

St. Alban's Episcopal Church Welcomes You!

Epiphany 1
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9:30 a.m.



ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Secretary's Office Hours

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

Prelude: How Lovely Shines the Morning Star *Johann Christoph Bach*

Opening Hymn 128: We Three Kings *Three Kings of Orient*

1. We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never over us all to reign.
3. Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising, worship him, God Most High.
4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia: alleluia, the earth replies.

Celebrant (+) Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity: 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.**

Praise Hymn 486: Hosanna to the Living Lord! *Hosanna*

1. Hosanna to the living Lord! Hosanna to the incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King, let earth, let heaven, hosanna sing!
Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna in the highest!
2. O Savior, with protecting care, abide in this thy house of prayer,
where we assembled in thy Name, in faith, thy parting promise claim.
Hosanna, Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day: Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 (People read after the asterisk)

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, * **ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord * **all are crying, "Glory!"**

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 56: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v. 1,4,5,6 *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**
- 4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the
grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**
- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home.
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing
nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow
put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon Mother Julie

The Nicene Creed: A Statement of Christian Faith (All)

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 and The Confession

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of natural disasters, hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, DeDe our Bishop, Julie our Priest; and
for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. I ask your prayers
for the sick, especially Bert Bookhout, Kiki White, Sue Grosso, Kate Bell,
David, Meg, and Stuart Houston; Chris Calhoun-Bryant, Shelby Calhoun,
Anthony Necerato, Charmae, Shannon, Jim Bell, Allen McMinn, Lucy
Howton, Seth Hamm, Preston Hill, Dirk Deleeuw, Huldah Joseph, Jeff K.,
Gwendolyn Sterling, and those you name before God. (pause) I ask your
prayers for all who are isolated due to illness or infirmity. Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O
God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially those that you name before God
(pause) that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your
loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

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.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence

**Offertory Anthems: As Lately We Watched
O Star O'er Bethlehem Shining**

*Austrian
Polish*

Doxology: 380, v.3

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 God thanks and praise.

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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

S124 Holy, holy, holy Lord

David Hurd

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 in the pews may stand or kneel.

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.

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, according to his command, O Father,

**All We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;**

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 head of the Church and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in 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,

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.**

The Fraction

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one Bread.**

Celebrant This altar is not ours, it is the Lord's. So come to this altar you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Spiritual Communion for those at home.

Dear People of God, the church teaches that, if anyone desires to receive the Sacrament, but is unable to eat and drink the Bread and wine, all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. I invite you therefore, to make an act of Spiritual Communion, by saying with us the following prayer.

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.**

I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart.
As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself
entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

*Those present in the pews now receive communion.
All baptized people are welcome to receive the sacrament.*

*If you don't wish Mother Julie to dip the wafer in the wine
tell her, "No wine".*

Communion Anthem: The Angel's Carol (Susani)

German arr. Ellen Lorenz

Celebrant 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

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you,
and loves you like a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may
God's blessing be with you always. (Saint Clare) And the blessing of God
Almighty, (+) Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and evermore.
Amen.

Closing Hymn is on the Back Cover.

*The flowers on the altar and the sanctuary candle
are given to the glory of God.*

Notice

The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 28.

Closing Hymn 135: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Salzburg

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem, in thy birth at Bethlehem.
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
and at Cana, wedding guest, in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine.
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**
- 3 Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
Anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**
- 4 Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw.
Where from there thou leddest them steadfast to Jerusalem,
Cross and Easter day attest God in man made manifest.**

Celebrant Let us go forth with joy in the Name of Jesus Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Noel en Musette

Louis Claude Daquin ar. Steven Scott

Today's Service Leaders

**Greeter: Grace Joseph
Crucifer: Art Pichette
Server: Donnie Keefe
Chalice: Jan Bookhout**

**First Reader: Grace Joseph
Second Reader: Mother Julie
Prayers: Fred Wilson**

Second Thursday Healing Service is January 11

Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up to attend. Cost is \$7.
Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist is at 7:00 p.m.