

# *The Last Sunday after the Epiphany*



## **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

February 15, 2026

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.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Processional Hymn

*Alleluia! sing to Jesus*

Hymnal 460

## Opening Acclamation

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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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

*(The following is sung, all standing)*

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***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 to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.***

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

## The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

*(The people sit.)*

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.





*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**                      *(People stand or kneel.)*

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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 this community, the nation, and the world;  
***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 on our parish 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 Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, and in the Diocesan cycle of prayer for Lake Logan Conference Center and Valle Crucis Conference Center, and for the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, José our Bishop; for Fr. Jonathan, the staff of St. Alban's, and for all bishops and other ministers;  
***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.*

Hear us, Lord;  
***For your mercy is great.***

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

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings, 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. The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
***Who put their trust in you.***

*The Celebrant concludes with a 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.***

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

# The Holy Communion

**Anthem**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Tom Trenney

**Doxology**

*(People stand as the offering is presented)*

Hymn 380, verse 3

***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.***

**Offertory Sentence**

*Celebrant*

All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own we give to you.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B *(Stand or kneel)*

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*Celebrant*                      *People*  
The Lord be with you.      And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
Lift up your hearts.      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.

*Then, 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.

*Here the Celebrant sings the proper preface*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, 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. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Alban and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



## **The Lord's Prayer**

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**

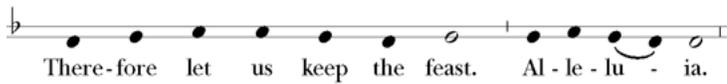
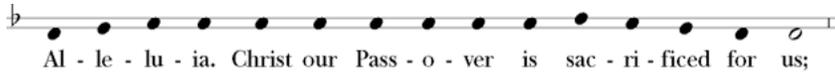
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-152

*The choir and people sing together*



*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 follows 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

*Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord*

Hymnal 327

## 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.***

## The Blessing

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## Recessional Hymn

*Christ upon the mountain peak*

Hymnal 129

## Dismissal

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

***Thanks be to God.***

## Postlude

*Postlude in D*

Ch. H. Rinck

***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!***

## **Ministers of the Service**

Celebrant: The Rev. Jonathan Stepp

Jay Tate - Chaliceist

Steve Snyder – Chaliceist

Lee Young - Lector

Michael and Blake Camby – Acolytes

Phil Hejl – Usher

Bill Perrin - Usher

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## **Vestry Members**

Bill Perrin - Senior Warden

Charlie Brantley - Junior Warden

Judy Caywood

Daniel Minch

Claudia Moore

Patrick Richart

Bucky Robbins

Kay Sigmon

Bruce Smith

Chris Oram - Vestry Clerk

Ellen Robbins – Treasurer

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## **Those Who Serve You**

**The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe** - Presiding Bishop & Primate of The Episcopal Church

**The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin** - Bishop, Diocese of Western NC

**The Rev. Jonathan Stepp** - Priest-in-Charge

**Doug Brady** - Organist

**Janet Dziesinski** - Financial Administrator

**Cami Roberts** - Director of Family Formation

**Tammy Shook** - Director of Parish Music and Handbells

**Lauren Timmons** - Associate Director of Parish Music and CantorKids Director

**Kim Wagner** – Parish Administrator