

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
Pentecost 25, Proper 28, Year A
November 19, 2023, at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

At 8:00: Organ Prelude *Fantasia* Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

At 10:00: Handbell Prelude *Nimrod* Edward Elgar; arr. Kevin McChesney
Scott Jones, organ, and the Handbell Choir

At 8:00: Entrance of the Clergy (*stand*)

At 10:00: Hymn 429 (*stand*) I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath *Old 113th*

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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

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

All: **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.**

Gloria in excelsis (*musical setting at 10:00: S-280*) Robert Powell

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

First Reading: Judges 4:1–7 (*sit*)

Lector at 8:00: Linden Hickey; at 10:00: Dick Grisham

Lector: A Reading from Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

At 8:00: Psalm 123 (*spoken responsively*)

Psalmist: Bonnie McCarter

To you I lift up my eyes, *

to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *

until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *

and of the derision of the proud.

At 10:00: Choir Anthem

O God, Your Goodness
Young People’s Choir

Ludwig van Beethoven

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:1–11 Lector at 8:00: Caryn Stedman; at 10:00: Carolyn Grisham

Lector: A Reading from First Thessalonians.

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

At 10:00: Hymn 617 (*stand*)

Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round

Song 1

The Gospel: Matthew 25:14–30 (*stand*)

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon (*sit*)

The Nicene Creed (*stand*)

All: **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, Form IV (*stand or kneel*)

Intercessor at 8:00: John Bryant
at 10:00: Bill Barlow

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that (_____, *and*) all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, (*especially* _____), in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Help us to honor the knowledge of our Indigenous neighbors, to listen through them to your call to renew the life of the earth, and to live together as your people.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, (*especially* _____), and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, (*especially* _____); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, (*especially* _____), that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for _____; and we pray for St. Alban's Cathedral; and for _____.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for (_____); and for) all the blessings of life.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin (*stand or kneel*)

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All: **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.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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 (*stand*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements; Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

BIRTHDAY: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. May they increase in wisdom, and in stature, and in favor with God and man; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY: Grant your blessing, O Lord, to your servants, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love, they may continue to honor and keep their vows and promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GENERAL ANNIVERSARY: Look with favor, O Lord, upon your servants affirming commitment to Christ. Give them courage, patience, and vision; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ABSENCE DUE TO TRAVEL: Watch over your servants, O Lord, while they are apart from us, and keep them safe until we are reunited with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion is offered in both kinds, i.e. bread and wine.
Kneel or stand at the altar rail. Wine is offered from the chalice.
Everyone is welcome to receive bread and wine at St. Alban's.*

Offertory (sit)

At 8:00: Organ Voluntary

Allemande

Susanna van Soldt

At 10:00: Choir Anthem

What Is the World Like

Sally Ann Morris

Becky Groene, violin; Young People's Choir; Parish Choir

At the Presentation the People stand and sing

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory Response

Celebrant: Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day.

People: **Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer B; stand*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(Here the Celebrant adds one of the Proper Prefaces of the Lord's Day)

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:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(at 8:00: spoken; at 10:00: S-124)

(The people stand or kneel.)

Celebrant: 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,

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

Celebrant: 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.**

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

**All: 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, Great Silence and Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: Be known to us, risen Christ, in the breaking of the bread.

People: **Alleluia. The bread which we break makes all of us one with you. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

Organ Voluntary

Pavana Hispanica

Sweelinck and Samuel Scheidt

Sending-Out Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread, one cup.**

Post-Communion Prayer

**All: 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.**

Blessing (*congregation responds "Amen."*)

Hymn 551 (*stand*)

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

Festal Song

Dismissal (*congregation responds "Thanks be to God."*)

Organ Postlude

Toccata in G minor

Sweelinck

<p style="text-align: center;">MEMORIAL SERVICE Roseann Munger Saturday, December 9, 3:00</p>
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NEXT EGG DROP NOVEMBER 22–23

The next hard-boiled egg collection for Casa Maria will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, November 22 and 23. (Note that the church will only be open briefly on Thanksgiving Day for the 10:00 a.m. service.) In partnership with our neighboring parish of St. Michael's, it's an easy way to help the hungry in Tucson. Boil the eggs, but do not peel them. Bring them in their cartons to the fridge in the parish kitchen during office hours. You may bring as many as you like; there is no minimum or maximum. We will take them to St. Michael's, and St. Michael's will deliver them to Casa Maria. Thank you for continuing to help the hungry in Tucson!

THIS WEEK AT ST. ALBAN'S

Parish Office open Monday–Friday, 8:30–1:00

Office closed November 23 and 24

Sunday, November 19	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	8:55 a.m. Coffee Hour
	9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour
Monday, November 20	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
	2:00 p.m. St. Alban's Flute Circle
Tuesday, November 21	8:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II
Wednesday, November 22	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Prayers for Healing
Thursday, November 23	10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist
Friday, November 24	12:00 p.m. Men's Bible Fellowship

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