



**St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Morning Prayer (BCP, 75)
Pentecost - May 31, 2020**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. ALLELUIA!!

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth: **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

HYMN

Praise to God, immortal praise

Hymnal 1982 288

Praise to God, immortal praise,
for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous source of every joy,
let thy praise our tongues employ:
all to thee, our God, we owe,
source whence all our blessings flow.

All the plenty summer pours;
autumn's rich o'er-flowing stores;
flocks that whiten all the plain;
yellow sheaves of ripened grain:
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
grateful vows and solemn praise.

As thy prospering hand hath blessed,
may we give thee of our best;

and by deeds of kindly love
for thy mercies grateful prove;
singing thus through all our days
praise to God immortal praise

Venite (BCP, 82)

Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord;*
 let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving*
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is great God,*
 and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,*
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it,*
 and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,*
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM 104: 25-35, 37 (BCP 736)

Benedic, anima mea

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
 in wisdom you have made them all;
 the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
 with its living things too many to number, *
 creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,
 and there is that Leviathan, *
 which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you *
 to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
 you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
 you take away their breath,
 and they die and return to their dust.

**31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.**

**32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

**33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.**

**34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

**35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.**

**37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!**

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

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A Song of Praise (BCP, 90)

Benedictus es, Domine

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;*
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;*
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;*
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;*
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;*
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;*
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

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

A Reading from the Gospel of John 7:37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in

me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

HOMILY

HYMN *If thou but trust in God to guide thee* Hymnal 1982 635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on a rock that nought can move.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving;
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need
the soul that trusted him indeed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP, 96)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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.

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. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

**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 A (BCP, 97)

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord.
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers in righteousness.
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon the earth.
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect of the Day

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your

Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Sundays (835)

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Intercessions and thanksgivings are welcome, at this time.

A General Thanksgiving (BCP, 836)

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3: 20,21*

CLOSING HYMN *Hail thee, festival day!*

Hymnal 1982 225

REFRAIN (*first time through, sung twice*)

Hail thee, festival day!
blest day that art hallowed forever,
day when the Holy Ghost
shone in the world with God's grace.

Lo, in the likeness of fire,
on those who await his appearing,
he whom the Lord foretold
suddenly, swiftly descends:

REFRAIN

Forth from the Father he comes
with sevenfold mystical offering,
pouring on all human souls
infinite riches of God:

REFRAIN

Hark! for in myriad tongues
Christ's own, his chosen apostles,
preach to the ends of the earth
Christ and his wonderful works:

REFRAIN

Praise to the Spirit of Life,
all praise to the fount of our being,
light that dost lighten all,
life that in all dost abide:

REFRAIN