

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



**XXI Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist**

**October 13, 2024  
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 worshippers.  
Please return to the basket as you depart.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

**Choral Introit***Love Is*

Betinis

**Processional Hymn***God himself is with us*

Hymnal 475

**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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Lesson: Job 23:1-9, 16-17***The people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Job.

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;  
 his hand is heavy despite my groaning.  
 Oh, that I knew where I might find him,  
 that I might come even to his dwelling!  
 I would lay my case before him,  
 and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,  
and understand what he would say to me.  
Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?  
No; but he would give heed to me.  
There an upright person could reason with him,  
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.  
"If I go forward, he is not there;  
or backward, I cannot perceive him;  
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;  
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.  
God has made my heart faint;  
the Almighty has terrified me;  
If only I could vanish in darkness,  
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**The Gradual:** Psalm 22:1-15            (*Spoken in unison*)

- <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?  
<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.  
<sup>3</sup>Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.  
<sup>4</sup>Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.  
<sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.  
<sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.  
<sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,  
<sup>8</sup>"He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."  
<sup>9</sup>Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.  
<sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.  
<sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.  
<sup>12</sup>Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.  
<sup>13</sup>They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.  
<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.  
<sup>15</sup>My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

**The Epistle:** Hebrews 4:12-16

A Reading from Hebrews.

<sup>12</sup>The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn**

*O God, our help in ages past*

Hymnal 680

**The Holy Gospel:** Mark 10:17-31

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

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            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 Leader and People pray responsively*

That we may continually seek you and find you. That we may know, deep in our hearts, that we are yours.

We lift our hearts and voices to you, as we walk in love.

**People**                      ***Hear us, good Lord.***

That your grace may always precede and follow. That our lives may be signs of your kingdom, and witnesses to your goodness.

We lift our hearts and voices to you, as we walk in love.

**People**                      ***Hear us, good Lord.***

Remembering in the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for all Indigenous People and for the care of our creation and that there be peace in our hearts, in our churches, between neighbors and nations. May the peace we seek begin with you and overflow beyond measure.

We lift our hearts and voices to you, as we walk in love.

**People**                      ***Hear us, good Lord.***

Remembering especially all these on our Parish Prayer List, we give thanks for your extravagant care of us; for your seeking after us, finding us, and keeping us close. We pray that we may follow your model of loving-kindness to those with whom we live and work and worship. That your love for us may overflow into extravagant love for all your children.

We lift our hearts and voices to you, as we walk in love.

**People**                      ***Hear us, good Lord.***

Remembering all those affected by Hurricane Helene and Milton, we pray on behalf of those who are suffering with pain, who are paralyzed by fear, who are listless and restless and tired. Relieve their misery, be with them in their distress. Bring them to a new sense of hope and wholeness. We pray for:

We lift our hearts and voices to you, as we walk in love.

**People**                      ***Hear us, good Lord.***

We rejoice with those who have entered the larger life, who now reside among the saints in light. We pray for those who mourn and who experience a deep loss.

**People**        *Hear us, good Lord, as we walk in love.*

*Silence. The people may add their own prayers*

**People**        Lord in in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer, as we walk in love.*

*Silence*

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**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*

Terry Jennings

# The Holy Communion

**Anthem**

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Hanson

**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 God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one 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.*

*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.

### **Communion Hymn**

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Hymnal 711

*Verse 1 – Unison*

*Verse 2 – In Canon – Men Begin; Women in Canon*

### **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**

Go forth into the world in peace, walking in love as Christ first loved us and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. Amen.

### **Recessional Hymn**

*O for a closer walk with God*

Hymnal 683

Dismissal

Go in peace to walk in love and serve the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

*Allegro in A Major*

Fr. Walczynski

***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**

Suzanne Garrett - Chaliceist  
John Leach- Chaliceist  
Michael Camby- Acolyte  
Blake Camby - Acolyte  
Chris Crenshaw - Acolyte  
Jacob Crenshaw - Acolyte  
Caleb Crenshaw - Acolyte  
Jan Middleton- Usher  
Kevin Middleton- Usher

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## **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

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## **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  
**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