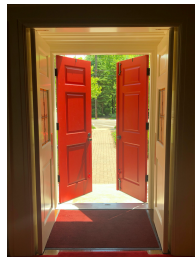


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St. Alban's Episcopal Church
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*The 4th Sunday after Pentecost
St. Alban Day
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Rite II*



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PRELUDE

Morceau de Concours
Alexis Hefley, flute

Gabriel Fauré

The Word of God

WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST...

ENTRANCE HYMN *Gather Us In*

ELW Worship #532¹



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day,
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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¹ Evangelical Lutheran Worship

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. (+)

People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

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.*

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
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 God, by whose grace and power your holy martyr Alban triumphed over suffering and was faithful even unto death: Grant us, who now remember him in thanksgiving, to be so faithful in our witness to you in this world that we may receive with him the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: *Wisdom 3:1-9*

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

1 But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,

3 and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

4 For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

5 Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

6 like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

7 In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

8 They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.

9 Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.[a]

Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

PSALM: *Psalms* 31

Remain seated.

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my
stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.
- 6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, *
and I put my trust in the LORD.
- 7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; *
for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.
- 8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; *
you have set my feet in an open place.
- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."
- 17 LORD, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; *
rather, let the wicked be put to shame;
let them be silent in the grave.
- 18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against the righteous, *
haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.
- 19 How great is your goodness, O LORD! which you have laid up for those
who fear you; *
which you have done in the sight of all for those who put their trust in
you.
- 20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those who slander
them; *
you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.
- 21 Blessed be the LORD! *
for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a besieged city.
- 22 Yet I said in my alarm, I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes." *
Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty
when I cried out to you.

23 Love the LORD, all you who worship him; *
the LORD protects the faithful, but repays to the full those who act
haughtily.

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, *
all you who wait for the LORD.

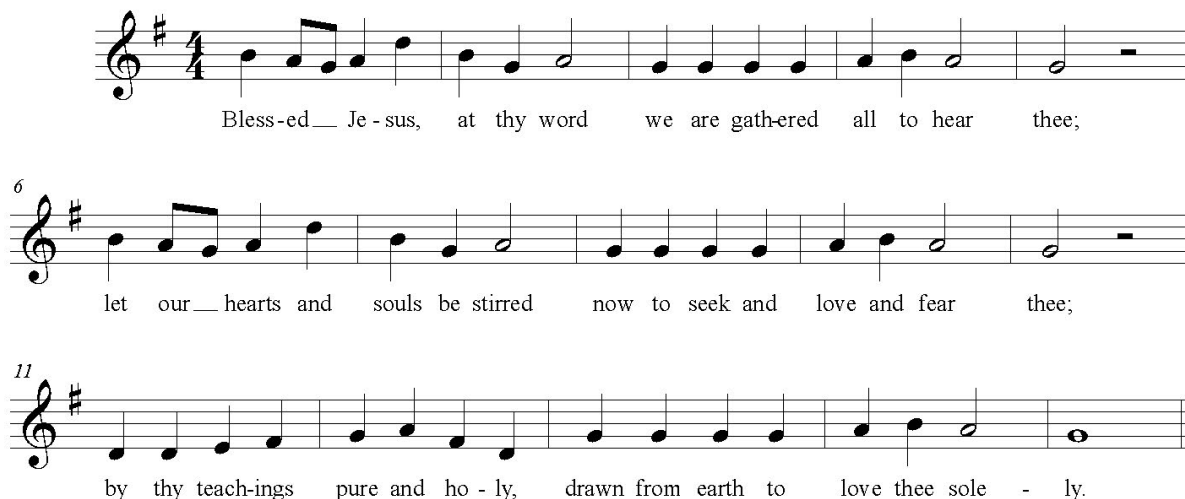
SECOND READING: 1 John 3:13–16

A reading from the first letter of John.

Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *All stand.*



Bless-ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath-ered all to hear thee;

6 let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;

11 by thy teach-ings pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 10:34–42*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

Fr. J. Devin Rodgers

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

All stand.

Presider

Dear people of St. Alban's,

For the past 100 years, from generation to generation, St. Alban's Episcopal Church has answered the call of God to serve as witnesses to the Gospel and demonstrate through word and example the Good News of God in Christ. On this 100th anniversary Sunday, let us recommit and renew the promises we, and the faithful before us, made in baptism, the promises that ground Christian ministry and mission. These promises will carry us forward into our future, faithfully following where God calls us.

And so I ask you...

Do you believe in God the Father?
People *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People *I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.*

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Presider

Gracious God, as we remember our past, rejoice in our present, we also look forward with eager eyes to renew and invigorate our future, we pray that you would continue to make your love known among us. Give us a zeal for mission. Help us to look beyond our walls to those who do not know You. Make this church a blessing to those around us, and embolden us to move forward with strength toward what lies ahead. *Amen.*

Presider

Gracious God we thank you for our parish family and the multitude of ways we share your love with one another. Today we pray especially for those members and friends on our parish prayer list including Mort, Claire, Gary, Harriet, Barry, Joan, Perry & Nancy, Pete, Linda, Lee, Eugene, Bob, Mary, Esther, Kristen, Nancy Maturo, Geri, Ben Dysart, Tilda, Mike, Steven, Anne, Sam, Ben, Maria, all serving in the military including Abby, Andre, Greg, Jake, Peter, Sean & Tyler.

Comfort them in their affliction, give them peace in their distress, console them with your life giving Spirit. May our hands be your hands, reaching forth to love, serve and minister in your name. *Amen*

LITANY FOR A PARISH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION²

For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a visible symbol,
We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered in your name,
We thank you, Lord.

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,
We thank you, Lord.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,
We thank you, Lord.

For our past and a vision of the future that lies ahead,
We thank you, Lord.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,
We thank you, Lord.

For the pardon of our sins when we have fallen short of your glory,
We thank you, Lord.

For the holy Eucharist in which we have a foretaste of your eternal kingdom,
We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,
We thank you, Lord.

² *Anglican Book of Alternative Services Pgs. 671-2*

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,
We thank you, Lord.

For all the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest
We thank you, Lord.

For the fellowship of all your saints, and especially for Alban our patron,
We thank you, Lord.

O God, from living and chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

All stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE *The Presider says*

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



OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Come, Ye People, Rise and Sing* - Richard Shephard St. Alban's Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN

Doxology

The Hymnal 1982 #380

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures

5 here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise

10 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	<i>And also with you.</i>
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	<i>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</i>

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only begotten. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

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._____

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." (+)

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." (+)

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Alban and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *How Lovely is Their Dwelling Place*

arr. Don Michael Dicie

St. Alban's Choir
Alexis Hefley, flute

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray. *Presider and People*

*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.*

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*We all are one in mission*WLP³ 778

1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,
 2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
 3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
 4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same;
 the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.
 Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.

A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove
 to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,
 Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share
 We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to-gether that all may know Christ's love.
 so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.
 free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.
 our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

³ Wonder Love and Praise

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

With Joy Unending

Edward Broughton

Servers in Worship Today

Presider	The Rev. J. Devin Rodgers
Organist & Choir Director	Dr. Karen Eckenroth
Crucifer	Ethan MacDonald
Lector & Intercessor	Tim Williams
Ushers	The Brigdon Family
Altar Guild	Lain Howarth

Alexis Hefley, Flutist

Choral Scholars & St. Alban's Choir

*The altar flowers today
are given in celebration
of Father's Day
and
in loving memory
of*

*Robert Edwin McNemar
by his daughter,
Rebecca McNemar*

"For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory." *1 Thessalonians 2:11-12*