



St. Alban's Church



Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - April 28 , 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), 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 E), 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, 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), Joan E, Steve and Beckie E (Relatives of Sharon P), Kay L., Amelia G & Michelle D (family of Dave & Chat G)

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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ENTRANCE HYMN We know that Christ is raised and dies no more (Engelberg) (H 296)



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____ Al - le -
 Bap-tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____

Final Ending



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied,

“How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

“May your heart live for ever!”

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD’s for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

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: 1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN Nearer, My God, to Thee (LEVAS 54)



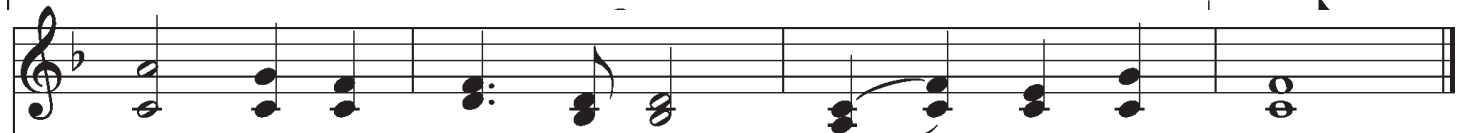
1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee!
2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun goes down,
3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n;
4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts, Bright with Thy praise,
5. Or if on joy - ful wing, Cleav - ing the sky,



1. E'en though it be a cross That — rais - eth me;
2. Dark - ness be o - ver me, My — rest a stone;
3. All that Thou send - est me, In — mer - cy giv'n;
4. Out of my ston - y griefs, Beth - el I'll raise;
5. Sun, moon and stars for - got, Up - wards I fly,



1. Still all my song would be
2. Yet in my dreams I'd be
3. An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to Thee,
4. So by my woes to be
5. Still all my song shall be



Near - er my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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)

For those who lead and guide the Church of Christ; for loving care, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For faithful witness, fellowship in love; for living hope, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For those who guide the nations of the earth; that wisdom reign, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For those who seek and serve the common good; that justice reign, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For neighbors' needs, for shelter from the storm; for homes of peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For those in sorrow, anguish, and despair; that they find hope, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For those oppressed, for those who live in fear; that they be freed, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For all the sick, the dying, and the dead, be life and grace, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

That we might live in peace from day to day; that wars will cease, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

That we may stay faithful, open to your Word; your Kingdom come! We pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For all the dreams held deep within our hearts; for all our needs, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

Entrusting all we are into your hands, we call your name, and pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

THE PEACE

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



Birthday Blessings & Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol) (H 657)



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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 (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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

**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

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.

EPICLESIS

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

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.

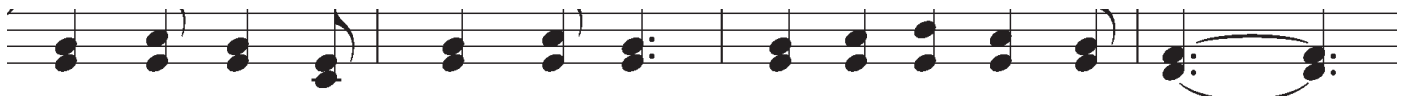
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The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

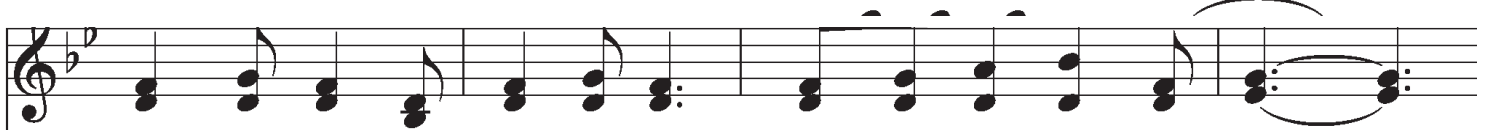
COMMUNION HYMN Love Lifted Me (LEVAS 198)



1. I was sink - ing deep in sin, Far from the peace - ful shore, _____
2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev - er to Him I'll cling, _____
3. Souls in dan - ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com - plete - ly saves; _____



1. Ver - y deep - ly stained with - in, Sink - ing to rise no more; _____
 2. In His bless - ed pres - ence live, Ev - er His prais - es sing. _____
 3. He will lift you by His love Out of the an - gry waves. _____



1. But the mas - ter of the sea Heard my de - spair - ing cry, _____
 2. Love so might - y and so true Mer - its my soul's best songs; _____
 3. He's the mas - ter of the sea, Bil - lows His will o - bey; _____



1. From the wa - ters lift - ed me— Now safe am I. _____
 2. Faith - ful, lov - ing ser - vice, too, To Him be - longs. _____
 3. He your sav - ior wants to be— Be saved to - day. _____

Love lift - ed me, _____ Love lift - ed me, _____



Love lift - ed e - ven me, Love lift - ed e ven me, When noth - ing



else could help, Love lift - ed me; _____ Love lift - ed me. _____

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

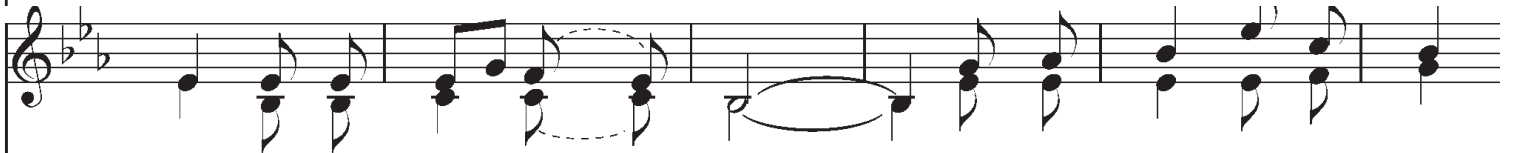
Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN Come Away To The Sky

Unison or harmony



1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our
3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the
4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath
*5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his



1 joice in the day thou wast born;_____ on this fes - ti - val day,
2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed,_____ while his grace we re - ceive
3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine!_____ Now cre - a - ted a - gain
4 joined us to Je - sus'_____ Name;_____ so u - ni - ted in heart,
5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat:_____ to the Lamb that was slain,



1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn._____
2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God._____
3 that our lives may re - main, through-out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine._____
4 let us nev - er-more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb._____
5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet._____

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 am - 2:00 pm

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



Coffee Hour

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

St Alban's Calendar of Events

Fr Omar will be on vacation from April 30 to May 7.

Sun April 28 @ 10:00 am ----- **Sunday Service**
Wed May 1 @ 11:00 am ----- **Healing Service**
Thurs May 2 @ 12:45 pm ----- **CASA Meal Prep & Delivery**
Thurs May 2 @ 7:00 pm ----- **Weekly Bible Study**

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.

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

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