

TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday, May 31, 2026



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



Welcome to St. Alban's!

We're glad that you've chosen to be with us this morning! Your prayers and presence for today's worship are a gift to this community; and we invite you to journey with us at whatever point you find yourself on the path. 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) 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, click "Donate").

If you need a gluten-free wafer at communion please let the priest know when you approach the altar for communion. You can also receive a blessing instead of bread by crossing your arms over your chest.

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 The Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
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. However you feel comfortable doing that, God sees that it is good!

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN *standing or seated.**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!*

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1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!
 *2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
And blessed be God's reign, 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

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - migh - ty 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

night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 13 A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*
Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

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.

READING: *2 Corinthians 13:11-14*

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All God's people here send their greetings.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

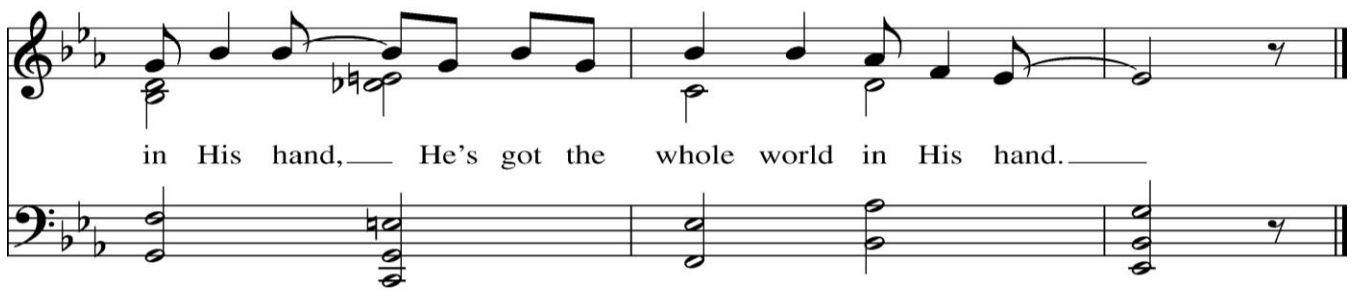
HYMN *Standing or seated.*

He's got the whole world in His hand

LEVAS 217

1. He's got the whole— world— in His hand,— He's got the

whole world— in His hand,— He's got the whole world—



2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
3. He's got you and me brother, etc.

4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
5. He's got everybody here, etc.

THE GOSPEL: *Matthew 28:16-20*

The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him they worshipped him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe everything I have commanded you. And look, I am with you always till the end of time.

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Stephen Nagy, Rector

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

On this Trinity Sunday, let us lift our petitions to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the ministers of the church, that they build a community of love which flows from the community of God, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For every member of the human family, that we be guided to all truth by the Spirit of truth, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the stewards of the earth, that they accept creation as a wondrous gift and work to preserve its beauty, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the homeless, the hungry, and the sick, that their affliction leads to endurance, their endurance to virtue, and their virtue to hope, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We lift up to your healing power those for whom our ongoing prayers have been requested, especially Tim, Kathy, Amanda, Margi, Monica, Jeff, Jason, Kassandra, Maryann, Mary Lou, Val, Meredith H., Tom M., T.J., Gail and Chris Schultz, Gilbert III, Mike B. and family, Nick, and all we name now. We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer**

For us who celebrate community here, that our labors spread joy and our witness bring peace, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all of your servants who have given their lives in the service of our country. Grant to them your mercy and the light of your presence, that the good work you have begun in them may be perfected, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Divine Majesty from whom good things flow, we thank you and praise you. Answer our prayers and bring us hope through Christ your Son, who celebrates life with you in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The mission and ministry of St. Alban's depends on the financial and prayerful generosity and gifts of members of our congregation and community. We welcome your one-time or ongoing donation today. Please place cash or checks in the Offering Plate; or use the QR code on the cards found in the rear of the Sanctuary and in the Narthex to make an online donation. We are grateful that you've chosen to share your gifts with us today.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *instrumental*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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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._____

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said:

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

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Anyone of any age and tradition is invited to receive Holy Communion. 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.

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. You may receive just the bread or both the bread and the wine. Let the ministers know if you would like gluten-free bread. If you need the sacrament brought to you, please let someone know and we will be honored to bring it to you.

HYMN

Lord, you give the great commission

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1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your serv - ice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bo - dy,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



1 preach the word." Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion
 2 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 3 this my blood." Let your priests, for earth's true glo - ry,
 4 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 5 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



1 and the Gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness to your
 2 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new fer - vor,
 3 dai - ly lift life hea - ven - ward, ask - ing that the world a -
 4 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy
 5 may we serve as you in - tend, and, a - mid the cares that



1 pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
 2 draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty;
 3 round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty; with the
 4 lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty;
 5 claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;



Spi - rit's gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you today, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

Lord of the Dance

19th Century Shaker Melody

1. I danced in the morn - ing when the
 2. I danced for the scribe - and the
 3. I danced on the Sab - bath when I
 4. I danced on a Fri - day and the
 5. They cut me down - and I

2
 1. world was be - gun, and I danced in the moon and the
 2. Phar - i - see, but they would not dance and they
 3. cured the lame, the ho - ly peo - ple
 4. sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the
 5. leapt up high, I am the life that - 'll

4
 1. stars - and the sun, and I came down from heav - en and I
 2. would - n't fol - low me; I danced for the fish - er - men, for
 3. said it was a shame; they whipped and they strip - ped and they
 4. dev - il on your back; They bur - ied my bod - y and they
 5. nev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you if you'll

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1. danced on the earth, At Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
 2. James and John; They came with me and the dance went on.
 3. hung me high, And they left me there on a cross to die.
 4. thought I'd gone, But I am the dance and I still go on.
 5. live in me; "I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.

REFRAIN

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Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll

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lead you all wher - ev - er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Peg Hunt, Pianist

Thank you to our ministers today –

Musician: Peg Hunt
 Usher: Adam & Hollyn Reidel
 Readers: Jeannie Crabtree, Eleanor Terrell, Meredith Jacob
 Acolyte: Wesley Reidel, Jon Lynch
 Tech: Mikaila Reidel
 Altar Guild chair: Sharon Braden