

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Franklin Lakes, Oakland & Wyckoff

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

Veterans Recognition



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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 # 718, "God of our fathers" vs. 1, 2 & 4

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

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.

PRAYER FOR VETERANS

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

A Reading from the Book of Malachi

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Response: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

The Psalm appointed for this morning is Psalm 98. We will read it responsively by half verse.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

**Please join in singing our gradual hymn # 529, "In Christ there is no east or west".
We will sing vs. 1 before and v. 2 after the gospel.**

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are
 ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

Luke 21:5-19

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: 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.*

Grateful for our blessings, determined in our mission, expectant for fulfillment, let the church cry out to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For faithfulness, that we trust in God's promise and live in confident obedience, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For openness in reaching out to all the people of the world, that together we may walk out of darkness into God's light, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For humility, that we glory only in God's forgiving, generous love, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For perseverance, that we daily seek out all who are hurt and cry and are in need, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For comfort for all of those in any need; for health for the sick especially *Ben, Lauren, Lisa, 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* and food for the hungry; that touched by God they may shine with the brilliance of God's light, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

This week, we remember in our Parish Cycle of Prayer all Greg, Kathy, Julia, Robert and Willie Miles. let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

We remember and thank all our veterans: those who rest in honored glory, those who still suffer from the wounds of war, and those who, with us, enjoy the blessing of living in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

Blessed are all those who have fought the good fight and now share in the wondrous vision God promised from the beginning. That we may keep them always in our sight, eager for the day of our joyous reunion, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

O God, you make glad the hearts of all who dwell in your house, Accept our gratitude, enjoy our praise, and save us. Grant the fulfillment of our prayers 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.



NOVEMBER MILESTONES



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.*



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.*

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 # 488, "Be thou my vision" vs. 1-2



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.

Please remain faithful in 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.

Creator of light and source of life, who hast made us in thine 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 speak these words 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 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 *Ben, Lauren, Lisa, 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 # 325, "Let us break bread together" vs. 1 & 2

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; ___
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; ___

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; ___
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; ___

Refrain
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
 O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; ___

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Refrain
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
 O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

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

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to what is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve your God, and may the blessing of God Almighty be with you and remain with you this day and forevermore.
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.

CLOSING HYMN

Please join in singing our closing hymn # 717, "My country tis of thee" vs. 1 - 3.

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of
2 My na - tive coun - try, the, land of the
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing; land where my
no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy
all the trees sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal
lib - er - ty, to thee we sing; long may our

fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride,
rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;
tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take,
land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let freed - om ring.
my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

