

# *The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*



## **Holy Eucharist II**

October 5, 2025

10:30 a.m.

**Saint Alban's Episcopal Church Welcomes You**

*130 39<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Prelude**

*Andante Tranquillo*

Felix Mendelssohn

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Processional Hymn

*Awake, my soul, and with the sun*

Hymnal 11

## 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 says)*

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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-236

*Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.*

*Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.*

*Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.*

*Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.*

*Glory you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven,*

*Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will highly exalt you. Glory to you!*

## 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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Lesson:** Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

*(The people sit.)*

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

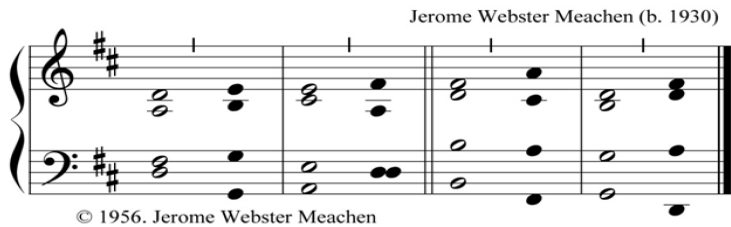
So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,  
 and station myself on the rampart;  
 I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
 and what he will answer concerning my complaint.  
 Then the LORD answered me and said:  
 Write the vision;  
 make it plain on tablets,  
 so that a runner may read it.  
 For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
 it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
 If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
 it will surely come, it will not delay.  
 Look at the proud!  
 Their spirit is not right in them,  
 but the righteous live by their faith.

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

**The Gradual:** Psalm 37:1-10        (*Sung in Unison*)



- <sup>1</sup>Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup>For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.
- <sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- <sup>4</sup>Take delight in the LORD, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- <sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.
- <sup>6</sup>He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- <sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD \*  
and wait patiently for him.
- <sup>8</sup>Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- <sup>9</sup>Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- <sup>10</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

## **The Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

<sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Sequence Hymn**

*O Jesus, I have promised*

Hymnal 655

## **The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

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

*People*            ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Jonathan Stepp

## **The Nicene Creed**

*(All stand)*

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***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**

Form VI

*(People stand or kneel)*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*[Silence]*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For the leaders of the world, our nation, our state, and our city.

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For those who are sick, especially those on our prayer list, and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for The Anglican Church of Tanzania and in the Diocesan Cycle of prayer on this World Communion Sunday, we pray for all our Ecumenical relationships, and for the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Stephen, Archbishop of York, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Jose, our Bishop, Father Jonathan, the staff of St. Alban's, and for all bishops, priests, deacons, and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*[Silence is kept. The people may add their own prayers, offered either silently or aloud.]*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*[Silence is kept. The people may add their own thanksgivings, offered either silently or aloud.]*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*[Silence is kept. The people may add their own petitions, offered either silently or aloud.]*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

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*Celebrant says*

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)*

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* ***And also with you.***

# The Holy Communion

Anthem

*They Who Wait Upon the Lord*  
Will Freeman-Violin

Michael Larkin

Doxology

*(People stand as the offering is presented)*

Hymn 380, verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C *(Stand or kneel)*

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The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise."

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us.***

***By his wounds, we are healed.***

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:

*Celebrant and People*

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***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 Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



**The Lord's Prayer**

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

***Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.***

***Give us today our daily bread.***

***Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.***

***Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.***

***For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.***

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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

**Fraction Anthem**

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



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

*Gluten free waters 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.*

**Communion Hymn**

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart*

Hymnal 488

**Post-Communion Prayer**

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

***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.***

**The Blessing**

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**Recessional Hymn**

*Lord, whose love through humble service*

Hymnal 610

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

*Postlude Mosso*

J. Diebold

***Join us in the Commons Room immediately following the service for refreshments!  
All are welcome to participate and check out the kiosk for more ways to Walk in Love!***