



St. Alban's Church



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost The Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 am - September 24, 2023

*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!

**The flowers today are given by the Storm family
in loving memory of Wendy Storm**

September Birthdays: Ginny McCutchen & David Ottinger (1), Dara Wilkerson (6), Andi Bisson (7), Joey MacConnell (17), Evelyn Cone (19), Charlotte Smyth (20), Carol Brown (21), Elaine Jett (26), Eljeane Gibson (30).

September Anniversaries: Sylvia & Alex Kostecki (12)

Prayers Requested For: Glad McCurtain, Eljeane Gibson, Debra Odom (niece of Joan Elder), Miriam Cone, Rev. Muriel and Bob Debussy. For friends of Kay L Katherine Dunn & Charlene Ossler & Family, Theo Kennedy, Gianna Gereus, Nancy Hunter, Beeky Collins, Ellie Plover & Carol Davis & Family, Kathy Foley (friend of John Kiley), GW Rolle (friend of Irene Pavese), Virginia Eason, Shirley Eaton, Deb & Paul (in-laws of Aimee & Ed) John Mitchell (son of Terri Mitchell and Carolyn & Alan), Dr. John Paul, Helen Taylor, Carol Brown, Joan Coleman, Marilyn Ruzicka, Janelle Puyot, Georgia Acosta, Stephanie Hunter (cousin of Scott Roeder), Johnna Patterson, Aunt Nadine, Trevor & Trent requested by Adaira Manzi..

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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ENTRANCE HYMN O bless the Lord, my soul (St. Thomas (Williams)) (H 411)

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

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 (BCP p. 356)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**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 (BCP p. 357)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10--4:11

A Reading from the book of Jonah.

10When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8

1I will exalt you, O God my King, *

and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2Every day will I bless you *

and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *

there is no end to his greatness.

4One generation shall praise your works to another *

and shall declare your power.

5I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *

and all your marvelous works.

6They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *

and I will tell of your greatness.

7They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *

they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *

slow to anger and of great kindness.

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 without end Amen.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is

more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN I Surrender All (LEVAS 133)

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der,
I will ev - er love and trust Him,

2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der
World - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en,

3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der
Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it

4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der
Fill me with thy love and pow - er,

1. all to Him I free - ly give;
In His pres - ence dai - ly live.

2. Hum - bly at His feet I bow;
Take me, Je - sus, take me now.

3. Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;
Tru - ly know that thou art mine.

4. Lord, I give my - self to thee;
Let thy bless - ings fall on me.

I sur - ren - der all,
I sur - ren - der all,

I sur - ren - der all, All to thee, my
I sur - ren - der all,



The Gospel
Matthew 20:1-16

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

The Rev. Omar Reyes

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

**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, we pray to you, Lord God

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
For all who serve God in his Church.
For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.
We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Celebrant and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;**

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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:29-31

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 (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14

OFFERTORY HYMN How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds (St. Peter) (H 644)



- 1 How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!
- 2 It makes the wound - ed spi - rit whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;
- 3 Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place,
- 4 O Je - sus! Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, O Pro - phet, Priest, and King,
- *5 Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, and cold my warm - est thought;



- 1 It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, and drives a - way our fear.
- 2 'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.
- 3 my nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace!
- 4 my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.
- 5 but when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

DOXOLOGY: Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (H 43) (please stand)

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 (BCP p. 361)

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.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361)

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

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus S-130

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (sung twice)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest. (sung twice)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. (sung twice)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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..**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

COMMUNION HYMN (HAIL, HOLY QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE)

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

VERSES

B \flat Eb F B \flat Eb B \flat F $\text{sus}4$ F B \flat

1. Hail, — ho - ly Queen en - throned a - bove; O Ma - ri - a! Hail, —
 2. Our — life, our sweet - ness here be - low, O Ma - ri - a! Our —
 3. And — when our life - breath leaves — us, O Ma - ri - a! Show —

REFRAIN

Eb F G m Eb B \flat F $\text{sus}4$ F B \flat Eb C7

1. moth - er of mer - cy and of love. }
 2. hope — in sor - row and in woe. } O Ma - ri - a! Tri - umph, all ye —
 3. us — thy Son, Christ Je - sus. }

F F $\text{sus}2$ F B \flat Eb C7 F F $\text{sus}2$ F B \flat B \flat $\text{sus}4$ B \flat

cher - u - bim; Sing with us, ye — ser - a - phim! Heav'n and earth re -

F $\text{sus}4$ F B \flat [B \flat] Eb C F B \flat G m F $\text{sus}4$ F B \flat

sound the hymn: Sal - ve, sal - ve, sal - ve, Re - gi - na!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

Let us pray.

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 (BCP p. 366)

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 Rise up, ye saints of God (Festal Song) (H 551)

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano (1), Alto (2), and Tenor/Bass (3). It is in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the alto and tenor parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

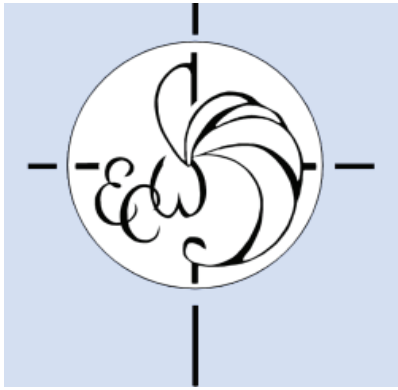
1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET MORE INVOLVED WITH ST. ALBAN'S AND VOLUNTEER FOR AN HOUR OR TWO ON YOUR OWN SCHEDULE?

Well, the St. Alban's ECW (Episcopal Church Women) has a couple of opportunities that are open to both men and women.

Do you love books?

We receive many book donations that we give away for free during our church sales. We now have lots of books that need to be shelved. The book cases are located in the Parish Hall "Hand Paint" Room.

Do you want to help the homeless?

We supply "Love Thy Neighbor" with clothing for the homeless. The donated clothing is folded in bags with stapled notes generally indicating what is inside (for example, "men's shirts"). You would be working in a church storage room.

I will show you the ropes, answer your questions, and be there for your first time. No heavy lifting is involved.

*Please call or text me @ 813.841.1622. We really need your help!! Thank you.
Gail Johnson*

OUTREACH... meeting today after church.

** This is the last chance to sign up for the Diocese safety course ...if interested in working with kids in the future, please call or text Aimee Case 814.882.1163.*

Pack-a-Sac has begun. We will meet after church service each Sunday to fill the bags. Please join us to familiarize yourself with the procedure. Once we have enough helpers, we will fill multiple bags once a month unless our numbers increase.

"Many hands make light work". Our Outreach Ministry has approximately 14 individual programs participating throughout the year. PLEASE consider joining us after church today to learn more. No experience needed.



St Alban's Calendar of Events

Sun Sept 24 @10:00 am Sunday Service
Sun Sept 24 @ 11:15 Outreach Meeting
Tues Sept 26 @ 8:00 am Prevention Plus
Tues Sept 26 @ 6:30 pm Carlton Manor #3
Wed Sept 27 @ 11:00 am Healing Service
Wed Sept 27 @ 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting
Thurs Sept 28 @ 7:00 pm Weekly Bible Study

Mon Oct 16 Christmas Sale Set-up begins PH

Join us for prayer Monday thru Thursday @8:30 am on Facebook
www.facebook.com/StAlbansEpiscopalChurchStPeteBeach
and at the weekly Healing Service on
Wednesday at 11 in the Church.

St. Alban's is a Parish in the Diocese of Southwest Florida

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