

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



**XXII Pentecost
Holy Eucharist**

October 20, 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 available for our younger worshippers.
Please return to the basket as you depart.*

The Liturgy of the Word

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving of Bob and Mary Klinger's
52nd Wedding Anniversary.*

Processional Hymn *All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine* Hymnal 477

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 S-280

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson: Job 38: 1-7, 34-41 *The people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Job.

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, ‘Here we are’?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

when the dust runs into a mass
and the clods cling together?

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

when they crouch in their dens,
or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God,
and wander about for lack of food?”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b

(Sung in unison)

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul; *

O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

²You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

³You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.

⁴You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.

⁵You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.

⁶You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

⁷At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

⁸They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.
⁹You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.
²⁵O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
^{37b}Hallelujah!

The Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10

A Reading from Hebrews.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

God is Love

Hymnal 379

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

O God, Creator, Redeemer, Spirit – the One who knows and loves us best – we thank you for the great gift of your presence among us. Hold us close when we struggle with the noise of life. Call us to a quiet place so that we can hear your voice and come to understand your will.

Lord, in your mercy

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Keep your church rooted in your Word and grounded in your love. Guide our leaders as they walk beside us, supporting us in our journey of faith. We pray for José our Bishop, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, Presiding Bishop-Elect, and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, St. Luke’s, Asheville, St. Luke’s, Boone, and St. Luke’s, Lincolnton.

Lord, in your mercy

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Give those in authority an imagination and determination for peace between peoples, of plenty for all, of justice for everyone, especially those whom we overlook and forget.

Lord, in your mercy

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Remembering especially all those affected by Hurricane Helene and Milton, and in places where famine and weather disasters have destroyed lives and drained people of hope, we pray for those who suffer loss as well as those who seek to relieve their distress.

Lord, in your mercy

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Remembering all those on our Parish Prayer List, we pray for healing and comfort in their distress. Assure them of your goodness that never ends, your grace that surrounds them on every side. We pray also for those who are voiceless, who have never known you, who are imprisoned by fear, that we witness to them your steadfast love.

Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who are being welcomed home to your eternal kingdom. May your will for each of those you love be fulfilled here on earth and in the life to come.

Lord in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Silence. The people may add their own prayers

Silence

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, all times are your seasons, and all occasions invite your tender mercies: Accept our prayers and intercessions offered in this place today and in the days to come; through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *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.

Announcements

Walk in Love Stewardship Reflection

Ingrid Peake

The Holy Communion

Anthem

Servants of Peace

K. Lee Scott

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

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The People remain standing.

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 wafers 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

*Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants
(Sung by the Choir)*

Hymnal 338

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

Rise up, ye saints of God

Hymnal 551

Dismissal

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

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Postlude in G Minor

J.E. Rembt

***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!***

Announcements

We are delighted to welcome the Reverend Canon Augusta Anderson as our guest preacher this morning. As Canon to the Ordinary (Bishop José), and Chief of Staff, she assists with the oversight of the diocese, particularly with church transitions and leadership development. She joins the vestry for their meeting today to continue the conversation about St. Alban's discernment process. Welcome Canon Augusta!

Walk in Love, our stewardship theme, offers us the opportunity to pause, to remember, and to give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of Walking in Love with the One who loves us beyond all imagining. Join a conversation about how we Walk in Love with one another in this time of parish discernment by signing up at the kiosk today.

Wine & Cheese:

Thursday, Oct. 24th	5:30 p.m.	Ferebee Hall	Hosts: Lisa & Terry Jennings
Tuesday, Oct. 29th	6:00 p.m.	Ferebee Hall	Hosts: Charles Bolick and Carol & Bruce Smith
Friday, Nov. 8th	5:00 p.m.	Home of Jane Earl	Hosts: Jane Earl & Mary Klinger
Monday, Nov. 11th	6:00 p.m.	Home of Bud & Judy Caywood	Hosts: Bud & Judy Caywood

Brunch/Lunch:

Saturday, Nov. 9th	12:00 p.m.	Ferebee Hall	Hosts: Bill & Theresa Perrin
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Ministers of the Service

John Leach- Chalicist
Tammy Shook- Chalicist
Lee Young-Lector
Maverick Worley- Acolyte
Griffin Worley- Acolyte
Noah Vanbeurden- Acolyte
Sadie VanBuerden- 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

Janet Dzieszinski - 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