listening*
- *We will practice Communion "in one kind"-bread but not wine*
- *Communion will be brought to you; please remain in your pews*
- *Offertory plates will be placed at the rear of the church for your use; we will not be passing them*
- *After the service, please move away from the Red Doors & remember to practice proper social distancing if you want to chat with others*

# The Word of God

*WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST...*

OPENING HYMN

*This joyful Eastertide*

Hymnal1982 #192

*Unison or harmony*

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath  
 riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my  
 slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

*Refrain*

sprung to life this mor - row.  
 pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was  
 wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Presider says*

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Presider may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE GLORIA

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

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take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed 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**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Presider* 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.*

*WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES AND PRAY...*

**FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 25:6-9*

A Reading from book of the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so  
that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader      The Word of the Lord.  
People      *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM** *Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24*

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

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the church at Corinth.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

(three times)

Christ is ri-sen from the dead, tramp-ling down death by death, and on



**GOSPEL:** *Mark 16:1-8*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Mark.

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE SERMON

Fr. J. Devin Rodgers

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*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:<sup>1</sup>  
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.*

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<sup>1</sup> At the following words it is appropriate to bow as a sign of reverence.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Form VI*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all who have been victims of gun violence and for all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For Joan, Mother Abby, Marcos & Michelle, Alan, Mary, Shawn, Esther, David, Eileen, Dan, Danielle, Kristen, Nancy Maturo, Bob, Geri, Elaine, Garth, Ben, Nancy, Tilda, Jon, Mike, Teddy, Russell, Steven, Anne, Sam, Ben, Maria, all who are serving in the military including Jake, Abbey, Andre, Greg, Peter, Sean, & Tyler and all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kenneth & Nedi, our Bishops, Devin, our Rector; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence      The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

*Silence*

We thank you, Lord, for all who are celebrating any special occasion and for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence      The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for Earl Jones and for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

Presider:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*During Easter the confession is omitted.*

## **THE PEACE**

Presider    The Peace of Christ be always with you.  
People      *And also with you*

*Practicing appropriate social distancing, we greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

***WE WELCOME, CELEBRATE & ANNOUNCE...***