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MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024



St. Alban's Episcopal Church  
Simsbury, CT  
*Celebrate. Inspire. Serve.*



Welcome to St. Alban's!

Your prayers and presence for today's worship are a gift to this community. We are grateful that you are here. We pray that you sense the love of Christ, the holy stirring of the Spirit, and God's presence here this morning.

### **Worshipping with children**

We invite you to visit our Playground in the rear balcony. Please feel free to bring books or an activity bag to your seats; or, sit in the balcony and allow your children to explore the space during worship. And please don't worry about wiggles, conversation, crying, laughing – all of it is welcome in this space and to the glory of God! If you need help finding the bathrooms, a changing table, or the water fountain, please ask an Usher.

### **Learning more about St. Alban's**

We invite you to fill out one of the "Welcome" cards you can find on the table in the rear of the Sanctuary. This allows you to receive mailed materials from St. Alban's and our weekly e-news. You can also visit our website ([stalbanssimsbury.org](http://stalbanssimsbury.org)) or find us on Facebook.

### **Donating to St. Alban's**

During our service today, Ushers will pass Offering plates. You are welcome to place cash or check donations directly into the plate. We also invite your donations through our website ([stalbanssimsbury.org](http://stalbanssimsbury.org), click "Donate").



You can find your way to that link with the QR code here and on the donation card in the Narthex.

As you settle in to worship today, take the time and the moments of quiet you need to make the transition from getting here, to being here.

*Our service comes from Enriching Our Worship and we make use of all hymnal resources approved by The Episcopal Church. Everything you need to worship fully today can be found in the bulletin.*

### **\*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. 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. How ever you feel comfortable doing that, God sees that it is good!*

## WELCOME

HYMN *standing or seated\***O day of radiant gladness*

H82 48

1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and  
 2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its  
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture  
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most  
 birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ  
 hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through  
 way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and  
 rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -  
 Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -  
 end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,  
 to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and  
 liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from  
 prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God Tri - une.  
 thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.  
 grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.  
 Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:2*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN *standing, seated or kneeling\**

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant 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.****

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.**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: **Come let us adore him.**

VENITE

S35

1. Come, let us sing to the  
Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -  
va - tion. 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing —  
— and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the  
Lord is a great God, — and a great King a - bove all  
gods. 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth, —  
— and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The  
sea is his, for he made it, — and his hands have  
mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the  
knee, — and kneel be - fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For

he is our God, and we are the people of his  
 pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.  
 — Oh, that to - day you would hearken to his voice! —

PSALM: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD;  
 my strength is exalted in my God.  
 My mouth derides my enemies,  
 because I rejoice in my victory.

“There is no Holy One like the LORD,  
 no one besides you;  
 there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly,  
 let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
 for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
 and by him actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken,  
 but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
 but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,  
 but she who has many children is forlorn.

The LORD kills and brings to life;  
 he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
 he brings low, he also exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust;  
 he lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world.

“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
for not by might does one prevail.

The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,  
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

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

READING: *1 Samuel 1:4-20*

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor

strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

Here ends the Lesson.

CANTICLE 15 The Song of Mary *Magnificat*  
*Luke 1:46-55*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children 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 for ever. Amen.**



THE GOSPEL: *Mark 13:1-8*

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

Here ends the Lesson.

REFLECTION

*Steve McGrath*

THE APOSTLE’S CREED *standing or seated*

*Officiant and People*

**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 on 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.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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    *V* = *versicle* (*Officiant*); *R* = *response* (*People*)

*V.* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
*V.* Clothe your ministers with 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 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.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We offer our prayers this morning on behalf of those people who have asked for them: Britt, Jocelyn, Bruce, Cory, Hope, Bill, and anyone we name now silently or aloud. *(At this time, we invite your intercessions and thanksgivings silently or out loud.)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN \**standing or seated*

*Steal away*

LEVAS 103

Steal a - way, steal a - way, steal a - way to Je - sus!

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment consists of a bass line with a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note B2, and a treble line with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The lyrics are: "Steal a - way, steal a - way, steal a - way to Je - sus!"

Steal a - way, steal a - way home, I ain't got long to stay here! **Fine**

The second system of musical notation continues the hymn. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment consists of a bass line with a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note B2, and a treble line with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The lyrics are: "Steal a - way, steal a - way home, I ain't got long to stay here!" The system ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

1. My Lord— calls me, He calls me by the thun - der;  
 2. Green trees are bend - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;  
 3. Tomb stones are burst - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;  
 4. My Lord— calls me, He calls me by the light - ning,

The trum-pet sounds with - in - a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here. *D.C.*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all whom you have made.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for your immeasurable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
 by giving up our selves to your service,  
 and by walking before you  
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

# A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN \*standing or seated

*O day of God, draw nigh*

H82 601

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come  
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the  
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and  
4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that  
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

POSTLUDE

*Mary Delibero, Music Director & Organist*