



Fourth Sunday of Easter The Holy Eucharist 10:00 am - April 21, 2024

St. Alban's is an inviting faith community striving to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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Welcome to St. Alban's Episcopal Church. Below is information we hope you will find helpful as we worship together this morning.

Please be sure your phones are turned off or put in airplane mode.

Bathrooms are located in the narthex (front door entry vestibule). One is also located in the Welcome Center.

If you are new to St. Alban's, we are glad you are here! We would love to get to know you. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card (found in the pews). Parishioners are also available to greet you and answer any questions you may have; stop in the Welcome Center after the service.

Once again, welcome to St. Alban's!

April Birthdays: Bonnie McCredie (1), Margaret Hughes (2), Scott Roeder (14), Azriel Reyes (21), Tennyson Reyes (27)

April Anniversaries: Susan & Gary Wyant (18), Georgia & John Simpson (21), Dallas Ferguson & Douglas Seaman (30)

Prayers Requested For: Debra O (niece of Joan Elder), Miriam C, Rev. Muriel and Bob D "For friends of Kay L. - Katherine D & Family & Charlene O & Family, Rosemary K, & Carol D & Family, Olivia M, Pepe-Philips Family, Diane H & family, Nicole & family, Marilyn A & family", Kathy F (friend of John K), GW R (friend of Irene P), Virginia E, John M (son of Terri M and Carolyn & Alan), Joan C, Janelle P, Stephanie H (cousin of Scott R), Sarah (niece of Marilyn R), Curt (friend of Brian & Evelyn C), Jackie M (friend of Sylvia F), Isabelle C (new parishioner), Laurel & Jimmy G (cousins of Bonnie Mc, Ray W, Jeffrey B. (brother of Margaret M), Bill G (friend of Carol B), Sebastian P (friend of Joan E), Samaira F (friend of Aimee C), Cynthia H (friend of Bonnie Mc), Joan E, Steve and Beckie E (Relatives of Sharon P), Kay L.

PRAYER: O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If you would like to add a name to the Prayer List, please call or email the Parish Office. Please provide the relationship of the person to you.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

PSALM: Psalm 23

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world wothout end. Amen

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from the First letter of John.

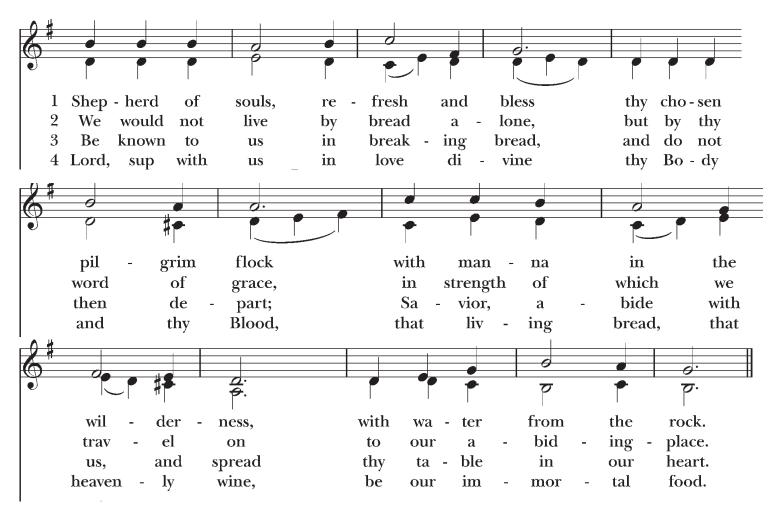
We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless (St. Agnes) (H 343)



GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev Omar Reyes

THE CREED

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 (BCP p. 359)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. Here and after every petition the People respond Lord, have mercy.

For Bishop Scharf our own Bishop and all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8

OFFERTORY HYMN Christ is made the sure foundation (Westminster Abbey) (H 518)



DOXOLOGY (LEVAS 56)

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** 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.**

PROPER PREFACE

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 (S 130)

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

EPICLESIS

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN (BRIGHTLY BEAMS OUR FATHERS MERCY) SOLO BY JIM INMON



Let us pray.

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

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



POST-COMMUNION HYMN How Great Thou Art (LEVAS 60)

DISMISSAL

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

WOMEN OF ST. ALBAN'S - ALL ARE INVITED

Friday May 17th 10:00 - 2:00pm Join in on the ECW Craft, Lunch and Prayer Day Light lunch, Make Anglican Prayer Beads & Pray with the Beads Cost of Craft - \$10 - Lunch is on us! If you are not crafty no problem - We will help make your prayer beads Come for the Fun, Food, Friendship & Spiritual Repose Please RSVP and send the Craft Cost by April 28th Questions call Linda Wyatt 706-845-6689

WATER AND THE WORD CONFERENCE April 26-27 @ 5:00 pm



Bishop Doug Scharf, the Rev. Jay Sidebotham, Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright, Liturgical Folk, and many more will lead this two-day conference focused on growing your knowledge, mission, and love of God. Discover your leadership path. Re-imagine how your church can serve its community. Magnify your mission where faith and family intersect. The Saturday workshop lineup for Water and the Word brings twelve expert-led panels and intensives focused on spiritual disciplines, partnering with the community, lessons in experimentation, managing change, building community,...

https://episcopalswfl.org/event/water-and-the-word-conference/

Coffee Hour Please consider signing up to host coffee hour after the Sunday service. See the signup sheet in the welcome center.

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT: RULES FOR RESPECT ~ Canon Richard Norman

The habits of holiness put forth here provide a wonderful way to live out our lives in mutual ministry.

In our baptismal covenant, we are called to "respect the dignity of every human being." Here are some simple Rules for Respect for community interactions. I invite you to hold yourself and one another accountable to these rules as we share our lives together.

If you have a problem with me, come to me, privately. If I have a problem with you, I will come to you, privately. If someone has a problem with me and comes to you, send them to me. I'll do the same for you. If someone consistently will not come to me, say, "Let's go to him/her together. I am sure he/she will see us about this." I will do the same for you.

Be careful how you interpret me—I'd rather do that. On matters that are unclear, do not feel pressured to interpret my feelings or thoughts. It is easy to misinterpret intentions. Assume the best of me and ask if you have questions about my intentions. I will be careful how I interpret you. I will assume the best of you and ask if I have questions about your intentions.

If it's confidential, don't tell. If you or anyone comes to me in confidence, I won't tell unless (a) the person is going to harm himself/herself, (b) the person is going to physically harm someone else, (c) a child or senior has been physically or sexually abused. I expect the same from you.

I do not read unsigned letters or notes. I do not manipulate; I will not be manipulated; do not let others manipulate you. Do not let others manipulate me through you.

I will not preach "at you." I will leave conviction to the Holy Spirit.

When in doubt, just say it. The only dumb questions are those that don't get asked.

Our relationships with one another, at the end of the day, are the most important things, so if you have a concern, pray, and then, if led, speak up. If I can answer it without misrepresenting something, someone, or breaking a confidence, I will.

Pray for one another. That's not just a throwaway line. Lifting one another to God in prayer is how we learn, slowly and sometimes painfully, but ultimately joyfully, to see each other with God's eyes, hear each other with God's ears and love each other other with God's heart. Pray for each other, for our leadershipteam, and for our wider community.

Ideally a Vestry adopts this (or similar) and shares the covenant with the congregation, inviting all to live into it.

~ Canon Richard Norman

St Alban's Calendar of Events

Sun April 21 @ 10:00 am Su	ınday Service
Sun April 21 @ 11:15 am Ou	itreach Meeting
Tues April 23 @ 6:15 pm Ca	rlton Manor #2 Visit
Wed April 24 @ 11:00 am He	ealing Service
Wed April 24 @ 6:00 pm Ca	rlton Manor #3 Visit
Thurs April 25 @ 7:00 pm We	eekly Bible Study
Mon April 29 @ 8:00 am Pre	evention Plus (Peace Chapel)

Join us for **Morning Prayer Services** Monday thru Thursday @ 9:00 am on Facebook www.facebook.com/StAlbansEpiscopalChurchStPeteBeach and at the weekly **Healing Service** on Wednesday at 11:00 am in the Church.

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