

# St. Alban's Episcopal Church Welcomes You!

Pentecost 9

*Morning Prayer*

July 21, 2024



## **ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## **Prelude**

### **Opening Hymn 432: O Praise Ye the Lord!**

*Laudate Dominum*

**1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
tejoice in his word, ye angels of light;  
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.**

**2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,  
in tuneful accord, all ye of new birth;  
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,  
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.**

**3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord reecho around;  
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,  
and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.**

**4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song  
to him be outpoured all ages along!  
For love in creation, for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!**

Officiant    Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

### **Confession of Sin**    (Please kneel.)

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

**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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Invitatory and Psalter** (Please stand.)

Officiant    Lord open our lips.  
People       **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All            **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.**

Officiant    Let us say together:

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the  
sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*You may be seated until the Apostles Creed.*

**First Reader: Psalm 89:20-37**      *(People respond after the asterisk.)*

20 I have found David my servant; \* **with my holy oil have I anointed him.**

21 My hand will hold him fast \* **and my arm will make him strong.**

22 No enemy shall deceive him, \* **nor any wicked man bring him down.**

23 I will crush his foes before him \* **and strike down those who hate him.**

24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
**and he shall be victorious through my Name.**

25 I shall make his dominion extend \* **from the Great Sea to the River.**

26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
**my God, and the rock of my salvation.'**

27 I will make him my firstborn \* **and higher than the kings of the earth.**

28 I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  
**and my covenant will stand firm for him.**

29 I will establish his line for ever \* **and his throne as the days of heaven."**

30 "If his children forsake my law \*  
**and do not walk according to my judgments;**

31 If they break my statutes \* **and do not keep my commandments;**

32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod \*  
**and their iniquities with the lash;**

33 But I will not take my love from him, \***nor let my faithfulness prove false.**

34 I will not break my covenant, \* **nor change what has gone out of my lips.**

35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: \* **'I will not lie to David.**

36 His line shall endure for ever \* **and his throne as the sun before me;**

37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, \* **the abiding witness in the sky.'**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel 7:1-14a**

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"

Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies.

Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. The Word of the Lord.

**People      Thanks be to God.**

Officiant        Let us say together the 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.**

**Second Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians 2:11-22**

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him

the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;  
in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.  
The Word of the Lord.

**People      Thanks be to God.**

Reader      Let us say the A Song of Christ's Goodness by the half verse.

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you;  
    \* **you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.**  
Often you weep over our sins and our pride,  
    \* **tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.**  
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,  
    \* **in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.**  
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life;  
    \* **by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.**  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
    \* **through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.**  
Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
    \* **your touch makes sinners righteous.**  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us;  
    \* **in your love and tenderness, remake us.**  
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness,  
    \* **for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
    \* **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Officiant: A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed. The Word of the Lord.

**People      Thanks be to God.**

**Homily: Steve Pekich will read Mother Julie's homily.**

**The Apostles' Creed** (Please stand.)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the (+) resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Officiant      The Lord be with you.**

**People      And also with you.**

**Officiant      Let us pray.**

**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, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Suffrages B (The People respond with R.)**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**R. Govern them and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
**R. We praise your name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

*(The Officiant says the following collects. You may be seated.)*

The Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Hymn 529: In Christ There is No East or West

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**1 In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,  
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**2 Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be!  
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.**

**3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North,  
all Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.**

*(The Reader continues with the prayers.)*

A Prayer for Mission: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Recovery from Sickness: O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We remember before you today Sue Grosso, David Houston, Dottie White, Kiki White, Kathleen Eckermann, Stuart Houston, Chris Calhoun-Bryant, Shelby Calhoun, Anthony Necerato, Charmae, Shannon, Jim Bell, Allen McMinn, Lucy Howton, Preston Hill, Dirk Deleeuw, Huldah Joseph, Jeff K., Gwendolyn Sterling, Phil Luckette, Rev. Bill Pekich, Caroline Summer, Heather, Annette, Dagmar Bryant-Adkins, and those you name before God. (pause) I ask your prayers for all who are isolated due to illness or infirmity. We pray for those in any need or trouble. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Departed: Remember your servants, O Lord, according to the favor which you bestow on your people, especially those we name before you (pause); grant that increasing in knowledge and love of you, they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant    Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:  
                  Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to  
                  do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**    (Said in unison.)

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to  
make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through  
your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his  
Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires  
and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge  
Of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn 493: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

*Azmon*

**1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.**

**3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.**

**4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.**

**5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.**

Officiant    Let us bless the Lord.  
People        Thanks be to God.

Officiant    (+) Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## **Postlude**

### **Today's Lay Leaders**

Greeter: Margo Kowalczyk  
Officiant: Steve Pekich  
First Reader: Grace Joseph

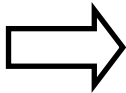
Second Reader: Fred Wilson  
Prayers: Anthony Necerato  
Counters: David Houston and Bobbi L.

**Mother Julie returns from vacation next Sunday.**

Second Thursday is August 8

6:00 p.m. Chinese Take-out (\$7 per person)

7:00 p.m. Healing and Holy Eucharist



**Joint Meeting of St. Alban's and Emmanuel  
Regarding our Possible Merger  
St. Alban's on Saturday, August 17**



4:00-5:15 p.m. Meeting with Canon Megan Castellan and Mother Julie

5:15-5:45 p.m. Light refreshments and building and grounds tours

5:45-6:45 p.m. Holy Eucharist (no service at St. Alban's on August 18)

Mother Julie will preach and Canon Megan will celebrate.

### Summer Food Drive

Canned chicken or tuna packed in water

Pasta Sauce and Pasta

Pancake Mix and Syrup

Mac and Cheese

Shelf Stable Milk and Juice

Flour, Sugar, Salt & Pepper

Ensure

Dried beans

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Cereal & Oatmeal

Jasmine Rice

Cereal and Oatmeal

Canned Fruits and Veggies

### Meals in a Can Such As:

Hearty Soups

Beef Stew

Chef Boy R Dee