

*The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
and Annual Parish Meeting*



Holy Eucharist II

January 19, 2025
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 worshipers.
Please return to the basket as you depart.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymnal 135

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

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For the Annual Parish Meeting

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we gather for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Psalm: Psalm 36-5-10

(Sung in unison)

⁵Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

⁷How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

¹⁰O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

The Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11 (*All stand.*)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed (*All stand.*)

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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.

A Litany of Thanksgiving for the Church (*Remain standing*)
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Let us thank God whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

Eternal God, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of temples made with hands.
Graciously receive our thanks for this place, and accept the work of our hands, offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these visible buildings are the symbol,
People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,
People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,
People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life.
People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,
People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,
People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For the pardon of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,
People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,
People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,
People ***We thank you, Lord.***

For the fellowship of Alban and all your Saints,
People ***We thank you, Lord.***

The Celebrant concludes with the following Doxology

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;

People ***For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.***

Celebrant Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

People ***And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.***

***Please be seated as the service continues
with our Annual Parish Meeting***

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

January 19, 2025

WALK in LOVE

- I. Call to order
- II. Vestry Appreciations
- III. Elections: **Vestry:** Claudia Moore, Charlie Brantley, Bucky Robbins
Diocesan Delegates: Pett Brands and Carol LeGrand
Alternates: Steve and Lisa Eaton
- IV. 2025 Stewardship/ Budget Presentation and Treasurer's Report
- V. Outreach Roundtable Highlights
- VI. Buildings and Grounds Update (Live- Streaming Upgrade, Community Garden)
- VII. Discernment Process
- VIII. Closing Remarks
- IX. Prayer

Lunch follows today's service in Ferebee Hall

2025 Stewardship/ Budget Presentation and Treasurer's Report

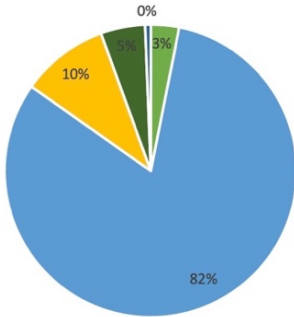
St. Alban's Episcopal Church

| | Budget 2024 | Actual 2024 | Budget 2025 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| INCOME: | | | |
| Plate Offerings | 6,000 | 13,829 | 10,000 |
| Pledge Offerings | 332,880 | 363,296 | 407,839 |
| Non Pledge Offerings | 35,000 | 42,993 | 20,000 |
| Other income | 8,000 | 21,798 | 4,000 |
| Fundraising income | 10,000 | 2,814 | - |
| TOTAL INCOME | 391,880 | 444,729 | 441,839 |
| EXPENSES: | | | |
| Diocesan Pledge | 44,364 | 44,368 | 44,914 |
| Gen Outreach-Budget | 1,500 | 1,500 | 5,000 |
| Outreach-Fundraisers | 7,500 | - | - |
| Fundraising Expenses | 2,500 | - | - |
| Outside Ministry subtotal | 55,864 | 45,868 | 49,914 |
| Music | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Altar & Worship | 3,000 | 2,604 | 2,500 |
| Christian Education | 2,700 | - | 3,000 |
| Youth Ministry | - | 400 | 1,000 |
| Continuing Education | 1,200 | 600 | 1,800 |
| Other Program Expense | 2,000 | 2,524 | 2,000 |
| Program Ministry subtotal | 13,900 | 11,128 | 15,300 |
| Office Supplies | 2,500 | 2,856 | 3,000 |
| Postage | 1,500 | 909 | 1,500 |
| Telephone/Internet | 4,000 | 2,748 | 2,000 |
| Computer Hdwe/Swre/Periph | 3,000 | 3,356 | 2,000 |
| Hospitality Supplies | 1,500 | 818 | 1,500 |
| Equipment Repairs/Leases | 6,000 | 5,794 | 6,000 |
| Audit expense | - | - | 3,250 |
| Technology expense/subscriptions | - | - | 2,725 |
| Other Administrative | 2,000 | 2,664 | 2,000 |
| Administration subtotal | 20,500 | 19,146 | 23,975 |
| Utilities | 20,000 | 19,732 | 20,500 |
| Repairs/Maintenance | 20,000 | 19,374 | 8,000 |
| Cleaning | - | - | 12,000 |
| Property Insurance | 7,500 | 13,046 | 14,000 |
| Grounds Maintenance | 12,000 | 16,250 | 14,000 |
| Property subtotal | 59,500 | 68,401 | 68,500 |
| Pension Assessments | 11,500 | 2,823 | 19,611 |
| Health Ins/Workers Comp | 13,000 | 1,461 | 21,100 |
| Other Personnel Expenses | 17,650 | 17,789 | 3,775 |
| Payroll (Wages, Tax, Benefits) | 195,000 | 244,746 | - |
| PIC Compensation | - | - | 77,250 |
| Staff | - | - | 133,537 |
| PIC other expenses | - | - | 2,100 |
| PIC travel | - | - | 1,200 |
| Sabbatical accrual | - | - | 1,200 |
| Payroll Taxes | - | - | 9,768 |
| Bonuses | - | - | 3,800 |
| Security | 1,000 | 618 | - |
| Discernment/Search/Moving Expenses | 3,966 | 3,966 | 10,809 |
| Unbudgeted expenses | - | - | - |
| Personnel subtotal | 242,116 | 271,402 | 284,150 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 391,880 | 415,945 | 441,839 |
| NET | - | 28,784 | 0 |

* In another category for 2024

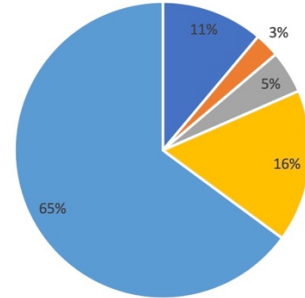
2024 Unadjusted Income

- Plate Offerings 3%
- Pledge Offerings 82%
- Non Pledge Offerings 10%
- Other income 5%
- Fundraising income 0%



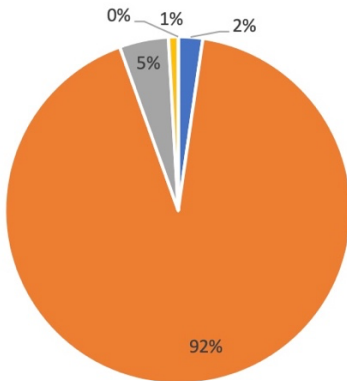
2024 Unadjusted Expenses

- Outside Ministry 11%
- Program Ministry 3%
- Administration 5%
- Property 16%
- Personnel 65%



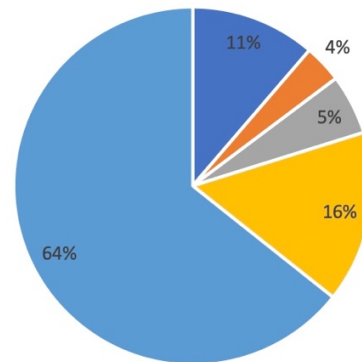
2025 Budgeted Income

- Plate Offerings 2%
- Pledge Offerings 92%
- Non Pledge Offerings 5%
- Other income 1%
- Fundraising income 0%



2025 Budgeted Expenses

- Outside Ministry 11%
- Program Ministry 4%
- Administration 5%
- Property 16%
- Personnel 64%



Outreach Roundtable Highlights

We call the members of the John Earl Outreach Roundtable “Champions” because of the work they do with a specific ministry/fundraiser in our community and because they champion their ministry at St. Alban’s John Earl Outreach Roundtable meetings, keeping the committee updated on current issues, concerns, plans, and needs for their ministry/fundraiser. Our outreach ministries help our community neighbors who are in need of meals, groceries, shelter, medicine, medical/dental, and other basic needs as well as education for financial/life skills, job searches, and reliable transportation to/from work so they can keep their jobs. Our fundraisers support these local ministries as well as two international partners.

LOCAL Ministries: Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry (GHCCM), Safe Harbor, Our Father’s Pavillion, Castle of Cans, St. Alban’s Community Garden, Parish Life, Catawba County Council on Adolescents

INTERNATIONAL Ministries: Haiti and Raise Against Hunger

John Earl Outreach Committee CHAMPIONS:

- Castle of Cans – Carleen Crawford
- Community Garden – Bud Caywood and Betsy Valentini
- Corner Table – Claudia Moore
- Fish Fry – Kyle Stocks
- Giving Tree – Jane Earl and Kelly Brantley
- Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry (GHCCM) - Pat Rice and Jane Earl
- Habitat for Humanity - Barbara Carter
- Haiti Missions - Adriane Brooks
- Hickory Soup Kitchen - John Leach and Lisa Jennings
- Our Father’s Pavillion - Mary Michele Millholen
- Oyster Roast - Kyle Stocks
- Parish Life - Maria Headrick and Karen Young
- Prayer Shawl Ministry - Eileen Leach
- Rise Against Hunger - Jeff Mackie
- Safe Harbor - Chris Oram
- St. Alban’s Yard Sale - Pat Rice
- Souper Bowl Sunday - Cami Roberts
- Take Them A Meal - Pat Rice
- Clergy - Rev. Anne Bridgers
- Chair - Lisa Jennings

2025 New Ministry Champion: Lisa Eaton for Catawba County Council on Adolescents

Outreach funds come almost entirely from our church fundraisers, so it makes the effort/planning that goes into our fundraising especially important and the volunteers/participants especially appreciated!

Our fundraisers currently include: the Oyster Roast, Yard Sale, Fish Fry, The Christmas Giving Tree, and the Souper Bowl.

All funds raised go directly to our Outreach ministries. With all the volunteer support, donations, and parish/community participation, we raised over \$20,000 in 2024.

- Oyster Roast - \$7,660.00
- January's Souper Bowl - \$848.00 for our food ministries, Hickory Soup Kitchen and The Corner Table.
- Yard Sale - \$5,975.00
- Fish Fry - \$3,827.00
- December's Giving Tree - \$375 for Episcopal Relief and Development and \$1,890 for the John Earl Medical Clinic at Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry. There were also 40 pairs of shoes and boots collected for GHCCM.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities for any of our local ministries, please contact the Champion of that ministry, Lisa Jennings, Outreach Chair. If you would like to become involved in putting on our current fundraisers or have a new fundraiser idea you would like to organize, please contact Lisa Jennings.

Buildings and Grounds Update

NEW UPDATES

Wireless systems installed throughout church

New windows installed in both transepts to replace rotted windows

Streaming of service updated by adding second camera and moving wire to attic

Wireless Access Point installed in Barn

Upgrade of televisions

- 70" TV purchased, installed, and rewired in Commons Room

- Televisions hung on walls in library and Deacon's office in barn

- Old larger television from Commons Room moved and installed in Ferebee Hall

Electrical outlets installed in Sacristy and replaced PVC pipes in Sacristy

Replaced HVAC in Rector's office

LED lighting installed on Kiosk

Zoom camera purchased and installed

Installed 2 hand towel dispensers in barn bathrooms

Obtained tool chest to consolidate church tools

New bulletin board in hallway installed outside Rector's office

SECURITY

Rekeying all outside door locks, limiting number of keys to church doors

Installed Eufy wireless keypad on sanctuary door and barn front door replaced with keypad

Installed security cameras in front of church and at office door

Office able to control Eufy lock on sanctuary door

Security Lighting - New spotlights on backside of barn

- Motion activated streetlights installed back/side Ferebee Hall

- Spotlights installed on lawn mower shed

- Spotlight installed Ferebee Hall above office HVAC units and outside Sacristy

- Motion activated light installed basement door at back of sanctuary

Trimming of bushes around church buildings for security and those that blocked security light

GROUNDS

Massive cleanup of debris from Hurricane Helene

Trees trimmed over Memorial Garden and hanging over buildings

Cleaned up, repaired equipment, sprayed organic weed killer in playground

Obtained/placed load of river rock

Inserted fill dirt in large hole behind Pavilion

Removed old irrigation system in front of church

Cleared out overgrowth of bushes along walking trail

Nurse door - flushed out, repaired drain and improved drainage to drain

Cover for sprinkler hose laying across barn front walkway installed

Tree planted in front of church

Patched hole in playground fence

Road to city pump station repaired

Artificial grass installed in Memorial Garden

Wasps' nests sprayed and removed from Pavillion
Memorial Garden sprayed for ants
Power washed bricks and wall in Memorial Garden
Two extension ladders hung on shed outside walls
Mulch spread in flower beds at church front and around Rev. Anne's porch
Powered washed Pavilion, concrete around storage shed, and several sidewalk areas

MAINTENANCE

Replaced door seals on doors in Sanctuary to prevent bugs from entering
Roller installed on top of Commons Room kitchen folding door
Bulb replaced in stained glass flood light
Removed excess wires, technical devices, and wooden frame from Rector's office
Removed mold from Commons Bathrooms and ice machine
Repaired lock to Janet's office
Painted church side and back of barn
D&D Cleaning Service selected and 3-year contract signed
HVAC for office upstairs repaired
Carpenter Ant invasion site - wall opened, area treated, wall repaired
Vent and exhaust pipes repaired on office HVAC unit
Cleaned kitchen hood and gas stove
Storage closet in Ferebee Hall cleaned and organized
Adhesive replaced on "H" blocks used to keep doors from locking
Cleaned out and repaired mower shed and Pavilion storage shed
Painted storage cabinets in barn loft
Filters replaced in HVAC units
Repaired kneeler mechanisms in pews and secured kneeler pads by adding missing screws
Filters in dehumidifiers cleaned
Floor tiles repaired in Commons bathrooms
Straightened and painted mailbox post

MISCELLANEOUS

Grant for technology update submitted and approved by Diocese (Desktop computers received and installed)
Coordinated with Maynard Pest Control to clarify contract
Spreadsheet of projected costs of major repairs for next 5 years
Handle placed on kitchen door to assist in closure
Added second shelf to Pavilion storage shed
Trees trimmed along Hwy 127 that were blocking church sign
Two old flower stands cut in half and 4 beautiful shorter flower stands made by Dick Brands
Wardrobe in Rector's office moved to barn
Water tested for lead (Barn, Kitchen, Commons, Sacristy); all at 5ppb (<15ppb standard)

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Anthem

Come My Way, My Truth, My Light

arr. Jennings

Doxology

(People stand as offering is presented)

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 B

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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.

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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 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 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. 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

This is the hour of banquet and of song

Hymnal 316

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

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your heart and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you today and always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Hymnal 7

Dismissal

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Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Postlude in G

Antoine Louis Raffy

We gather for lunch in Ferebee Hall immediately following the service.

***Many thanks to our Parish Life Team
for the yummy meal!***