



WELCOME HOME.

Whether you worship here often, or this is your first time, we still say 'welcome home,' because when we are in the presence of God, in Word and Sacrament—God's beloved people gathered together in hope—then we are home. We welcome you home to this place, a place to love and be loved, and we hope you return again soon.

PEACE BE WITH YOU.

We'll say that to one another today, and while some of us might not shake hands just yet, the spirit of our affection is ever present and helps bind our community together. Our ushers stand ready to assist you. Bathrooms are available through the side door behind the organ console. Ask the ushers for directions to the baby-changing table located in its own private restroom.

COME AND EAT.

All are invited to receive the bread and wine. You may also receive a blessing if you'd rather not receive the sacrament.

OUR MISSION.

We strive to be the voice, heart, hands, and feet of Jesus Christ.

January 28, 2024

8 am / 10 am

The Holy Eucharist

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Music is unique to the 10am Mass only. Otherwise, it is spoken or skipped entirely. The people's responses are in bold.

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Elevation" by Rene Vierne

The people stand at the introduction to the hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #544

"Jesus Shall Reign Where're The Sun"

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**



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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

To the tune by William Mathias



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING – DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM 111

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my
whole heart, *
**in the assembly of the upright, in the
congregation.**

Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
**they are studied by all who delight in
them.**

His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be
remembered; *
**the Lord is gracious and full of
compassion.**

He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his
works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and
justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, *
**because they are done in truth and
equity.**

He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of
wisdom; *

**those who act accordingly have a good
understanding; his praise endures for
ever.**

THE SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

GOSPEL HYMN #567

“Thine Arm, O Lord, In Days Of Old”

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

THE SERMON – The Rev'd Tim Gavin

The people stand.

THE NICENE 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

We invite you into a spirit of prayer and reflection. **[LONG PAUSE]**

O Lord, open our hearts to respect and uplift the dignity of every person. Open our eyes to see the injustices within our society. Open our ears to listen and learn from the experiences of people who are different than we are. Open our hands to serve each other in love. Let us now offer prayers for the good in our world.....Let us pray. **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

May we offer a prayer of gratitude for being members of a community that provides support for others who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; a community that creates a place of belonging for all people; and a community that aligns its will with God's will. Let us now offer prayers, praising God.....Let us pray. **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

Grant us the grace of your goodness and love, that we may live devoted lives by performing acts of charity promptly, diligently, and frequently. May our acts of charity help us to care across our differences and lead to peace in our world. Let us now offer prayers of peace for our world..... Let us pray. **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten all of us to go forth and to preach your Gospel through word, deed, and ministry. May we foster lives of gratitude as we pray for all those who share their gifts in the many ministries offered by St. Alban's Church. Let us now offer prayers for the many ministries we have at St. Alban's..... Let us pray. **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

We pray for our community partners, so we can make the stranger our neighbor. Inspire us to volunteer our time and our gifts. Let us now to offer prayers for our community partners..... Let us pray. **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

O Lord, we ask you to comfort and relieve all of those who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Give Your power of healing to those who minister to their needs. May those, for whom we offer our prayers, be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care. Today we especially pray for **Kevin, Art, Sue, Doris, Laura, Kathleen, Tahra, Warner, Virginia, Bert, Jay, Marian, Pat, Helen, Sharon, Mary Jane, Debbie, Jim, Bob, Jane, Carole, Chris, Leif, Andrew, Dolores, Erik, Gabriel, Judith, Chris, Caroline, Dina, Dylan** and let us now offer prayers for others who we now name.....Let us pray. **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

We offer prayers of gratitude to Almighty God for the many gifts we have. Let us now offer prayers of Thanksgiving to God..... Let us pray. **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

We pray with gratitude for our loved ones who have entered your eternal kingdom and rest in your loving care, this morning we remember those whom we now name..... Let us pray. **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

O God of love, guide us to care across our differences, so we can strive to be the voice, heart, hands, and feet of Jesus Christ. Let us pray. **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

As we try to make a difference, may we realize that our prayers are not always meant to transform outcomes but to transform us. *Amen*

The people kneel or sit.

THE CONFESSION AND PEACE

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 might 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 people stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Far Away, What Splendor Comes This Way?" by J. Lully/G. Bizet

The people stand.

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures, here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

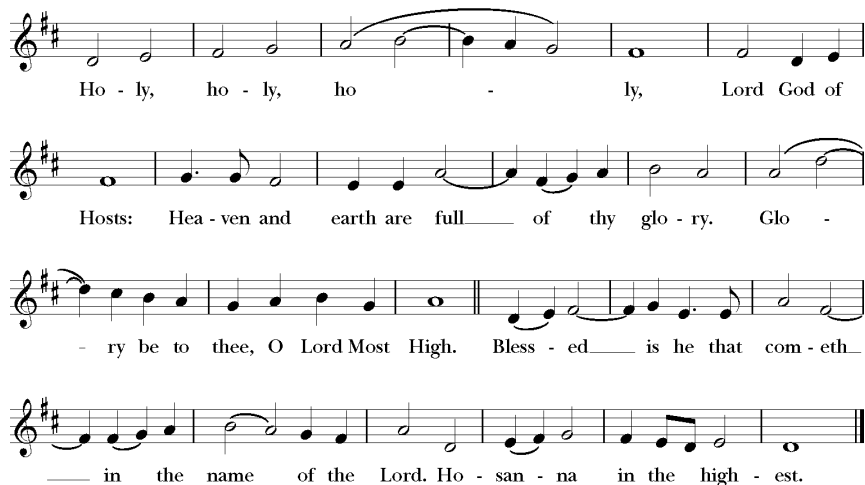
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise

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

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:



The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we bold to say,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please kindly receive the host by extending your hands, holding them open like a plate, and not cupped like a bowl. The chalice is available for consumption or by intinction of the wafer with your hand, dipping the host into the wine. If you prefer a blessing, then cross your arms across your chest.

The people stand.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

The celebrant offers a blessing.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #493

"Q For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks Be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"O God Of Truth" from "Scottish Psalter" arr. by David N. Johnson



Please let the office know if we don't have your birthday or if the information is incorrect.

January Birthdays

Joyce Gavin	Jan. 3	Suzanne Mathes	Jan. 14
Margie Rae Hauer	Jan. 5	Karen Pohlmann	Jan. 24
Tom Hauer	Jan. 7	Maureen Burling	Jan. 24

For more details on upcoming events, please be sure to subscribe to our weekly emails.



Sunday, Jan. 28
Tuesday, Jan 30
Wednesday, Jan 31
Thursday, Feb 1
Saturday, Feb 3

8 and 10 am Holy Eucharist
7:30 am Bible Study in hall/on ZOOM
Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm
7:30 am Prayer Group on Zoom
StARR Open House 1 pm -4 pm

Sunday, Feb 4
Tuesday, Feb 6
Wednesday, Feb 7
Thursday, Feb 8

8 and 10 am Holy Eucharist
StARR Open House 1 pm -4 pm
7:30 am Bible Study in hall/on ZOOM
Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm
7:30 am Prayer Group on Zoom

Sunday, Feb 11
Tuesday, Feb 13
Wednesday, Feb 14

8 and 10 am Holy Eucharist
StARR Open House 1 pm -4 pm
7:30 am Bible Study in hall/on ZOOM
ASH WEDNESDAY

Thursday, Feb 15

12 noon and 5:30 pm service and
ash distribution. The Lenton Series
begins at 6 pm with soup and bread
7:30 am Prayer Group on Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Ashes will be distributed at 12 noon and at the 5:30 Eucharist. The Lenten Formation series will begin after the evening service. See below for more details.

LENTEN SERIES

Our Lenten series will begin on Wednesday evenings after the 5:30 Eucharist and the distribution of ashes on February 14th. We will be reading "The Return of the Prodigal Son," a classic book by Henry Nouwen, and will begin with a light dinner of soup and bread. Books will be provided, so if you want to attend, kindly inform either Fr. Tim or Kelly. If you can bring soup on a Wednesday, please sign up on the bulletin board.

LENTEN SERIES – RIDESHARE

If you are planning to attend the Lenten Series and would like to offer someone a ride, or if you need a ride to attend the Lenten Series, or if you would like to coordinate ride shares, please contact the office and let us know. Email office@stalbansnewtownsquare or call (610) 356-0479. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesday mornings at 7:30 am, there is a hybrid meeting in the parish hall and on Zoom. Zoom link - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89005886113?pwd=fANf6bp6z4DwSXb3dpcXaBN3ROo1mE.1>
Passcode: #church. The link can also be found in the weekly email. Meeting ID: 890 0588 6113

ST. ALBAN'S RAILROAD FELLOWSHIP (StARR)

There are only a few Open Houses left for the winter season. Stop in on Feb. 2 & 4 and Feb. 17 & 18 from 1 pm to 4 pm to view and appreciate all the creative work completed over the last year.

ANNUAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Join us for one service at 10 am, where we will gather for a potluck lunch and an Annual Meeting in the parish hall after the service. The parish will elect new members to the vestry; if you feel called to this holy and important work, please speak with Fr. Tim or Laurie Bragg, Rector's Warden.

YOGA

Usha Srinivasan offers Yoga on Tue, Wed, and Thurs mornings from 8-8:30 via Zoom. On Saturday mornings, there is an hour-long Yoga session at 9:30 Meeting: ID 883 5830 8981 -- PW: #YogaSTA
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88358308981?pwd=Q54t0040jq6cBoVzoNWEp9DMjsxNSG.1>

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

By Barbara Reeves-Cohen for her mother, Dorothy S. Reeves, and her brother-in-law, Charles L. Cohen
And by the Braun, McLoughlin, and Tatem families for their parents, John W. and Violet D. Braun

They are arranged by Bill Mullen and Claudia Cashion-Boyle

This Week's Sunday Servants

		8:00 AM	10 am Service
	Acolyte		Bonnie Buchak
	Intercessor	Shanahans	Kevn Durkin
	Lesson 1 and Psalm	Suzanne/Nina	Gary Smith
	Lesson 2	Suzanne/Nina	Grace Smith
1/21/24	Usher	Carole/Denise	Claudia Cashion-Boyle
	Coffee Hosts		Steph, Maureen & Linda

If you would like to be a Sunday Servant, don't hesitate to phone the office.
We very much want to broaden participation.



CLERGY AND STAFF

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Sunday School and Childcare is available during the 10 am service. Please see an usher for directions to our Sunday School rooms.

VESTRY

Laurie Bragg, *rector's warden*
Karen Pohlmann, *accounting warden*
Mary Lou Bulmer
Ron Burling
Rhonda Fioresi
Sue Hauer
Carolyn McKenna
Carole Mulholland

OUR MISSION

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of Jesus Christ.