

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



**Peace Sunday Commemoration
Holy Eucharist**

September 22, 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 now available for our younger worshipers.
Please return to the basket as you depart.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation* Hymnal 390

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

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*) BCP p. 355

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 H-804

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 BCP p. 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Peace

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and resigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson: Proverbs 31:10-31 *The people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night and provides food for her
household and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 1 (*Sung in unison*)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.

She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.

Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:

“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The Epistle: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

A Reading from the Book of James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.⁴

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

O Master, let me walk with thee

Hymnal 660

The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁰Jesus and the disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Mike Cogsdale

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 FORM I *(Stand or kneel)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."
For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect, and José, our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, Church of the Messiah, Murphy, let us pray to the Lord.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

For reasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially all those on our Parish Prayer List, let pray to the Lord.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

People *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of Alban and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.

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.

The Holy Communion

Anthem

I Will Be a Child of Peace

Hagenberg

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
The People remain standing.

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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.

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

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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.*

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

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.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 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.

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.

People light candles and place candles on the country of your choice as you return to your seat.

Communion Hymn

Peace before us

WLP 791

1. Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us,
 2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us,
 3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us,
 4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us,

peace un - der our feet. _____ Peace with - in us,
 love un - der our feet. _____ Love with - in us,
 light un - der our feet. _____ Light with - in us,
 Christ un - der our feet. _____ Christ with - in us,

peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace. _____
 love o - ver us, let all a - round us be love. _____
 light o - ver us, let all a - round us be light. _____
 Christ o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ. _____

Piano accompaniment for the first system, consisting of a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The music features a steady eighth-note bass line and a treble line with chords and melodic fragments.

6.

6. peace. _____ Let all a - round us be peace. _____

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second system. The vocal line begins with a fermata over the word "peace." and continues with the lyrics "Let all a - round us be peace." The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern as the first system.

6. Let all a - round us be peace. _____

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the third system. The vocal line continues with the lyrics "Let all a - round us be peace." The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern.

Piano accompaniment for the fourth system, consisting of a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The music concludes with a final chord in the treble and a sustained note in the bass.

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

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to walk in Love as Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Hymnal 482

Dismissal

Let us walk in love as we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Postlude Maestoso

Luigi Bottazzo

***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

Libby Teague - Chaliceist
Adrienne Brooks – Chaliceist
Lee Young - Lector
Maverick Worley- Acolyte
Griffin Worley- Acolyte
Noah VanBeurden- Acolyte
Sadie VanBeurden- Acolyte
Richard Brantley– Usher
Charlie Amann- Usher

Vestry Members

Terry Jennings - Senior Warden
Judy Caywood - Junior Warden
Charles Bolick
Jane Earl
Susan Hook
Carol LeGrand
Ingrid Peake
Bill Perrin
Bruce Smith
Chris Oram - Vestry Clerk
Mary Klinger – Treasurer

Those Who Serve You

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry - Presiding Bishop & Primate of The Episcopal Church
The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin - Bishop, Diocese of Western NC
The Rev. Anne Bridgers - Interim Priest-in-Charge
Doug Brady - Organist
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Tammy Shook - Director of Parish Music and Handbells
Lauren Timmons - Associate Director of Parish Music and Cantorkids Director
Kim Wagner – Parish Administrator