



June 11, 2023  
8 am | 10 am

# The Holy Eucharist

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

## 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 baptized persons are invited to receive communion, and gluten-free bread is available. You may intinct the host, that is, dip your wafer in the wine. You may also receive a blessing if you'd rather not receive the sacrament.

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*"Pastorale" H. Alexander Matthews*

*The people stand at the introduction to the hymn.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN #401

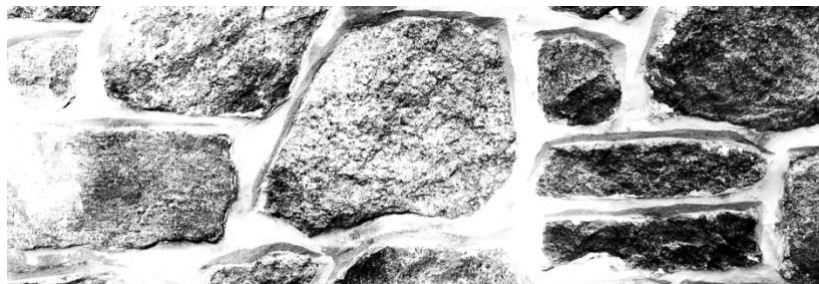
*"The God of Abraham Praise"*

## 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;



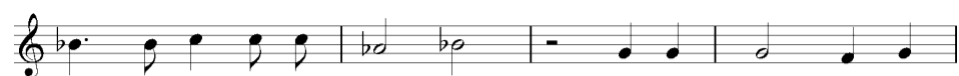
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-



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.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 – Genesis 12:1-9

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM – 33:1-12

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; \*  
**it is good for the just to sing praises.**

Praise the Lord with the harp; \*  
**play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.**

Sing for him a new song; \*  
**sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.**

For the word of the Lord is right, \*  
**and all his works are sure.**

He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
**the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.**

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, \*

**by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.**

He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*  
**and stores up the depths of the sea.**

Let all the earth fear the Lord; \*  
**let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.**

For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
**he commanded, and it stood fast.**

The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; \*  
**he thwarts the designs of the peoples.**

But the Lord’s will stands fast for ever, \*  
**and the designs of his heart from age to age.**

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

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**happy the people he has chosen to be  
his own!**

## **THE SECOND READING – Romans 4:13-25**

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

**GOSPEL HYMN #686**

*"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

## **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came

up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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, guide our world leaders – both political and religious – so that they can help us address issues of justice and lead us in a manner that respects the individual dignity of every human being. Let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace so 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.**

May we follow Jesus in the way of peace so that all violence and acts of hatred will cease, especially in Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan, and The United States. Let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for resilience 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 visitors today. We ask that Jesus watch over them, so they feel like belong with us. If they are seeking a church home, we pray they will join us again and follow Jesus with us. If they are traveling through, we pray for their safe return home. 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, deed, and ministry. May we point to the glory of God through the love of our hearts and the works of our hands. We pray for the fruitful ministry of The Altar Guild, the Property Committee, the Colombarium Committee, St. Alban's Railroad Fellowship, The Vestry, and Summer Quest. 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 and St. James School in Philadelphia. 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 **Andrea, Ronald, Alice Doris, Maria, Claire, Steven, Judy, Laura, Greg, Warner, Millie, Dylan, Jane, Bill, Betty, John, Al, Miko, Jodi, Ryan, Kevin, Jeff, Athena, Bethany, John, Philip, Dave, Chris, Mary, Karrie, Anna, Dale, Richard, Iris, Tom, Kristina, Art, Bill, Samantha, Bert, Abigail, Kathleen, Debbie, Mary Jane, and Suzanne.** We also pray for those we now name..... Let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Accept, O Lord, our gratitude and praise for all that You have done for us. We thank You for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. 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, and who we now name..... Let us pray. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

As we give glory to God, 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**

*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.

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,

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

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.**

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.**





*It is our new custom to stand until the procession passes by and remain seated during the postlude so as to better appreciate its beauty. Should you need to leave, you are most welcome to do so discreetly.*

## **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*"Procession for Peace" Alan Hovhaness*



June Birthdays – Cole Fioresi, turning 4

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



*Sunday, June 11*

*Wednesday, June 14*  
*Friday, June 16*

*Sunday, June 18*  
*Wednesday, June 21*  
*Friday, June 23*

*Sunday, June 25*

*Wednesday, June 28*  
*Friday, June 30*

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**Blessing of the Ministries**  
*St. Alban's Day Barbecue*  
Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm  
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### **Summer Quest 2023**

Our Sunday School is counting the ways to find Jesus by encountering God in our world. Continuing through July, and with the help of a different parishioner each week, we will provide Bible stories and meaningful hands-on activities outside so the children can count the different ways they can come to know Jesus Christ.

Children should arrive wearing sunscreen and bring a water bottle. Attendance each week is not necessary for the lessons to be meaningful.

For more information, please see Fr. Tim Gavin, Joyce Gavin, or Laurie Bragg

*Summer 2023*

### **Newtown Square Farmers Market**

We are once again opening our church to welcome our neighbors Friday afternoons from 3 to 6 pm. Volunteers are welcome to help at the St. Alban's table, with parking, and in the Thrift Shop which will be open during the market.

*June 25, 2023*

### **Saint Alban's Day**

Join us for our patronal feast day.

We will have one Holy Eucharist at 10 am (no 8 am) where all the St. Alban's ministries will be blessed. Then we will gather in the parish hall and on the lawn for a festive bar-be-cue with hot dogs, hamburgers, a bounce house and lawn games!

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

By Sidney and Stewart Spahr for his parents, Elizabeth F. W. and Boyd L. Spahr, Jr.  
And by the Moller family for their mother, Marilyn Moller

They are arranged by Maria Micola and Joya Canaris

**An Invitation to St. Alban's Prayer Circle**

You are invited to join the St. Alban's Prayer Circle. Prayer is a powerful way to strengthen our communication with God, especially during times of transition and transformation. St. Alban's is forming a prayer group to strengthen our "conversation" with God so we may better understand his intentions for us and we can reaffirm our commitment to him and ask for his guidance and support.

**What will be involved with being a part of the St. Alban's prayer group?** Members of the group are asked to devote one hour per week to prayer. It is our intention to have in-person, virtual and guided individual prayer on a weekly basis. Through flexibility we hope to involve as many members of the community as possible. A brief weekly guide will include suggested prayers and resources that can be used for group sessions or private prayer. In-person sessions will be scheduled after gaining an understanding individuals' availability.

**What do I need to do if I want to participate or have questions?** Sign up on the bulletin board in the hall way or contact Denise Dick ([denisechalmersdick@gmail.com](mailto:denisechalmersdick@gmail.com), mobile#: ((516) 639-0959) Prayer Circle Organizer, or Kelly Bretz in the office, to sign up or if you have questions. Please be prepared to provide the days and times that will work best for you. The launch is scheduled for the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Have any photos taken at St. Albans? Please share with us by emailing them to: [stalbandsntsq@gmail.com](mailto:stalbandsntsq@gmail.com)



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Rhonda Fioresi  
Sue Hauer  
Carolyn McKenna  
Carole Mulholland  
Rob Smith

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