

# THE WINDOW

## St. Alban's Episcopal Church



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

### **HELP MAKE PALM CROSSES**

You are invited to help make palm crosses on Saturday, March 23, the day before Palm Sunday, at 9:00 a.m. If you don't know how, experts will be on hand to teach you. There are also other jobs you can do. Please bring scissors if you can. Refreshments will be provided.

### **PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP BEGINS IN THE COURTYARD**

Remember that the Palm Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 services begin in the courtyard with the blessing of the palms, entrance narrative, and procession into the church. Those unable to take part in the procession may go directly to the church; the wireless microphones will allow the priests' voices to be heard on the PA system. As provided in the Book of Common Prayer (page 273), the Nicene Creed and Confession will be omitted this day.

### **THANK YOU, ST. ALBAN'S**

The vestry of St. Alban's thanks you, the parishioners of St. Alban's, for your generosity with pledges this year. We have 125 commitments from you all. We continue to finalize the budget, and your contributions support St. Alban's in maintaining a healthy Christian community. Pledges continue to be welcome, should any other parishioners decide to make that valuable commitment. With our gratitude, *The St. Alban's Vestry*.

### **"SHARING OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS" IS ALMOST FULL**

Because of the enthusiastic response for the **SOSJ** Thursday discussion group, we are now offering a morning and afternoon 90-minute session. To keep the discussion size manageable, there are very few spaces left, and we begin April 4 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. **"Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys"** will be co-facilitated by Jim Franks and Bill Barlow, and will feature stand-alone topics that vary from week to week. Videos and discussions on future subjects might include: sacred space in nature; parables; near-death experiences and the afterlife; early life faith connections; pilgrimages and travel; Celtic Christianity; minimalism; and anything else of interest to participants.

This is a wonderful ongoing opportunity to discuss faith topics and develop community with other St. Alban's members. If you would like to participate in either session, please email Jim at [chilehouse@mac.com](mailto:chilehouse@mac.com) and/or Bill at [flyerbill4@aol.com](mailto:flyerbill4@aol.com) ASAP. Confirmation of (free) registration and other information will be emailed to you. Thank you!

### **GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING FOR THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM**

Our offering on Good Friday (March 29) will support the work of the Anglican/Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry writes, "Last May, I had the privilege of meeting the Rev. Canon Faiz Basheer Jerjes and his colleague, Sinan Hanna, of St. George's Anglican Episcopal Church in Baghdad—the only Anglican church in Iraq. After a moving conversation, Fr. Faiz asked one thing of our church: **"Please don't forget us."** I assured him that we would not forget—and I need your help to honor that pledge, not only to him, but to the whole Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, which we have supported through the Good Friday Offering for over a century, through conflict, pandemic, and humanitarian disasters. The Episcopal Church will not forget them. We will not forget our siblings in Christ who cannot worship God freely. We will not forget those caught in the crossfire between warring factions in the land where our Lord walked. We will not forget that every human child of God—Palestinian, Israeli, Iraqi, Cypriot, Lebanese, everyone—deserves safety and security. As we mark our Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, we remember those whom he loves facing injustice and oppression today, and remember the urgency of love—true, sacrificial love." Checks may be made to St. Alban's, with memo "Jerusalem."

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

March 24	8:00 and 10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday services
March 26	—	No Morning Prayer service this week
March 27	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Prayers for Healing
March 28	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday service
March 29	12:00 noon	Good Friday Liturgy
	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (outdoors)
March 31	6:00 a.m.	Daybreak Easter Eucharist (courtyard)
	8:00 and 10:00 a.m.	Easter Eucharist with choir and brass

## MORE ON HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Palm Sunday's** services are built on the entrance and passion narratives, this year from Mark. Services begin in the courtyard with the blessing of the palms and entrance story, recounting the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. After the procession into the church, the joyful parade shifts to the intensity of the Passion Gospel. The reality of the death of Jesus prepares us for Easter Day.

**Maundy Thursday** recalls the institution of the Lord's Supper. The ceremony of the washing of feet is offered for those who wish, following the example of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar, from which the congregation exits in silence.

This day and Good Friday are major for Episcopalians. "We are there," if at all possible. Service time on Maundy Thursday is **6:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday's one-hour noon service** solemnly focuses on the death of our Lord. The Passion Gospel according to John is read.

Good Friday's outdoor **Stations of the Cross** begin at **5:30 p.m.** on parish grounds. Meet at the trailhead on the south end of the parking lot.

**Easter Morning** has three services. The first is in the courtyard at **6:00 a.m.** Coats, caps, scarves and boots, even blankets and chair cushions are in order. The second service, with festive music from choir and brass, is at **8:00** in the church. The third, also with choir and brass, is at **10:00**.

While the courtyard can be chilly at daybreak, the time and setting are great choices for the church's most important Sunday. Consider offering your school-age children this experience. Avoid later crowds.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Envelopes for Easter flower offerings are available in the pew pockets and on the narthex table. Those who wish may insert a check marked "Easter Flowers," carefully print donor's name and memorial on the front of the envelope, and put it in the offering basket by Palm Sunday (March 24) or mail it so that it reaches the parish office by that day: St. Alban's, 3738 Old Sabino Canyon Rd., Tucson, AZ 85750. The pew pockets also contain envelopes for a separate Easter special offering, should you choose to make one.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

The St. Alban's All-stars will host the now-annual Easter Sunday egg hunt on March 31. It will be between the 8:00 and 10:00 services, starting about 9:15 a.m. Please join us for goodies and prizes. All kids of all ages are welcome! BYOB (bring your own basket).

## FURNITURE IN THE CHURCH

The pews in the rear of the center section have been shifted to open space for our Easter guest musicians. This was done a week early to facilitate a rehearsal this past Wednesday. All will be back to normal after Easter.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Bill Polson

Friday, April 5, 10:30

## **NEW PARISH DIRECTORY COMING**

A new parish directory is being created. If you do not want your information included in it, please contact the Parish Office (520-296-0791).

## **HOLY WEEK CLASS AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

The Tuesday Morning Prayer service and afternoon Book Study will not be held during Holy Week. The Men's Bible Fellowship will also pause for Good Friday. The Monday Women's Bible Study and Wednesday Eucharist service will take place as usual. All will be back to normal after Easter.

## **HOLY WEEK REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

The Young People's Choir will rehearse as usual on Tuesday, March 26. The Parish Choir will not meet on Wednesday, March 27, but will practice briefly after the Maundy Thursday service on March 28. The Handbell Choir will not rehearse on March 28. Regular Thursday rehearsals will resume on April 4.

## **NATIVE PEOPLES**

The people of St. Alban's acknowledge the original caretakers of the desert in which we reside. The indigenous habitation of the Tucson Basin dates back approximately 12,500 years, likely representing the oldest continuously inhabited area in what is now the United States. Contemporary native people that constitute our ethnographic history include the Akimel O'odham, Apache, Hopi, Maricopa, Yaqui, Tohono O'odham, Yavapai, and Zuni people. —Source: *friendsofsaguaro.org*

## **NEXT EGG DROP MARCH 27–28**

The next hard-boiled egg collection for Casa Maria will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, March 27 and 28. In partnership with our neighboring parish of St. Michael's, it's an easy way to help the hungry in Tucson. Boil the eggs, but do not peel them. Bring them in their cartons to the fridge in the parish kitchen during office hours. You may bring as many as you like; there is no minimum or maximum. We will take them to St. Michael's, and St. Michael's will deliver them to Casa Maria. Thank you for helping the hungry in Tucson!

## **NO KILLING**

The only message I have to the world is: We are not allowed to kill innocent people.

We are not allowed to be complicit in murder.

We are not allowed to be silent while preparations for mass murder proceed in our name, with our money, secretly...

It's terrible for me to live in a time where I have nothing to say to human beings except, "Stop killing." There are other beautiful things that I would love to be saying to people. There are other projects I could be very helpful at. And I can't do them. I cannot. Because everything is endangered. Everything is up for grabs. Ours is a kind of primitive situation, even though we would call ourselves sophisticated. Our plight is very primitive from a Christian point of view. We are back where we started.

Thou shalt not kill; we are not allowed to kill. Everything today comes down to that—everything.

— Fr. Daniel Berrigan

## **A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. BRENDAN**

Help me to journey beyond the familiar  
and into the unknown.

Give me the faith to leave old ways  
and break fresh ground with You.

Christ of the mysteries, I trust You  
to be stronger than each storm within me.

I will trust in the darkness and know  
that my times, even now, are in Your hand.

Tune my spirit to the music of heaven,  
and somehow, make my obedience count for You.

**Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**  
**The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**  
**March 24, 2024, at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.**

**LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

*The Congregation gathers in the Courtyard. The branches of palm to be carried in the procession are distributed to the people before the service.*

**Celebrant:** Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People:** **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Gospel of the Palms (Mark 11:1-11)**

**Reader:** When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant:** It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People:** **Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Procession**

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in peace.

**People:** **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*As the procession begins, all together say the following psalm verses*

**PSALM 118:19-29 (said in procession)**

**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.**

**Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \***

**LORD, send us now success.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \***

**we bless you from the house of the LORD.**

**God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \***

**form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

**“You are my God, and I will thank you; \***

**you are my God, and I will exalt you.”**

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

**his mercy endures for ever.**

*At a suitable place, the procession halts and the following Collect is said*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

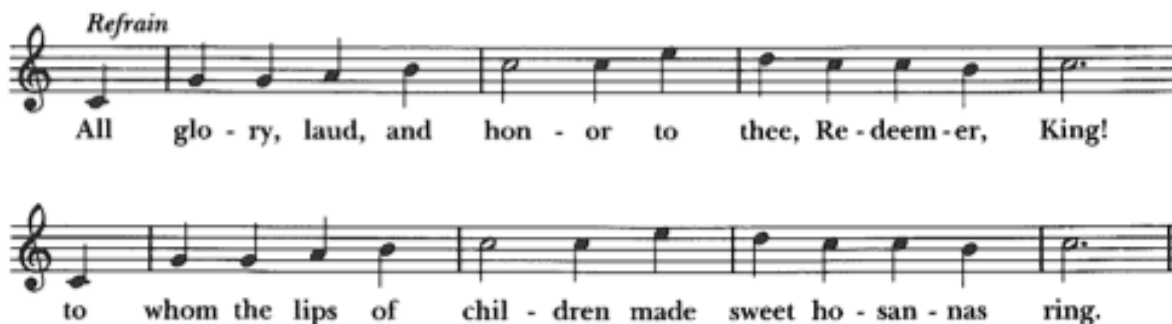
*When the procession reaches the entrance to the Nave, the following hymn is sung*

**Hymn 154**

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

**Valet will ich dir geben**

*During the Hymn, the People take their places in the church*



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 4 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a** (*sit*)

Lector: at 8:00 Tiny Read; at 10:00 Barbara Toohey

*Lector:* A Reading from Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

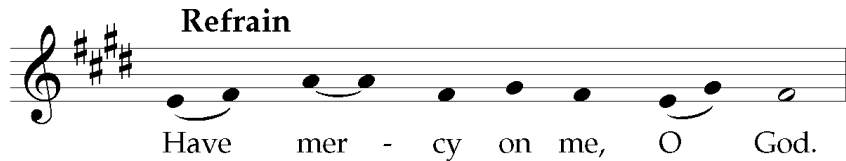
The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 31:9–16** (at 8:00 spoken without refrain; at 10:00 chanted; all sing refrain) Lector at 8:00: Terry McNulty;  
Cantor at 10:00: Karl Trader



Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \*

**my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.**

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \*

**my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.** [refrain]

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*

**when they see me in the street they avoid me.**

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*

**I am as useless as a broken pot.** [refrain]

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; \*

**they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.**

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \*

**I have said, “You are my God.** [refrain]

My times are in your hand; \*

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*

**and in your loving-kindness save me.”** [refrain]

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:5–11**

Lector: at 8:00 Bonnie McCarter; at 10:00 Glenda Empsall

Lector: A Reading from Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**At 10:00: Hymn 435**

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

**The Gospel: Mark 15:1–47** (remain seated until the verse indicated; the customary responses are omitted)

Gospeller: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

*(The customary responses are omitted)*

## **The Sermon** *(sit)*



**Prayers of the People, Form I** (*stand or kneel*)

Intercessor at 8:00: Ann Ryan; at 10:00: Doug Kemp

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For [\_\_\_\_\_]; *and for* all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, members of Congress, and the Supreme Court, and for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For healing, justice, and reconciliation between Native American people and the people of this Diocese, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the care and healing of \_\_\_\_\_, and for all others in our hearts and minds, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for [\_\_\_\_\_], *and for* all the blessings of this life, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for victims of crime and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_:] and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace** (*stand*)

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

### **Birthday and Anniversary Prayers**

**BIRTHDAY:** Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. May they increase in wisdom, and in stature, and in favor with God and man; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY:** Grant your blessing, O Lord, to your servants, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love, they may continue to honor and keep their vows and promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**GENERAL ANNIVERSARY:** Look with favor, O Lord, upon your servants affirming commitment to Christ. Give them courage, patience, and vision; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**ABSENCE DUE TO TRAVEL:** Watch over your servants, O Lord, while they are apart from us, and keep them safe until we are reunited with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine).*

*Kneel or stand at the altar rail. Wine is offered from the chalice.*

*If mobility is a challenge, please alert an usher. Communion will be brought to you.*

*Everyone is welcome to receive bread and wine at St. Alban's.*

**At 8:00: Organ Voluntary**

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

Karl Osterland

**At 10:00: Choir Anthem**

*Nolo mortem peccatoris*

Thomas Morley

*Nolo mortem peccatoris: hæc sunt verba Salvatoris.*

*I do not desire the death of a sinner: these are the words of the Savior.*

*At the Presentation the People stand and sing*

**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.**

### **Offertory Response**

*Celebrant:* Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day.

*People:* **Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all. Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving** (*Eucharistic Prayer B; stand*)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,** *(musical setting at 10:00: S-124)*  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The people stand or kneel.)*

*Celebrant:* 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.

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,

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

*Celebrant:* 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:

*All:* **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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread, Great Silence and Fraction Anthem**

*Celebrant:* Be known to us, risen Christ, in the breaking of the bread.

*People:* **The bread which we break makes all of us one with you.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **The Communion**

#### **Organ Voluntary**

*When on the Cross Our Savior Hung (6 verses)*

Samuel Scheidt

### **Sending-Out Prayer for Eucharistic Visitors**

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread, one cup.**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*All:* **God of light and love, we give thanks**  
**that Jesus shined your light into his troubled world,**  
**giving us the opportunity to bring rays of holy light**  
**into the dark corners of our world.**  
**As the fear of death continues to hold sway for us,**  
**may our shining of your light**  
**penetrate all who are in the midst of pain. Amen.**

### **Prayer over the People**

*Celebrant:* Incline your heart to God.  
Just as God's Word was sent into the world  
to heal and redeem,  
so God sends you into the world this day  
to be light and love, healing and hope.  
Go now to be light for the world!  
And may the grace and peace of God the Creator,  
the Redeemer, and the Sustainer  
come upon you this day  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Hymn 474 (stand)**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*Rockingham*

**Dismissal** (*congregation responds "Thanks be to God."*)

### **Organ Postlude**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Robert Buckley Farlee

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
by John and Glenda Empsall  
in honor of Glenda's birthday*

## **LANDSCAPING PROJECT**

As announced, parishioners and friends are invited to contribute plants to the landscaping project now in progress. Our landscape designer has given us a list of plants called for in the plan. Copies of the list are on the narthex table. Some plants can come from your yard if you have them; others are available at local nurseries. You may also make a monetary gift toward the project. If you wish to donate plants, please bring them to the church on Saturday, March 30, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Thank you!

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. ALBAN'S**

**Parish Office open Monday–Friday, 8:30–1:00**

Saturday, March 23	9:00 a.m. Palm Cross Workshop
Sunday, March 24	8:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8:55 a.m. Coffee Hour 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m. All-Ages Handbell Choir rehearsal
Monday, March 25	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 2:00 p.m. St. Alban's Flute Circle
Tuesday, March 26	1:15 p.m. Contemplative Prayer 6:00 p.m. Young People's Choir rehearsal
Wednesday, March 27	8:30 a.m. Bring hard-boiled eggs to refrigerator for Casa Maria until 1:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Prayers for Healing
Thursday, March 28	8:30 a.m. Bring hard-boiled eggs to refrigerator for Casa Maria until 1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy and Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Friday, March 29	12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. Good Friday Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 30	10:00 a.m. Bring plants donated for landscaping to the church until 12:00 p.m.

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