



St. Alban's
Episcopal Church
Indianapolis



The Feast of St. Alban

Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 20, 2021

*Join us for an outdoor worship service!
Bring your own chair, this bulletin, and a picnic lunch for after the service.*

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Spiritual Communion on Facebook and our website.
The service comes from Enriching Our Worship 1 (EOW)*

The Word of God

Presider Blessed be our God.

People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Presider 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.**

Canticle D A Song of the Wilderness Isaiah 35:1-7, 10

**The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, *
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
It shall blossom abundantly, * and rejoice with joy and singing.
They shall see the glory of the Lord, * the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weary hands, * and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! *
Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, *
and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.
Then shall the lame leap like a deer, *
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness *
and streams in the desert;
The burning sand shall become a pool *
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.
The ransomed of God shall return with singing, *
with everlasting joy upon their heads.
Joy and gladness shall be theirs, *
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, by whose grace and power your holy martyr Alban triumphed over suffering and was faithful even to death: Grant us, who now remember him in thanksgiving, to be so faithful in our witness to you in this world, that we may receive with him the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Wisdom 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 31:1-5

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- ¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- ² Incline your ear to me; * make haste to deliver me.
- ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- ⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- ⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

Second Lesson

1 John 3:13-16

Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:34-42

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according Matthew

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

Jesus said, 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Nicene Creed (*Please stand*)

(EOW page 53)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, 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.

Prayers of the People

Reader: Throughout our days, throughout our lives, in all our wanderings, we come before you, seeking your favor and blessing. We hunger for your kingdom even as we sing songs of praise. At the beginning of each day's journey, give us grace, as our namesake, Alban did centuries ago, to say yes to you, God. ***Silence***

Gathered as the Body of Christ, your faithful people stand before you with grateful hearts. Work your purpose in us and through us. Grant that your Holy Spirit focus us on your will and bring us together. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jennifer, our Bishop; Mauricio,

Bishop of Brasilia; the Church of North India; Debbie, our Priest; the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andres in Mithon. Pray for the Church **Silence**

The world you have made is aching for peace between nations and neighbors. We pray for those who work for justice and reconciliation. Turn the hearts of those who sow discord and wage war, who benefit while others suffer. We pray for Joseph, our President; Eric, our Governor; our mayors; and all who have been elected to positions of service. Pray for the world. **Silence**

In times of pain and uncertainty, give us the strength to carry on. We pray for those who are struggling physically and those paralyzed by fear and anxiety. Make us your agents of healing and comfort. Pray for all those in need. **Silence**

We pray for those who are at the end of their lives; and for those who have ended their journey. Grant them the peace you have promised, an eternal home that you have fashioned for them. Pray for those we miss and see no more. **Silence**

Joys and Concerns

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

All God of all mercy, 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 evil 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.

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

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

About the Eucharist:

In our celebration of the Eucharist, we believe this is the table of a loving God set for all creation through the power of Jesus Christ. You, who are a part of that creation, are welcome. We will only offer the host today. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory Sentence

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

(EOW page 62)

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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

Presider Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

***All* Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

***All* Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **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 for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
All **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for Holy people.

The Communion of the People

Please remain at your place. Rev. Debbie will bring the host (bread) to you.

Post Communion Prayer

The people stand

Presider Let us pray.
All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of
salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you
have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now
send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your
redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of
Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

Presider God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's
outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn St. Alban's Day Hymn

Tune: Hyfrydol

- Verse 1 In a town below the hillside, As the sun began to set,
 Came a priest, beseeching shelter From a man he'd never met.
 Alban hid him from the soldiers; Learnt from him of God's own Son,
 Took his place before the Governor, With his life in Christ begun.
- Verse 2 With rough hands and ropes they bound him,
 Dragged him to the river's side. There, he looked upon the water,
 Saw the flow of Jordan's tide, Walked barefoot across the streambed
 And continued on his way. Reached the trees upon the hilltop
 In the early light of day.
- Verse 3 'You are charged with grave offences', said the Judge upon the hill.
 'Do you bow to Caesar's power, his divine and perfect will?'
 'I am Alban,' cried the martyr, ' And I worship and adore
 neither Caesar nor his servants - but the true and living Lord.'
- Verse 4 With a sword-stroke, there they killed him: Felled his body to the ground,
 Jeered and mocked the martyr's witness,
 Laughed with cruel, spiteful sound. But, just where his blood had fallen,
 Like the rain upon the earth, Flowers sprang at once to blossom -
 Signs of Alban's grace and worth.
- Verse 5 On a hill beside a river Stands the shrine of Britain's saint;
 Honoured, loved by those who know him, Freed at last from all restraint.
 For he stands with saints in glory, With his prayers, our feet are shod.
 May our courage never fail us As we journey home to God.

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Announcements

Dismissal

New Zealand Prayer Book, page 429

Presider Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

People **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

Who was St. Alban?

Alban is the earliest Christian in Britain who is known by name and, according to tradition, the first British martyr. He was a soldier in the Roman army stationed at Verulamium, a city about twenty miles northeast of London, now called St. Alban's. He gave shelter to a Christian priest who was fleeing from persecution, and was converted by him. When officers came to Alban's house, he dressed himself in the garments of the priest and gave himself up. Alban was tortured and martyred in place of the priest, on the hilltop where the Cathedral of St. Alban's now stands. The traditional date of his martyrdom is 303 or 304, but recent studies suggest that the year was actually 209, during the persecution under the Emperor Septimius Severus.

The site of Alban's martyrdom soon became a shrine. King Offa of Mercia established a monastery there about the year 793, and in the high Middle Ages St. Alban's ranked as the premier Abbey in England. The great Norman abbey church, begun in 1077, now serves as the cathedral of the diocese of St. Alban's, established in 1877. It is the second longest church in England (Winchester Cathedral is the longest, by six feet), and it is built on higher ground than any other English cathedral. In a chapel east of the choir and high Altar, there are remains of the fourteenth century marble shrine of St. Alban.

The Venerable Bede gives this account of Alban's trial: "When Alban was brought in, the judge happened to be standing before an altar, offering sacrifice to devils ... 'What is your family and race?' demanded the judge. 'How does my family concern you?' replied Alban; 'If you wish to know the truth about my religion, know that I am a Christian and am ready to do a Christian's duty.' 'I demand to know your name,' insisted the judge. 'Tell me at once.' 'My parents named me Alban,' he answered, 'and I worship and adore the living and true God, who created all things.'"¹

¹ *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints* (New York: Church Pub. Inc., 2010), 434.

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