



ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

AUGUST 28, 2022 – 9:00 AM

*Welcome to St. Alban's! Your prayers and presence for today's worship are a gift to this community. We pray that you sense the love of Christ, the holy stirring of the Spirit, and God's presence here this morning. You're invited to fill out a Visitor's Card so that we can connect you with information about what's happening at St. Alban's. These cards are on the table in the rear of the Sanctuary.*

***A note about masks and other COVID-related precautions***

*St. Alban's has a mask-optional policy. With this in mind, we're depending on you to be even more aware of other COVID-related precautions and boundaries. This means that we need to be careful with distance. Please do not assume that everyone is comfortable with close physical contact even if that means getting closer to be heard. Don't assume that someone welcomes you sitting right next to them – not because we don't all love each other; but, again, because we're all exercising various levels of caution. Don't assume that someone is comfortable with a handshake or a hug. There's plenty of room in our Sanctuary – consider exploring a new corner!*

***A note about standing, kneeling, sitting rubrics***

*One of the spaces that has received more attention during the pandemic is around ableism. Our society, in large part, functions as though everyone has nearly full use of their bodies. During the pandemic, the shift to an online space made it possible for folks who have added accessibility needs to join groups and activities they hadn't been able to before. Where a "standing" rubric might have been added alone, we're adding "seated", as well, as an invitation for you to listen and respond to the needs of your own body. You are invited to remember that our bodies are created by God and intended for worship, just like our voices. However you feel comfortable doing that, God sees that it is good!*

*Our service follows The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) unless otherwise noted; congregation responses are **bolded**.*

PRELUDE

*Guest Pianist, Andrew King*

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known  
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,  
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

(WLP 900)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —  
 — and peace to his peo - ple on earth. — Lord God,  
 heav' n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, — we wor - ship  
 you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. —

Detailed description: This system contains the first four staves of music. The first staff is a vocal line in 3/4 time, starting with a whole rest followed by a melodic phrase. The second staff continues the vocal line with lyrics. The third staff continues the vocal line. The fourth staff concludes the system with a key signature change to one sharp (F#) and a time signature change to 2/4, indicated by a double bar line with a right-pointing arrow.

Lord Je - sus Christ, — on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
 Fa - ther, —

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth staves of music. The fifth staff is a vocal line in 2/4 time, featuring a triplet of eighth notes. The sixth staff is a piano accompaniment line in 2/4 time, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world: — have mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth staves of music. The seventh staff is a vocal line in 2/4 time, featuring a triplet of eighth notes. The eighth staff is a piano accompaniment line in 2/4 time, featuring a triplet of eighth notes.

hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. — For  
 Fa - ther: re - ceive

Detailed description: This system contains the ninth and tenth staves of music. The ninth staff is a vocal line in 2/4 time, featuring a triplet of eighth notes. The tenth staff is a piano accompaniment line in 2/4 time, featuring a triplet of eighth notes.

Fa - ther: re - ceive

Detailed description: This system contains the eleventh and twelfth staves of music. The eleventh staff is a vocal line in 2/4 time, featuring a triplet of eighth notes. The twelfth staff is a piano accompaniment line in 2/4 time, featuring a triplet of eighth notes. The system concludes with a key signature change to one flat (Bb) and a time signature change to 3/4, indicated by a double bar line with a right-pointing arrow.

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, — you a - lone are the  
 Lord, — 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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

READING: *Jeremiah 2:4-13*

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
 that they went far from me,  
 and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the LORD  
 who brought us up from the land of Egypt,  
 who led us in the wilderness,  
 in a land of deserts and pits,

in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that no one passes through,  
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land  
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,  
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"  
Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal,  
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,  
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,  
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory  
for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
be shocked, be utterly desolate,  
says the LORD,

for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold no water.

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

PSALM 81:1, 10-16

*Exultate Deo*

1 Sing with joy to God our strength \*  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

- 10 I am the LORD your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  
to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, \*  
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

READING *Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed  
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the  
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
 2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
 3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.  
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.  
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.  
 4 throngs a - bid, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;  
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

THE GOSPEL: *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been

invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

SERMON

*The Rev. Rebekah Hatch*

THE NICENE CREED

*Standing or seated*

**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:**

**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.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

##### *Intercessor*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. For Barbara, Scott, Alex, David G., Kenny, Margaret, Paula C., Denise, Punch, Rick, Julian, Abby, Nancy F., Laura, Emily, Kristin, Kathy, David C., Amanda, Jim, Nathan, David, Nancy, Meredith H., Jesse, and anyone we name now silently or aloud. (*We invite you now to remember them either silently or aloud*).

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

##### *Standing, seated or kneeling*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

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

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

*As we gather at your table (WLP 763)*

1. As we gath - er at your  
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to

Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us  
 wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be  
 forth to love and serve you. bring - ing peace where there is

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we  
 strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly  
 give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your  
 ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 im - age in the world you died to save. *to verse 3*

*Optional Descant*

3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us  
 3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us

sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -  
 sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -

um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and  
 um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will  
 least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will

pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and  
 pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and

an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

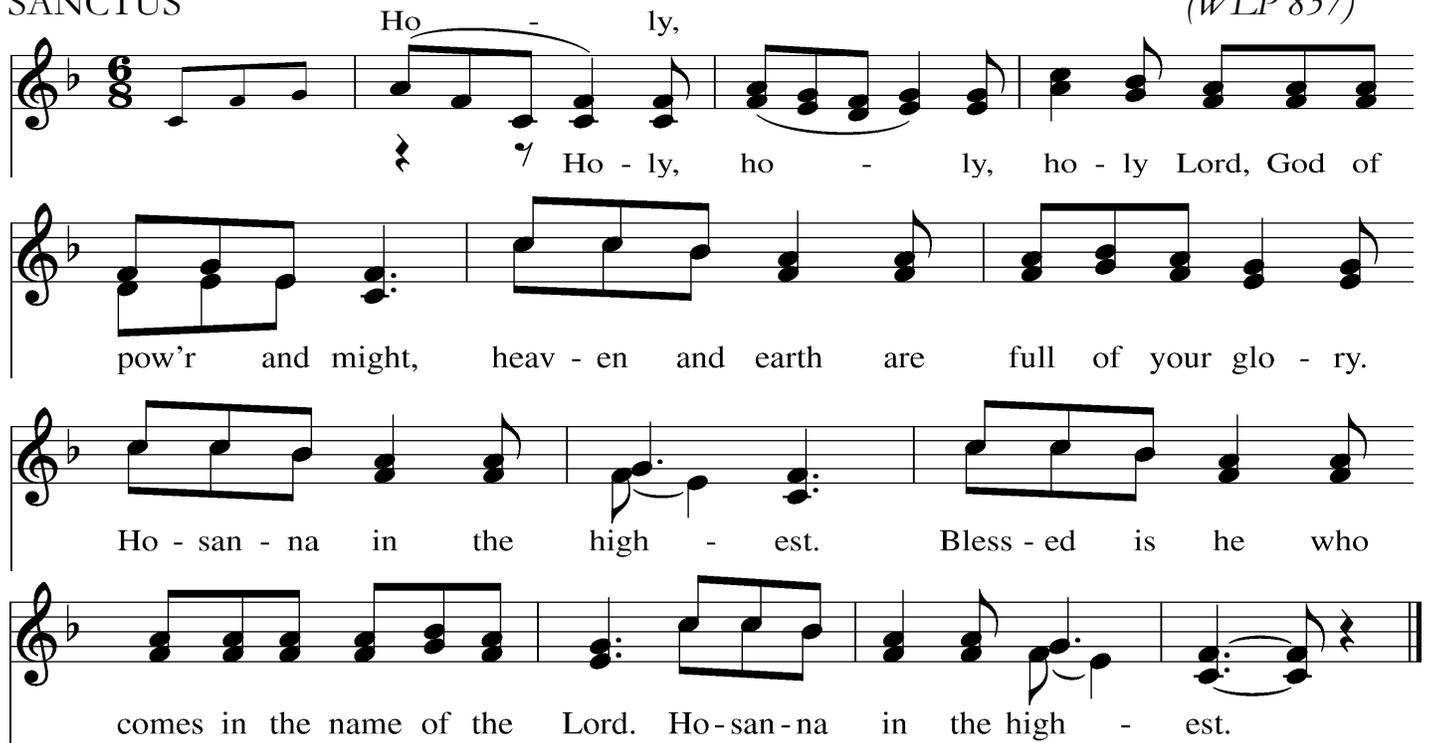
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*Celebrant and People*

SANCTUS

(WLP 857)



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow'r and might, heav - en 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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial,  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and for ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

(S154)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE INVITATION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*To receive Holy Communion, you may stand or kneel at the altar rail; or stand in the space between the altar rails, in front of the altar. If you need the sacrament brought to you, please let someone know and we will be honored to bring it to you.*

*Anyone of any age and tradition is invited to receive Holy Communion, and no one who comes to the altar with outstretched hands will be turned away. To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, approach the altar and cross your arms over your chest.*

*Currently we are only distributing communion in one kind and have been refraining from offering the chalice.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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.**

THE BLESSING

HYMN *standing or seated.*

*Tell out, my soul (H82 437)*

1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.  
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*Guest Pianist, Andrew King*