St. Alban's | EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

MOTHER LAINIE ALLEN, *RECTOR*

November 8, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome at Saint Alban's regardless of religion, age, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or economic and social circumstances.

Entrance and Gathering

*****Please enter the nave in silence and an attitude of Prayer*****
Please silence your phones.

+ Indicates making the sign of the cross as an act of prayerful devotion.
Congregation will say the responses in bold italics.

Presider/Celebrant: Mother Lainie
Preacher: Father Bill

Please be mindful of this time of quiet to prepare our hearts and minds.

Prelude (8:00 & 10:00) Bruce Robinson - piano

(Please stand as you are able)
Processional Hymn #436 (10:00)
Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates *Truro*
(All Verses)

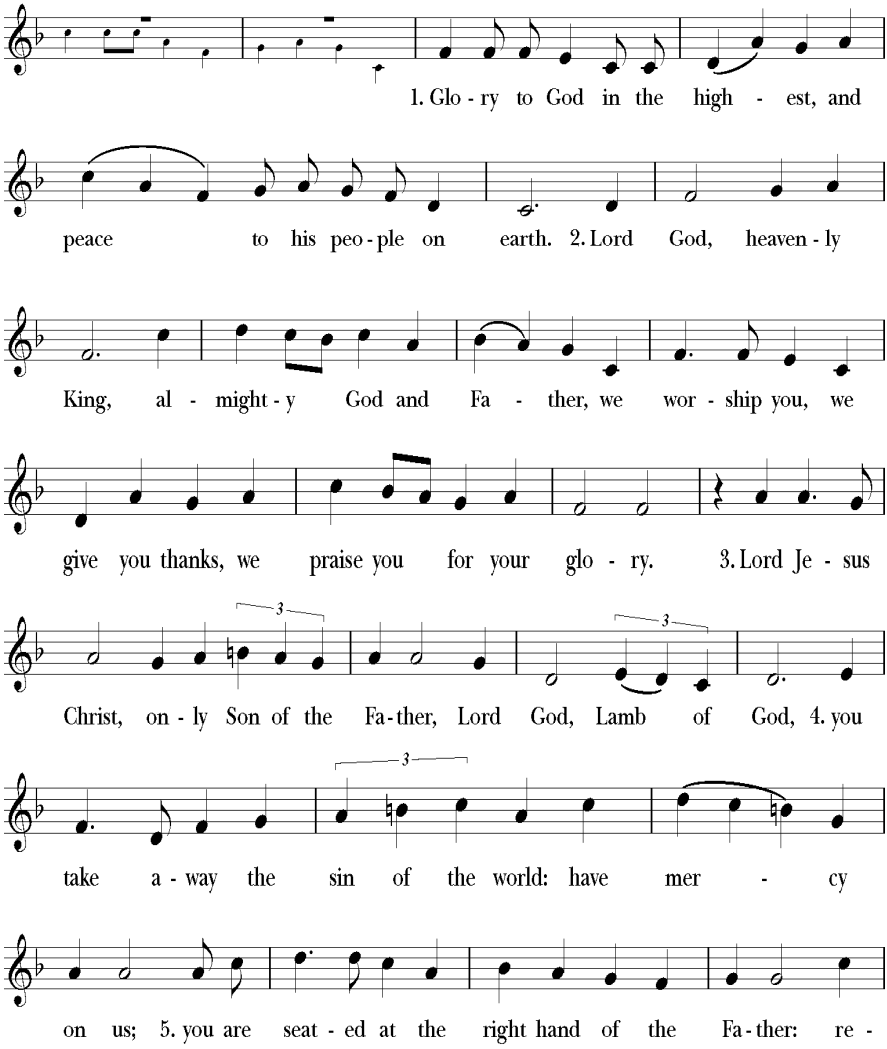
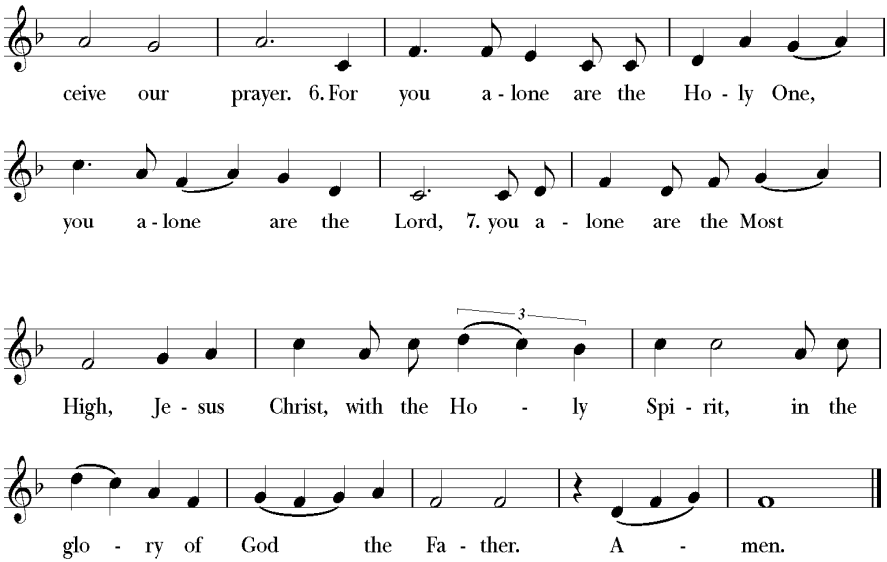
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: + Blessed be the One, holy, and living God.
People*:* ***Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Gloria in Excelsis (8:00 Spoken) (10:00 Sung) *(musical setting S-280)*



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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Celebrant: Beloved God, as we approach your Presence, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

(Sit)

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

Lector: (8:00) Terry McNulty; (10:00) Barbara Toohey

Wisdom is bright and unfading. She readily appears to those who love her. She's found by those who keep seeking after her. She makes herself known even in advance to those who desire her with all their hearts. Someone who awakens before dawn to look for her will find her already sitting at the door. Taking wisdom to heart is the way to bring your thinking to maturity. The one who can't sleep at night because he's consumed with thinking about her will soon be free from worry.

She herself goes about looking for those who are worthy of her. She graciously makes herself known to them as they travel. She comes to them in each of the ideas that they think.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70 Psalmist: (8:00) Caryn Stedman; (10:00) Lynette Patton

Hurry, God, to deliver me; *
hurry, Lord, to help me!

Let those who seek my life be ashamed and humiliated!
Let them fall back and be disgraced— *
those people who delight in my downfall!

Let those who say, "Aha! Aha!" *
stop because of their shameful behavior.

But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you, *
and let those who love your saving help say again and again: "God is great!"

But me? I'm poor and needy. *
Hurry to me, God!

You are my helper and my deliverer. *
Oh, Lord, don't delay!

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Lector: (8:00) Bonnie McCarter; (10:00) Tammy McHugh

Brothers and sisters, we want you to know about people who have died so that you won't mourn like others who don't have any hope. Since we believe that Jesus died and rose, so we also believe that God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus. What we are saying is a message from the Lord: we who are alive and still around at the Lord's coming definitely won't go ahead of those who have died.

This is because the Lord himself will come down from heaven with the signal of a shout by the head angel and a blast on God's trumpet. First, those who are dead in Christ will rise. Then, we who are living and still around will be taken up together with them in the clouds to meet with the Lord in the air. That way we will always be with the Lord.
So encourage each other with these words.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)
Gospel Hymn #64 (10:00) **LEV (Lift Every Voice - Red/Black Hymnal)**
I love to tell the story *W. G. Fischer*
(Verse 1 only)

Gospeller: + The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten young bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. Now five of them were wise, and the other five were foolish. The foolish ones took their lamps but didn't bring oil for them. But the wise ones took their lamps and also brought containers of oil.
"When the groom was late in coming, they all became drowsy and went to sleep. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Look, the groom! Come out to meet him.'
"Then all those bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. But the foolish bridesmaids said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps have gone out.'
"But the wise bridesmaids replied, 'No, because if we share with you, there won't be enough for our lamps and yours. We have a better idea. You go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

But while they were gone to buy oil, the groom came. Those who were ready went with him into the wedding. Then the door was shut. “Later the other bridesmaids came and said, ‘Lord, lord, open the door for us.’ “But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’

“Therefore, keep alert, because you don’t know the day or the hour.

Gospeller: The Gospel of our Lord.
People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn #64 (10:00) **LEV (Lift Every Voice - Red/Black Hymnal)**
I love to tell the story *W. G. Fischer*
(Verse 2 only)

(*Sit)*
Sermon

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as you are able)*

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.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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.

(Kneeling or standing as you are able)

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: (8:00 & 10:00) Deacon/LEM

Leader and People pray responsively. After each bidding, please offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief, trouble or illness – including those on our parish prayer list found on your Vitality Signs sheet.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all who have + died in the hope of the resurrection.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence - The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds concluding Collect

Confession of Sin *(Kneeling as you are able)*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,
All: 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 may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

(8:00& 10:00)

The Peace *(Please stand as you are able)*

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: And also with you.

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

Announcements and Blessings

CHILDREN'S BLESSING: All children and youth are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

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 people****, 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 servant's 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.***

Offertory Music (8:00) Bruce Robinson - piano

(10:00) Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

(text: Prayer of St. Francis) *S. Temple/arr. J. Holstein*

St. Alban's Choir, Karl Trader, conductor; Bruce Robinson - piano

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

Doxology *(Sung)*

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. Amen.

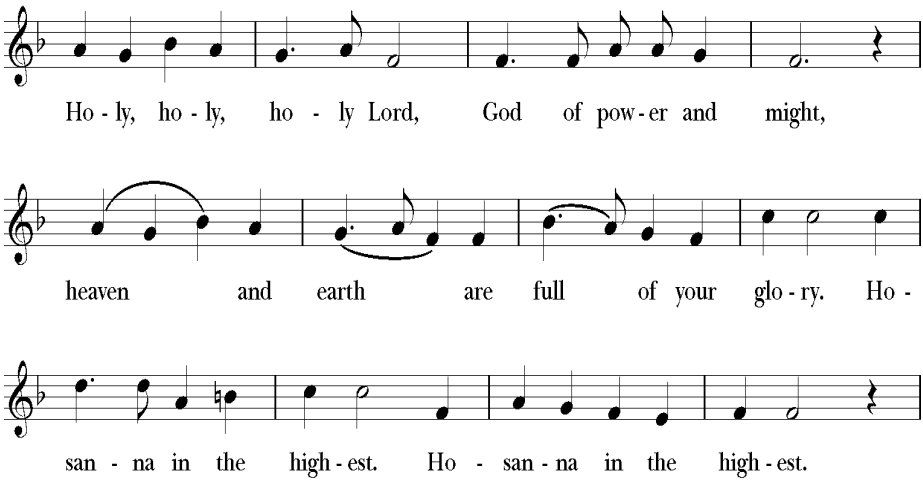
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: ***And also with you.***
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

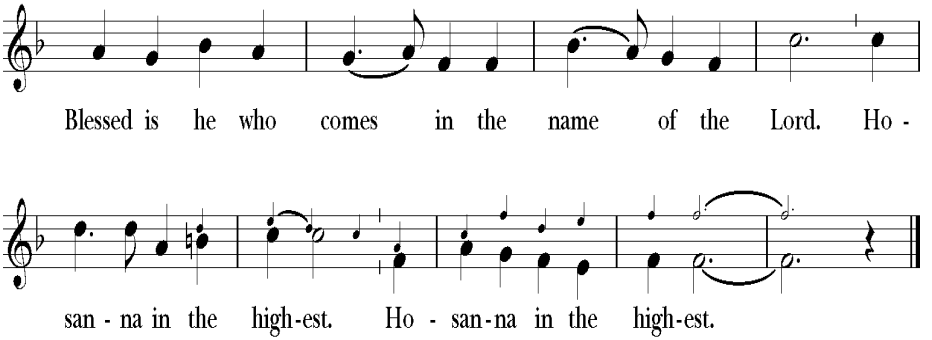
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: *(8:00 Spoken) (10:00 Sung)* *(musical setting S-125)*





(Kneeling or standing as you are able)
Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.
Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant breaks bread in silence, then celebrant continues.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: Therefore, let us keep the Feast. Alleluia.
Celebrant: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

(Celebrant may add: Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.)

Communion Music Bruce Robinson - piano

Notes for receiving communion: ***All are welcome*** *to receive Holy Eucharist. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are not baptized, Mother Lainie+ invites you to have a conversation about the Holy Sacrament. As* ***One Body*** *in Christ we receive Holy Communion. We, therefore, drink from* ***One Cup****. If you prefer, the* ***Eucharist Minister*** *may place the host in your hand. Additionally, if you choose not to partake of the wine, please let the* ***Eucharist Minister*** *know. A gluten-free host is available as needed. If mobility is a challenge, please alert an usher. Communion will be brought to you. After you have received communion, you are welcome to visit the* ***Healing Station*** *near the back next to the font.*

Post Communion Prayer *(Kneeling or standing)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #184 LEV (Lift Every Voice - Red/Black Hymnal)
Blessed assurance *Phoebe P. Knapp*

Dismissal * *According to the BCP 366, "Alleluia" in the dismissal is reserved for the special season of Easter only (Easter through Pentecost).*
People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Bruce Robinson - piano

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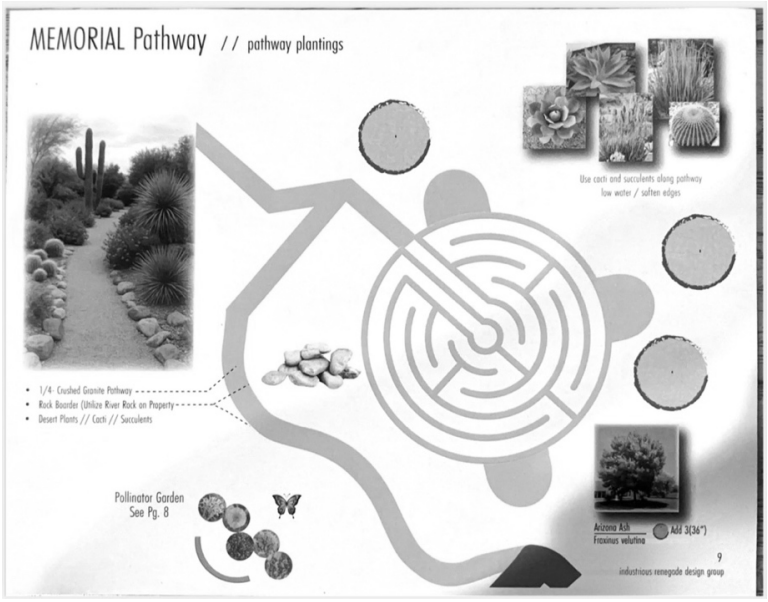
NATIVE PEOPLES

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



Over ⟶

Growing Together, upward, inward, outward

Saint Alban's Five Signs of Vitality

1) Caring, Connected Community
2) Sacred Space to restore body, soul, spirit
3) Contemplative Practices to deepen in God
4) Expanded capacity to serve
5) Signature Ministries: Families, Music, Preschool