

St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
MOTHER LAINIE ALLEN, RECTOR

**October 11, 2026, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

All are welcome at Saint Alban's regardless of religion, age, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or economic and social circumstances.

Entrance and Gathering

*****Please enter the nave in silence and an attitude of Prayer*****
Please silence your phones.

✙ *Indicates making the sign of the cross as an act of prayerful devotion.
Congregation will say the responses in bold italics.*

Celebrant/Preacher: Mother Lainie

God's Love for Us

The love of God most High for our soul
is so wonderful that it surpasses all
knowledge. No created being can fully know
the greatness, the sweetness, the
tenderness, of the love that our Maker has
for us. By his Grace and help therefore let
us in spirit stand in awe and gaze, eternally
marveling at the supreme, surpassing,
single-minded, incalculable love that God,
Who is all goodness, has for us.

St. Julian of Norwich (1342–1416)

Prelude

Improvisation on I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *Paul Manz*

*****Please be mindful of this time of quiet
to prepare our hearts and minds.*****

(Please stand as you are able)

Processional Hymn #7 (10:00)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: ☩ Blessed be the One, holy, and living God.

People: ***Glory to God for ever and 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.***

Glory to God (Spoken)

Celebrant: Sun and Moon, stars in the sky

People: ***We praise the Lord, every day!***

Celebrant: Trees and plants, birds and wild animals.

People: ***We praise the Lord, every day!***

Celebrant: Mountains and hills, rivers, and blowing breeze:

People: ***We praise the Lord, every day!***

Celebrant: Children of God, old and young, let praise
be spoken on every tongue

People: ***We praise the Lord, every day!***

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Jesus, the true bread that comes down from heaven: inspire us with your Holy Spirit, that the world may know the abundance of life in your new creation. ***Amen***

(Sit)

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

Lector: (8:00) Nan Moore; (10:00) Tammy McHugh

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines
strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from
all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 23

Psalmist: (8:00) Barbara Toohey; (10:00) Karen Kaneko-Baker

The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Lector: (8:00) Tim Musty; (10:00) Paul Ballas

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Hymn #490 (10:00) I want to walk as a child of the light
(Verses 1&2 Only) *Houston*

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

People: *Glory to you Lord Christ.*

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Deacon

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'

But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Gospeller: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn #490 (10:00) I want to walk as a child of the light
(Verse 3 Only) *Houston*

(Sit)

Sermon

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as you are able)*

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.***

***Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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.***

(Kneeling or standing as you are able)

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: (8:00 & 10:00)

Deacon/LEM

(Leader and People pray responsively)

*Holy God, we thank you for our time together today: for all the
families and friends gathered here, and those gathered in other
places to learn about you. We pray for those who are working or
at home and cannot gather together.*

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

*God, we pray for Christians everywhere, and for all people who
try to follow you.*

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

*We pray for the leaders of our country and world leaders. May
our leaders have a heart for goodness and truth.*

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

*God, we pray for people in our neighborhood, our country, and
around the world—for everyone who needs help, and everyone
who is hungry.*

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

We pray for everyone who is sick at home, in hospitals, clinics, facilities, and on the streets. We pray for those especially on our hearts and minds and on our parish prayer list. Make your healing presence known to them, Lord.

(silence ... then prayer list spoken).

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

God, we pray for all who have died, especially those close to us or on our parish prayer list. May your Everlasting Light shine upon them (silence ... then prayer list spoken).

We hold them in our hearts, and we lift them up to you, God.

Celebrant reads concluding Collect:

Holy God, for all of these things, and for everything we are thinking and feeling but haven't said out loud. We gather them all together and trust your care for all people, nations, and all of creation. Amen.

Confession of Sin *(Kneeling as you are able)*

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

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: God of all mercy,

***All: We confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the harm we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.***

Celebrant:

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

Amen.

(8:00& 10:00)

The Peace *(Please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

Announcements and Blessings

*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 people**, 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 servant's 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.***

Offertory Music (8:00) Prelude on "Slane" *arr. Gordon Young*
Jane Fletcher, organ

(10:00) Pues si vivimos, *traditional Spanish melody*
St. Alban's Choir *arr. Bradley Ellingboe*

“Pues Si vivimos (When We Are Living)” is chosen today to honor National Hispanic Heritage month (September 15 to October 15). This bilingual Christian hymn blends a traditional Mexican stanza with later verses by United Methodist pastor Roberto Escamilla. Its message encourages believers to dedicate every part of life to God, recognizing that both life and death belong to the Lord who redeemed them.

Holy Communion

EOW (Enriching Our Worship) Prayer 2

Doxology (*Sung*) (8:00 & 10:00)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all Creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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 God thanks and praise.***

Celebrant:

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

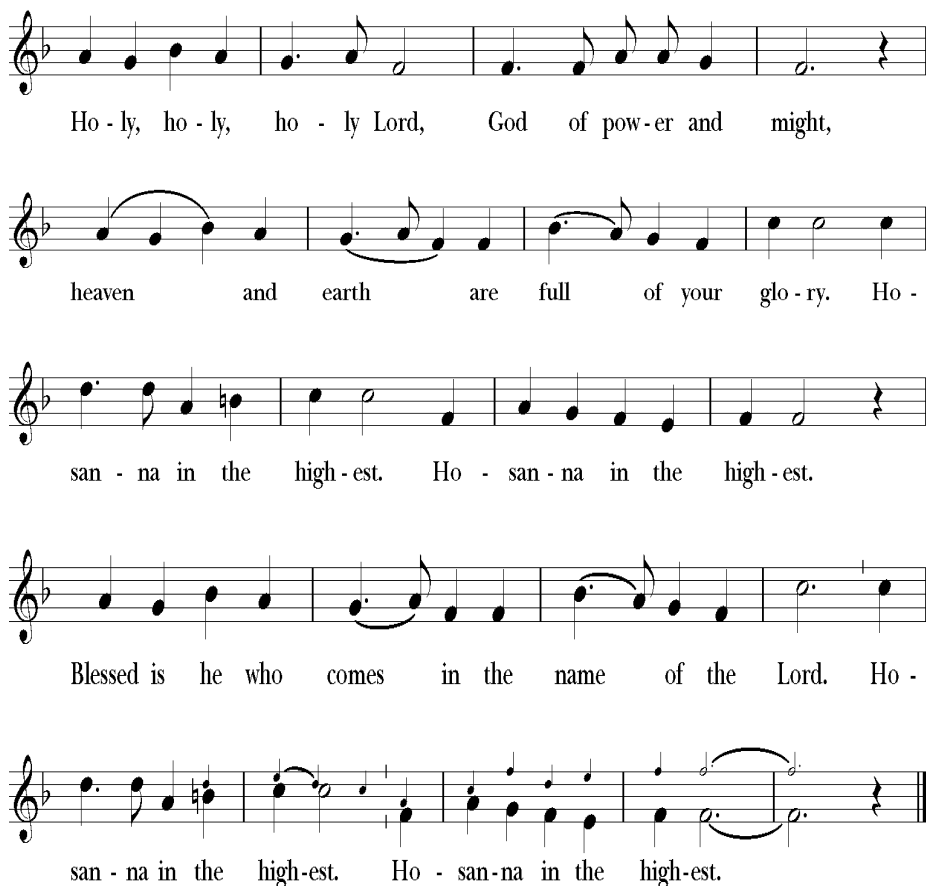
You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say/sing:

Sanctus: (8:00 Spoken) (10:00 Sung)

(musical setting S125)

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(Kneeling or standing as you are able)

Celebrant:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the
riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary,
your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:
"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, +a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Mary, St. Alban and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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.***

Breaking of the Bread – Great Silence

Celebrant breaks bread in silence, then celebrant continues.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***People:* Therefore, let us keep the Feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

*(Celebrant may add: Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.)*

Communion Music (8:00)

Reflection

(10:00) Prelude on “Slane” arr. Gordon Young
Jane Fletcher, organ

Notes for receiving communion:

All are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are not baptized, Mother Lainie+ invites you to have a conversation about the Holy Sacrament. As **One Body** in Christ we receive Holy Communion. We, therefore, drink from **One Cup**.

If you prefer, the **Eucharist Minister** may place the host in your hand.

Additionally, if you choose not to partake of the wine, please let the **Eucharist Minister** know. A gluten-free host is available as needed.

If mobility is a challenge, please alert an usher. Communion will be brought to you. After you have received communion, you are welcome to visit the **Healing Station** near the back next to the font.

Sending-Out Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors (10:00 *as needed*)

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 (*Kneeling or standing as you are able*)

Loving God,

***We give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.***

***Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

Blessing



(8:00 & 10:00)

Recessional Hymn

Here I am, Lord

Daniel L. Schutte

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save. I who made the
 They turn a - way. I will break their
 My hand will save. Fin - est bread I

stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
 Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
 call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
 lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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Dismissal *According to the BCP 366, "Alleluia" in the dismissal is reserved for the special season of Easter only (Easter through Pentecost).

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Over →

Postlude (8:00 & 10:00) **Toccata Brillante on “We Will Glorify”**
Twila Paris/ arr. Fred. Bock

Altar Flowers
From the Vestry in Honor of
Mother Lainie’s Two-Year Anniversary!

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