

St. Alban's Church



Easter Day The Holy Eucharist 10:00 am - March 31, 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.

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!

March Birthdays: Alex Kostecki (7), Charlotte Gallagher (8), Jeff Hunsucker (9), Don Eslin (12), Juanita Davis (19), Gary Wyant (19), Jack MacConnell (20), Johnna Patterson (25), Joyce Shick (27), Brett Scott (29)

March Anniversaries: Georgia & Dan Acosta (24), Aimee & Ed Case (26)

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.**

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.



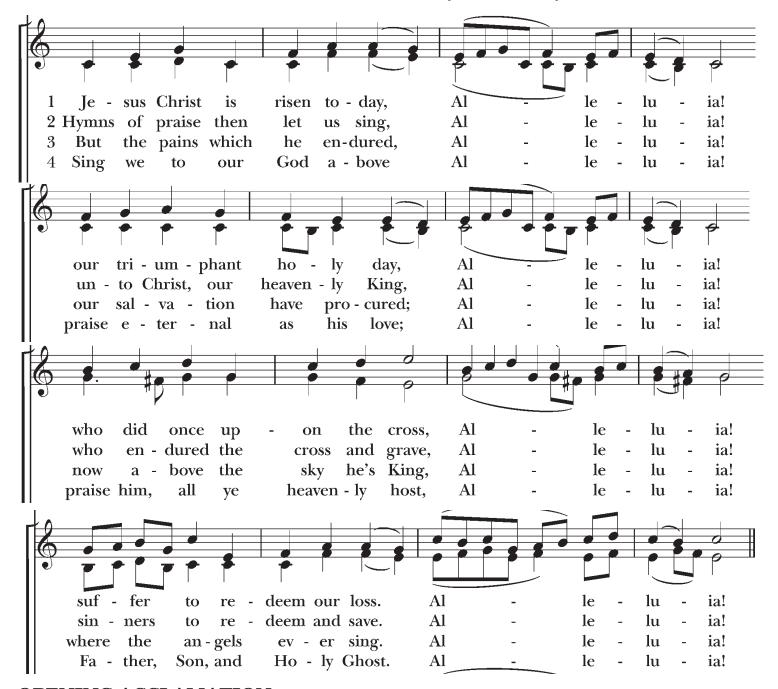
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ENTRANCE HYMN Jesus Christ is risen today (Easter Hymn) (H 207)



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, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and the other Gentiles]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but

God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *

his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *

"His mercy endures for ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, *

and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *

in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *

the right hand of the LORD is exalted!

the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *

and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, *

but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *

I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; *

he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *

and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing, *

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; *

we will rejoice and be glad in it

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 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

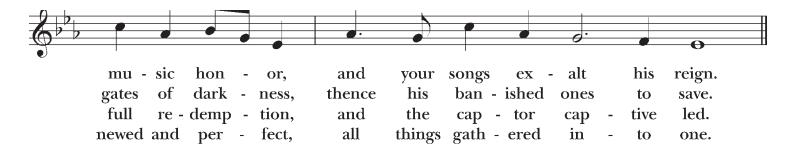
Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to thee, O 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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Scharpf and for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Amen.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the oly Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.



Birthday Blessings & Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERTORY HYMN O sons and daughters, let us sing (O filii et filiae) (H 203



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.

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

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 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.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Alban and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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, forever and ever. 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM: AWAKE THOU WINT'RY EARTH (17th Century Dutch Carol)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN The day of resurrection (Ellacombe) (H 210)





DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Easter Flower Donations were made by:

Joan Varnadoe _ In memory of my mother, Helen Choquette

Louisa M. Thomas _ In memory of my loving huband Phil and my family members and friends

Suzanne Solari-Price _ In memory of my husband David W. Price

Karen Harvey-Wilkes & Joe Wilkes _ In memory of our parents-Albert & Midge Harvey and Warren & Peg Wilkes

In thanksgiving for our children-Caroline and David

Gary & Susan Wyant _ Thanksgiving for family & friends and St. Alban's Church

Scott Roeder & Don Eslin _ In memory of Florence Esling, John Roeder, Lynn Ritterpasch, Valerie Hughes, Elizabeth Manheim

Linda Jordan _ In Thanksgiving

Tom Scott & Jim Inmon _ Thanks for the good life, dear Lord.

Brian & Evelyn Cone _ Thanksgiving for Miriam Cone, Jacob & Allaura Cone and Rachel, Brian & Rose Burnap

Sylvia Foster _ In memory of dear parents, Dolly & Henry Miller who were married on Easter

Anna McKenzie _ In memory of Natalie Fraser Wilkson & Ernest McKenzie

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Bonnie McCredie _ In memory of Reginald W. Brown, Melvin & Ruth Simms, Walter S. Nordem.

In thanksgiving for Rebecca Hollandsworth my 105 year old great aunt

Don Saunders & Family _ In memory of Daisy Saunders (wife & mother)

Margaret Hughes _ In honor of family & friends

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Sharon Payne _ In memory of the Rev. W. Reed, Margaret Teitsworth, & Larry Payne

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Linda Angeline _ In memory of Teresa & Lawrence Angeline, Carol Angeline, Beverly Von Kleeck, Amelia Venturini

Marianne Marzano _ In memory of Lydia Caruso, Flora & George Caruso, Mary Caruso

St Alban's Calendar of Events

Sun March 31 @ 10:00 am ----Wed April 3 @ 11:00 am ----Thurs April 4 @ 12:45 pm ---Thurs April 4 @ 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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Bishop

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