

*Walk In Love
As We
Hear the Word. Break the Bread. Share the Love.*



**Feast of All Saints (transferred)
Holy Eucharist**

November 3, 2024
10:30 a.m.

Saint Alban's Episcopal Church Welcomes You
130 39th Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory, NC 28601
(828) 324-1351

*Welcome to St. Alban's. We are grateful for your presence.
Cloth pew bags are available for our younger worshipers.
Please return to the basket as you depart.*

For Those Who Walked With Us

For those
who walked with us,
this is a prayer.

For those
who have gone ahead,
this is a blessing.

For those
who touched and tended us,
who lingered with us
while they lived,
this is a thanksgiving.

For those
who journey still with us
in the shadows of awareness,
in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams,
this is a benediction.

Jan Richardson

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn*For all the saints, who from their labors rest*

Hymnal 287

Opening Acclamation

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**Collect for Purity***(Celebrant and People)*

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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

Hymnal S-278

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.

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.*People* And also with you.*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9 *The people sit.*

A Reading from Isaiah:

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: Psalm 24 *(Sung in unison)*

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
²For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
³"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
⁴"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
⁵They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
⁶"Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
⁷Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
⁸"Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."
⁹Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
¹⁰"Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

The Epistle: Revelation 21:1-6a

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

I sing a song of the saints of God

Hymnal 293

The Holy Gospel: John 11:32-44

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
 Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Anne Bridgers

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *(Stand or kneel)*

The Celebrant and People pray responsively

As we recall the blessed ones who have gone before us let us offer prayers to God with the angels and archangels and the spirits of the blessed.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

With Mary, mother of Jesus and bearer of God.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

With the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

With all the saints, witnesses to the gospel.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all those around the world being baptized today.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

For Sean, Presiding Bishop, José, our Bishop, in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer All Saints, Franklin, All Saint's, Gastonia, The Cathedral of All Souls, Asheville, for this holy gathering, and the people of God in every place.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all nations, cohorts, peoples, and languages.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Remembering especially all those on our Parish Prayer List, and all those who are sick and those who suffer, for any who are hungry or thirsty, for those who are displaced and all who are persecuted.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Remembering especially... (names of those departed are offered aloud or silently), and for those whom we love but see no longer and those who mourn, we pray.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

In this election season, for our country and this city and those who live and work in it, and for our families, companions, and all those we love.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

For our ancestors and all who have gone before us in faith.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Alban, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People ***Lord, have mercy.***

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the triumph of Christ in the lives of your saints. Receive the prayers we offer this day and help us to run our course with faith, that we may swiftly come to your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession *(People stand or kneel)*

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

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Celebrant 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 *(All stand.)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Walk in Love Stewardship Reflection: Sharing Your Own

Bruce Smith

As Saints of God, we ponder how “Walk in Love” at St. Alban’s. On the card, write a word or a phrase that captures your experience at St. Alban’s. Place your card in the Offering Plate. Give thanks for all those who have gone before – that great cloud of witnesses who join us still.

The Holy Communion

Anthem

Lamb of God

Christiansen

Doxology

(Hymn 380, verse 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all the creatures here below; praise him above the heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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The People remain standing.

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.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Who, in the multitude of thy saints has compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fades not away.

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:

Sanctus

H800

Celebrant and People

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.

The People stand or kneel, as the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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,

People and Celebrant

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 and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request at the altar rail.

Two chalices are offered at the altar rail. The first one is offered to those who prefer to drink from the cup.

The second chalice follow for those who prefer to intinct (dip) the wafer in the wine before consuming.

Please hold the wafer in your open palm to indicate your preference to the server.

The Communion of the People

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Communion Hymn

Where charity and love prevail

Hymnal 581

Post-Communion Prayer

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Let us pray.

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.*

Prayer for an Election

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States and this community in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race. 'cause I

don't want to run this race in vain. _____
 don't want to run this race in vain. _____
 don't want to run this race in vain. _____

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Andante in a-Minor C. Chiesa

We gather for refreshments in the Commons Room immediately following the service. All are welcome to participate and check out the kiosk for more ways to walk in Love!

The Feast of All Saints reminds us that we all are a part of the communion of saints, the whole family of God. Author, Ysaye Barnwell writes, “We are our grandmothers’ prayers...daughters of dust, sons of great vision... We are Seekers of truth, keepers of faith.” All Saints of God.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your Walk in Love 2025 Pledge.
Pledge cards may be returned by mail, placed in the Offering Plate, or by phoning Janet, Financial Administrator, in the Parish Office.

Sunday, Nov. 24 is Ingathering Sunday. Pledge cards will be placed upon the altar to be blessed.

Walk in Love, our stewardship theme, offers us the opportunity to pause, to remember, and to give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of Walking in Love with the One who loves us beyond all imagining. Join a conversation about how we Walk in Love with one another in this time of parish discernment by signing up at the kiosk today.

Wine & Cheese:

Friday, Nov. 8th	5:00 p.m.	Home of Jane Earl	Hosts: Jane Earl & Mary Klinger
Monday, Nov. 11th	6:00 p.m.	Home of Bud & Judy Caywood	Hosts: Bud & Judy Caywood

Brunch/Lunch:

Saturday, Nov. 9th	12:00 p.m.	Ferebee Hall	Hosts: Bill & Theresa Perrin
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