

# The Third Sunday in Lent

## The Liturgy of the Word



St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
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Bexley, OH 43209

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Presiding & Preaching

March 20, 2022

*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.*

# The Word of God

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

## **WELCOME AND DIGITAL WORSHIP INSTRUCTIONS**

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*The Presider says*

People      *Blessed be the God of our salvation:  
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.*

### **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.*

Hear the commandments of God to the people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.  
You shall have no other gods but me.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

## **CONFESSON OF SIN**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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.*

## **ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen*

## **KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy.

*Christ, have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider May God be with you.  
People *And also with you.*  
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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: *Exodus 3:1-15*

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and

bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations."

Reader      Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
People      *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: *Psalm 63:1-8*

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.

4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

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

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader      Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
People      *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL      *Luke 13:1-9*

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Craig Foster

## SERMON SHARING

*Following the sermon a longer period of silence is kept for reflection.*

Presider:   The Word is Very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart. -  
*Dueteronomy 30:14*

We complete the sermon together. If something you have heard this morning brings to mind a personal experience we invite you to raise your digital hand to share. Listen to one another and listen to the silence. God speaks to us in both.

*The Preacher offers additional instructions and assistance through sermon sharing. Please keep reflections centered on something you or your own community have experienced. We will hear from 2-3 individuals during sermon*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*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.*

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<sup>1</sup> At the following words it is appropriate to bow as an act of reverence for the Incarnation.

*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<sup>2</sup>**

*Deacon* Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

*Intercessor* We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God.

Wash us through and through,  
*And cleanse us from our sin.*

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. We pray for the people of Ukraine and all people living with war or in fear and danger. We pray for Partners in Ministry in Liberia, our Caring & Sharing partner this month.

Purge us from our sin,  
*And we shall be pure.*

We pray for all those serving in the military including Jake, Aaron, Peter, Greg, Abbey, Sean, & Tyler. We pray for Steven, Anne, Sam, Ben, Maria and for all others serving in places of danger. We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who are victims of gun violence, those throughout the world suffering through depression, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head.

Make them hear of joy and gladness,  
*that those who are broken may rejoice.*

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<sup>2</sup>The Prayers of the People are written by Rev. Rick Morley, rector of St. Mark's, Basking Ridge, NJ, and adapted with permission for use in worship.

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely.

Give them the joy of your saving help,  
*and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.*

In this season of Lent we pray for those who prepare for baptism, and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
*and renew a right spirit within us.*

We pray for Bob Monsarrat, and for all others who have died, and entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace.

Cast them not away from your presence,  
*and take not your Holy Spirit from them.*

We especially pray for Laura, Ricky, Barbara, Peter, Tasha, Naomi, Jill, Luci, Karen, Robert, Chuck, Mary, Charlie, Linda, Penny, Evans Family, Brad & Irene, Kimm, Mike, Rollin, Kristi, Khadijah, Garth, Carolyn, P. Alexander, Linda, Louis, Maria, Gary, Edward & Mary, Gretchen, Emily, Mort, Pete & Linda, Mary & Mike, Nancy Maturo, Perry & Nancy, Ben Dysart and all others on the prayer list.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

We pray for guidance and wisdom as our search team discerns and interviews candidates to be our next parish administrator and colleague in mission. May God lead us to finding and hiring the right person. May God bless the candidates in their own search for new and life-giving work and also bless our search team who has been charged with this act of service and discernment.

*Presider*      Lord Jesus, you were tempted by the Evil One in the wilderness and yet did not succumb. Be present to us who live with temptation day by day, and give us your strength, and your amazing grace. *Amen*

## THE PEACE

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE OFFERTORY

Presider: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.



You may use the camera on your smart phone to access the online giving platform.

Or you may use this link: [Donations to St Alban's](#)

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (BCP, p. 457). When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is absolutely impossible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing.*

Presider: IN UNION, BLESSED JESUS, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

*And particularly for the blessings given us. (the people pray in thanksgiving for their blessings silently or aloud)* We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we are welcomed to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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*

Presider and People: *Come Lord Jesus and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

## *WE ARE SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD.*

### **BLESSING**

*The Deacon blesses the people, saying*

*Life is short,  
And we do not have much time  
to gladden the hearts of those who  
make the journey with us.  
So... be swift to love,  
and make haste to be kind.  
And the blessing of God,  
who made us,  
who loves us,  
and who travels with us  
be with us now and forever.     AMEN*

### **DISMISSAL**

Deacon     Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God!*

## **Servers in Worship Today**

Presider & Preacher     The Rev. Craig Foster

# Happening at St. Alban's

## Strategic Plan

### *Updated mission statement and more*

The St. Alban's strategic planning committee worked with Emily Swanson of Holy Cow! Consulting over three day-long sessions in the summer of 2021 to develop our strategic plan. After we received Emily's report, the committee resumed meeting to refine the plan before presenting it to the vestry and congregation. The eleven-person committee used the input gathered from the entire congregation in the CAT survey as the basis for its work. The vestry has approved the core values, mission statement, and vision statement. The strategic planning committee is continuing its work by refining the strategic targets, goals, and milestones that will guide St. Alban's growth in the coming years. Look for more details to come.

#### *Core Values*

The core values represent what is of deep significance to our congregation.

- *Welcoming*
- *Outreach*
- *Faith and Commitment*
- *Holy Spirit*
- *Community and Connection*
- *Worship*

#### *Mission Statement*

Our mission statement embodies our theology and our core values. It will guide our entire congregation and help define what we do.

*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.*

#### *Vision statement*

Our vision statement is our picture of a preferred future in the context of our mission statement.

*To be a thriving Episcopal faith community where people feel loved, energized, equipped, and empowered to serve and make disciples.*

## **Fr. Devin Rodgers**

Is out of town for several days of rest & relaxation. He will return to preside at services on March 27<sup>th</sup> and will be back in the office the following week.

If you need pastoral care, please contact Deacon Craig or Ernestine Ujah. Mother Abby Flemister is available should a priest be needed.

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## **Update: Search for Next Parish Administrator**

Our search for a new Parish Administrator continues. The closing date for submitting an application was March 15.

We've had over 100 views of our posted job and 27 applications. Fifteen candidates were ruled out because they lacked essential skills; we attempted to schedule initial interviews with the remaining 12 candidates and we were able to interview 6 candidates. We scheduled 3 for 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews. After all of those 3 interviews are complete we will identify whether we want to recommend that Fr. Devin interview any or all of them. Following his interviews a decision will be made to offer the job to someone.

We anticipate that the new parish administrator will begin his/her work with us sometime in late April. Janet Lewis will continue in a part-time capacity as finance administrator and will assist in training the new parish administrator. Janet's last day as Parish Administrator is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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## **Updated COVID guidelines from the Diocese:**

The Diocesan COVID Medical Task Force met Thursday, March 3, to consider the most recent CDC recommendations and how they might apply to the parishes and communities in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. The Task Force reached a consensus on the following updated guidelines:

- Social gatherings, including coffee hours, shared meals, and receptions, are now allowed. Precautions should include good hand sanitation, cross-ventilation for airflow, and social distancing for indoor events.
- With these precautions in place, congregations may resume food ministries, and outside groups may return to our buildings.
- Wearing masks is optional but often prudent—and always permitted—both at social gatherings and in worship. Everyone may sing, either with a mask or without.
- Congregations may offer the common cup at communion. Each person should decide whether to receive in one kind (the bread only) or also to drink from the cup. Intinction, once so common in the Episcopal Church, contributes to the spread of any communicable disease. The Task Force strongly discourages this practice.
- At-risk groups deserve special attention, and these include the oldest and youngest among us. Young children have not yet had access to vaccines, and planners should

consider this fact when planning Sunday School. Masking, hand washing, using larger rooms, and providing cross-ventilation make a safer space for those ages zero to four.

- The past year's data has shown that vaccinations do more than anything else to prevent disease spread and serious illness.
- The Task Force, as it has all along, strongly recommends the vaccine and booster.
- Many of our congregations have grown accustomed to using dual platforms, both in person and digital media, for much of what we do—worship, education, and meetings. The Task Force encourages the use of both platforms. The capacity of clergy, staff, and unpaid volunteers should be a consideration, however, as the increased demands of providing two platforms has stretched the limits for many of our people and leaders.
- Leaders, lay and ordained, should continue to monitor COVID spread locally, both to assess the larger community and the needs of parish. A trend signaling increased spread of the virus, or the arrival of a troubling new variant, will require a return to stricter guidelines.

The downward trend of infections and hospitalizations may signal a turning point in the pandemic. The way forward is likely not a straight line, but there is reason for hope. Pray God that cause for hope will continue.

George Wayne Smith, Bishop Provisional  
Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio

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***Sunday Worship In March***

We will offer 2 worship services.

**9:00 am**

Rite I In-Person in the church

**10:30 am**

Worship via Zoom

***Sunday Worship beginning April 3***

We will offer 3 worship services

**8:00 a.m.** Rite I Holy Eucharist

In person in the church

**9:30 a.m.** Family Service

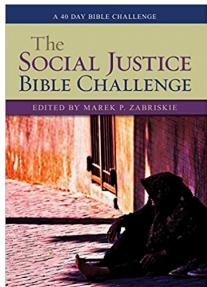
In person in the Klages Education Building (upstairs)

**10:30 a.m.** Rite II Holy Eucharist--In person in the church



***Will begin again on March 24<sup>th</sup> -7:30 p.m.***

***Lenten Formation gatherings***  
***Wednesdays in Lent***  
***7:00 - 8:00 pm***



**Adult Formation: In person gathering from 7:00-8:00 pm in the living room**

We will use "*The Social Justice Bible Challenge*" as our reference for reflection and conversation.

Here are the dates & leaders:

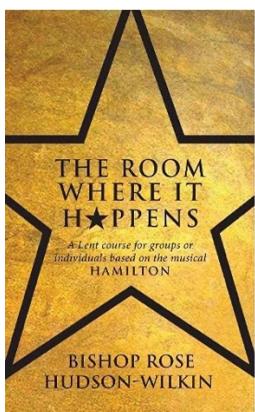
March 23: Carol Kaufman  
March 30: Kristen Fout  
April 6: Fr. Devin

Books are \$15.00 --please write "Lent Formation" in the memo line of your check--

The books are available at the church.

**Young Adult Formation:  
Middle School -- College Adults**

We will be gathering on Wednesday evenings **beginning March 9 at 7-8pm in the EYC room in the Ed Building.**



*The Room Where It Happens* takes us on a Lenten journey exploring identity and belonging, ambition and temptation, forgiveness and redemption, love and sacrifice, and hope and courage through adversity utilizing the musical Hamilton.

We invite all middle school- college age folks to join us for this journey through Lent beginning March 9th.

## Caring and Sharing

March's partner is: *Partners In Ministry In Liberia*

*What is "Caring and Sharing?" --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.*

Liberia, on the west coast of Africa, has had ties with our country since 1822 when freed slaves from the United States were repatriated to that country in the belief that ex-slaves would have greater freedom and equality in Africa. Slaves freed from slave ships were also sent there instead of being returned to their countries of origin. In 1847, the Republic of Liberia was founded and a government modeled on that of the United States was established. The capital city, Monrovia, was named after James Monroe, the fifth President of the United States and a supporter of the colonization of Liberia.

Modernization followed investment by the United States during World War II. Liberia was a founding member of the United Nations. The 1980s brought a period of political and economic instability followed by two successive civil wars (1989 – 2003) leaving approximately 250,000 people dead and destroying the country's infrastructure and economy. Since a peace agreement in 2003 and democratic elections in 2005, Liberia is recovering from the lingering effects of the civil war and related health, education, and economic problems.

**Partners-in-Ministry-in Liberia (PIMIL) was established in 2005 at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Westerville by The Rev. Abeoseh Flemister (whose only brother was killed in the civil conflict) to focus on the education and health needs of the people in Liberia, an effort to rebuild the human resources of the country. St. Albans, guided by the Millennium Development Goals established by the United Nations and adopted by the Episcopal Church, has been a partner in this ministry since its inception. We were the primary sponsor of two nursing students, who have graduated from Cuttington University in Liberia and are now helping others with their health needs. More recently, funding has been directed toward primary education of children. Due to COVID, many of PIMIL's fundraising and promotional activities have not been possible.**

### **The Mission of PIMIL through education:**

- Demonstrating God's Love through Jesus.
- Restoring Hope.
- Transforming Lives.
- Enabling Dreams.
- Helping to rebuild Liberia

**- Fulfilling the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2015 and adopted by the Episcopal Church at the General Convention 2016. (An extension of the MDGs 2000)**

**In 2021, PIMIL paid tuition costs for 206 students and a record number of 26 new students were added to the PIMIL program due to COVID 19. The Ebola outbreak in 2014–2016 left numerous orphans. Many students sponsored by PIMIL are those orphaned or otherwise affected by the Ebola virus. In addition, PIMIL sent rice to help those who were hungry during the Ebola epidemic and the present pandemic and provided for a Christmas celebration for the children that will continue.**

**Caring and Sharing Sunday is March 13 when Mother Abeoseh (Abby) Flemister will share information About PIMIL with us. Contributions to Partners-in-Ministry-in-Liberia (PIMIL) our Caring and Sharing recipient for March may be made any time during the month of March. A check can be sent to the church *payable to St. Alban's with Caring and Sharing, PIMIL in the memo line.***

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### ***Reconciliation***

***"All may, some should, none must!"***

On April 1 & April 8 --all are Friday dates from **9am-11am**, (or by appointment) Fr. Devin will be available for individuals desiring "*The Rite of Reconciliation.*" This sacramental rite, often overlooked, misunderstood, and misnamed "confession" is beneficial to us and our relationship with God and one another as it helps us "let go" of burdens.

If you would like to schedule a time with Fr. Devin or have questions about this practice, please email him at [rector@stalbans-bexley.org](mailto:rector@stalbans-bexley.org).

You can learn more about Reconciliation on page 446 in the Book of Common Prayer.

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**Volunteers Need to deliver  
Easter Flowers  
Please contact Ernestine Ujah**

**Donations for Easter Flowers are welcomed through April 6**

## **Upcoming Meetings**

Choir: practice resumes! March 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm

Book Club: regular meeting is 1st Monday of each month

Next meeting: April 4 7:00 pm

This meeting will be in person in the library!

Building & Grounds: regular meeting is 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month

Next meeting: April 5 -7:00 pm

We will meet in person in the Living Room.

Vestry: regular meeting is 3rd Tuesday of month

Next meeting: April 19 7:00 pm

We will meet in person in the Living Room.

All members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

Creation Care: regular meeting in 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month

Next meeting: April 20-7:00 pm

We will meet in person in the Living Room

Social Concerns: regular meeting is 2nd Thursday of each month

Next meeting: May 12 7:00 pm

*The meeting will be in person in the Living Room.*

*The April meeting falls on Maundy Thursday;*

*we will not be meeting then.*

## **Holy Week Services**

### **April 10 Palm Sunday**

8:00 am Rite I Liturgy of the Palms

9:30 am Family Service

10:30 am Rite II Liturgy of the Palms

### **April 14, Maundy Thursday**

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist w/Foot Washing

& Stripping of Altar

### **April 15, Good Friday**

Noon Good Friday service

7:30 pm Good Friday service

### **April 17, Easter Day**

8:00 Rite I Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Family Service

10:30 am. Rite II Holy Eucharist

