

# St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Franklin Lakes, Oakland & Wyckoff

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Kickoff Sunday

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a parish

September 18, 2022



Welcome To St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Rev. Fr. David B. Rude, Presiding

**“Welcoming All to Share God’s Love”**

Please join in singing our opening hymn # 390, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty".  
We will sing verses 1, 2 & 4,

*Descant*

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with  
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his  
health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.  
or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

## GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray together.

**Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## COLLECT ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

**Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of the house of prayer: We give thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshipped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING **Amos 8:4-7**

### ***A Reading from the Book of Amos***

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."  
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Response: Thanks be to God.**

***The Psalm appointed for this morning is Psalm 113.  
We will read it responsively by half verse.***

### **Psalm 113**

Hallelujah!  
Give praise, you servants of the LORD;  
**praise the Name of the LORD.**  
Let the Name of the LORD be blessed,  
**from this time forth for evermore.**  
From the rising of the sun to its going down  
**let the Name of the LORD be praised.**  
The LORD is high above all nations,  
**and his glory above the heavens.**  
Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high  
**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**  
He takes up the weak out of the dust  
**and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**  
He sets them with the princes,  
**with the princes of his people.**  
He makes the woman of a childless house  
**to be a joyful mother of children.**

### **THE SECOND READING**

### **1 Timothy 2:1-7**

#### ***A Reading from the letter of Paul to Timothy***

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,  
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**Please join in singing our gradual hymn # 488, "Be thou my vision". We will sing vs. 1 & 2 before and v. 3 after the gospel.**



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE GOSPEL** (*Please stand*)

**Luke 16:1-13**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Fr. David B. Rude**

**THE NICENE CREED** *(in unison)*

**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** *Members of the congregation are invited to lead one of the petitions as they feel led by God's Spirit. If more than one person begins at the same time, please continue to read together.*

*God has searched for us to teach us how to search for one another. That we may learn to live in God's new Jerusalem, generous with life, let us pray together, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.*

You come to us unarmed. May we never use you as a way to war, we pray you, O God.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

You come to us penniless. May we never use you as a way to wealth, we pray you, O God.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

You come to us innocent. May we never use you as a way to corruption, we pray you, O God.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we use your peaceful self as a way to make peace. We pray especially for our brothers in sisters in the Ukraine that your peace be shed upon them and their nation. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we use your penniless self as a way to beg for alms, we pray you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we use your innocent self as a way of curing sin, we pray you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Shame us out of arrogance, O Lord, arrogance of power and place, we pray you O Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Win us with the love you have for the least of things, we pray you, O Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers for all in any need especially *Mollie, Lisa, Julia Emma, Peter, John, Tom, Barbara, John, Virginia, Jim, Patrick, Tony, Gloria, Ernie, Barbara, Eric, Judy, Cathy, Mike, Al, Lucille, Carole, Gloria, Ron, Ali, JoAnn, Arthur, Eileen, Eugene, Tony, Jim, Joseph, Carolyn and John*, we pray you, O Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, especially Joseph, father of Kathy Miles and their children and loved ones, that they see God face to face. We pray you, O Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We remember in our Parish Cycle of Prayer members and friends of our parish family who participated in our Friday night sandwich making for St. Paul's, we pray you, O Lord:  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

### ***A Prayer For St. Alban's Parish Family***

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be on one heart and mind within your holy Church for the living out of the Gospel commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***It would be a joy for us to be as you are, O Lord, toward the least of things on earth. We ask for your peacefulness, your humility, your innocence, both for ourselves, and for all the world. For there is no going home to you without our brothers and sisters, and through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**If you would like to add a name to the prayer list,  
please email the parish office.**



## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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.**

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 PEACE** *(Please stand as you are able)*

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

**People:** **And also with you!**

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & MILESTONES

Please come forward during the singing if you have a milestone to mark. Please allow us the privilege of sharing your celebrations in this family of faith.



### SEPTEMBER MILESTONES

19<sup>th</sup> Alison Sanna; Ava Young  
23<sup>rd</sup> Dorys Young

## Happy Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray on your servant *N.* as *she* begins another year. Grant that *she* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *her* trust in your goodness all the days of *her* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of praise and make good your vows to the most-high.

Please join in singing our offertory hymn # 397, "Now thank we all our God" vs. 1-2

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,  
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who from our mo-ther's arms hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day,  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

*Please remain faithful is your giving either through online giving or by mailing your pledge and offerings to the parish office.*

**Together All things come from thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is right, and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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.

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 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.**

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." +**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

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 Alban, Joseph and 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 let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us (*said*)

**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 forever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**  
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Communion of the People

*Celebrant* These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God. Take them in Remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you. And feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

*When you return to your seat, we invite you to hold the following people in prayer; especially Mollie, Lisa, Julia Emma, Peter, John, Tom, Barbara, John, Virginia, Jim, Patrick, Tony, Gloria, Ernie, Barbara, Eric, Judy, Cathy, Mike, Al, Lucille, Carole, Gloria, Ron, Ali, JoAnn, Arthur, Eileen, Eugene, Tony, Jim, Joseph, Carolyn and John.*

**Please join in singing the Communion Hymn # 437, "Tell out, my soul" vs. 1 - 2**

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *(Together)*

**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 the 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**

And now holy Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do; to love, honor, witness, and cherish our heritage as your own and as faithful ministers of your Word and Sacrament. Place upon us any burden your desire only stand by us to sustain us. Break any ties that binds us except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be upon us and remain with us this day and forever more. **Amen.**

**BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS** *please come to the microphone if you have an announcement*

**DISMISSAL** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Please join in singing our closing hymn # , "" vs. 1, 2 & 4.

*Descant*

4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or  
 2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and  
 3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and  
 4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our  
 now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es  
 on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he  
 with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.  
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.  
 gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!  
 days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

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