



September 17, 2023
8 am / 10 am

The Holy Eucharist

“Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Communion” by Charles Callaban

The people stand at the introduction to the hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #400

“All Creatures Of Our God And King”

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.**

WELCOME HOME.

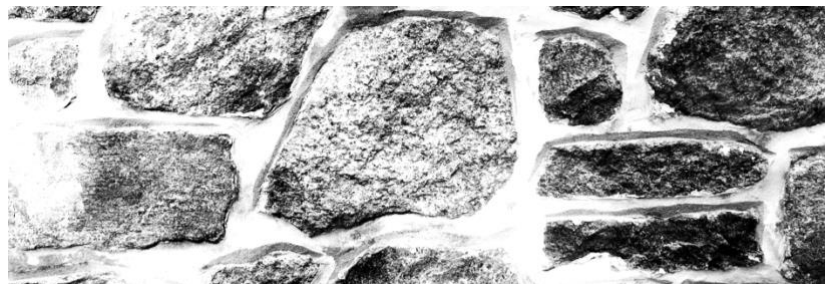
Whether you worship here often, or this is your first time, we still say ‘welcome home,’ because when we are in the presence of God, in Word and Sacrament—God’s beloved people gathered together in hope—then we are home. We welcome you home to this place, a place to love and be loved, and we hope you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



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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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING – GENESIS 50:15-21

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

PSALM 103: 1-7, 8-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

THE SECOND READING – ROMANS 14:1-12

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

GOSPEL HYMN #602

"Jesus, Jesus, Fill Us With Your Love"

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 18:21-35

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ. Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his

lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

THE SERMON – The Rev'd David Kasievich

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. **[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 pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace so that we can sow love, pardon, unity, faith, hope, light, and joy. Guide us to become Your disciples, so we desire to console others rather than to be consoled, to understand others rather than to be understood, and to love others rather than to be loved; because of Your example, we know it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, and in dying we are born to eternal life. Let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Heavenly Father, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten all of us to go forth and to preach Your Gospel through word and deed. Also, give us the fortitude as we strive to become the voice, heart, hands, and feet of Jesus Christ. Let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community partners. We ask You to move us to volunteer our time and our gifts for those in need, especially today we remember St. Mary's Food Cupboard in Chester, St. James School in Philadelphia, and St. Marc's School in Haiti. Let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we ask Uou to comfort and relieve all of those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. Give Your power of healing to this 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 pray for **Jay, Samantha, Bethany, Athena, Vinton, Wendy, Denise, Karrie, Sue, Matt, Robert, Derek, Teri, Katelyn, Paul, Jan, Ryan, Chris, Lydia, Joya, Andrea, Pat, Anna, Tracy, Hollace, Ronald, Pete, Eric, Doris, Maria, Claire, Steven, Laura, Greg, Warner, Dylan, Jane, Betty, John, Al, Iris, Bert, Abigail, Kathleen, Debbie, Mary Jane, and Suzanne** and for those who we now name.... Let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray with gratitude for our loved ones who have entered Your eternal kingdom, who rest in Your loving care, this morning we remember those whom we now name..... We also pray for all people who have suffered loss of life and property in the flood of Lybia and in the earthquake of Morrocco. Let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We welcome our visitors today with hospitality. We ask that Jesus watch over them, so they feel like they belong with us. If they are seeking a church home, we pray they will join us in building God's Kingdom. If they are traveling through, we pray for their safe return home. Today we give a special welcome to Dave Kasievich, the Head of School at St. James. Let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

As we listen to God's call, 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

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 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.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are 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, as this makes it easier for the priest to distribute communion without touching hands.

The chalice is available for consumption but please only intinct the wafer with your hand, dipping it into the wine.

The people stand.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

The celebrant offers a blessing.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #599

"Lift Every Voice and 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

"Old 100th" by Healey Willan



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

<i>Sunday, Sept. 17</i>	Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 am St. James School visiting St. Albans Guest Preacher, David Kasievich
<i>Sunday, Sept. 24</i>	Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 am 9:00 Adult Formation
<i>Tuesday, Sept. 26</i>	7:30 am Bible Study in hall/on ZOOM
<i>Wednesday, Sept. 27</i>	Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm
<i>Sunday, October 1</i>	Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 am 9:00 Adult Formation
<i>Tuesday, October 3</i>	7:30 am Bible Study in hall/on ZOOM
<i>Wednesday, October 4</i>	Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm
<i>Sunday, October 8</i>	Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10 am 9:00 Adult Formation
<i>Tuesday, October 10</i>	7:30 am Bible Study in hall/on ZOOM
<i>Wednesday, Oct. 11</i>	Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm



September Birthdays

George Phillip	Sept. 3.	Stephanie Jacquette	Sept. 6
Dennis Jacquette	Sept. 4	Nina DuBois	Sept. 24



St. James School Visit and Sunday School kick-off, September 17th

We will welcome David Kasievich and St. James students to join us at the 10 am service and for coffee hour. Our Sunday School kick-off will begin with a new curriculum.

We are in search of volunteers to work with the children once a month.

St. Alban's Profile Committee

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- What drew you to St. Alban's?
- What keeps you here?
- What ministries or offerings would you like to grow?
- Where do you see God leading us?

The committee has been working on writing the parish profile, a document that describes who we are and that will be sent to candidates for rector. It is important that each parishioner help us answer these questions. We have already held one-on-one interviews and will soon distribute a survey. Beginning this Sunday, and continuing through October 1st, we will meet with groups of parishioners to continue the conversation. Gather in the Talbot Room after the service today or sign up for a future opportunity.

Adult Formation, The Weekly Connection

Beginning **September 24th**, we will meet Sundays at 9 am (between the 8:00 and 10:00 service) in the Talbot room. The course will focus on the lectionary reading and how we connect the message weekly in our day to day life.

Bible Study Resumes

Bible Study resumes Tuesday mornings beginning September 24th at 7:30 am. We will have a hybrid meeting in the parish hall and on zoom. Please see weekly email for zoom link.

Columbarium

The Columbarium Committee has decided that it is necessary to modestly increase the costs for plots in the Garden Columbarium. The last cost increase was in 2017. We encourage anyone who is thinking of purchasing a plot to do so before October 15th. Please see Kelly Bretz in the office with any questions.

Blood Drive, October 12

We are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, October 12th, from noon-5 pm. Please think about donating or helping out the the day of the drive. Sign up to give blood on the bulletin board or at www.redcrossblood.org.

The Red Cross is offering a \$15 Amazon gift card to anyone who donates (see details at rcblood.org/together).

Prayer Circle

Please keep St. Alban's in your prayers as we work on identifying our next rector. Join us on Thursdays at 7:30 am via zoom (link can be found in the weekly email). Please share your favorite scripture passages, prayers, poems or songs to be included during Prayer Circle. Place them in the Prayer Circle boxes in the church and hallway or send to denisechalmersdick@gmail.com

A Prayer for St Alban's

Gracious and loving God, guide Father Tim, our Wardens, our Vestry and the St. Alban's Community through this time of transition and discernment. We pray that your Holy Spirit continues to open our hearts and minds to new opportunities and ideas; so that we may follow where you lead — knowing that Jesus Christ walks with us each step of the way. Empower them, members of our ministries and each of us to use our god given gifts to the fullest; to share thoughts openly and honestly; to respect the opinions of others; and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Bring St. Alban's spirit of compassion and openness to bear as we walk this path. Send us comfort if change, doubt, or uncertainty challenge our resolve. Instill in all of us a vision of the future; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we may continue to be united in love — with warm hearts, enlightened minds, and open arms — so that we may gladly accomplish the mission to which you are calling us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen - Modified from Transition Prayer from Christ Church, Winnetka, IL

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
By Sam McDonald for her aunt and uncle, Gladys and John Wood and
By Barbara Reeves-Cohen for her husband, Larry Cohen.

They are arranged by Usha Srinivasan and Bonnie Buchak



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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.

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Mary Lou Bulmer
Ron Burling
Rhonda Fiorese
Sue Hauer
Carolyn McKenna
Carole Mulholland

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