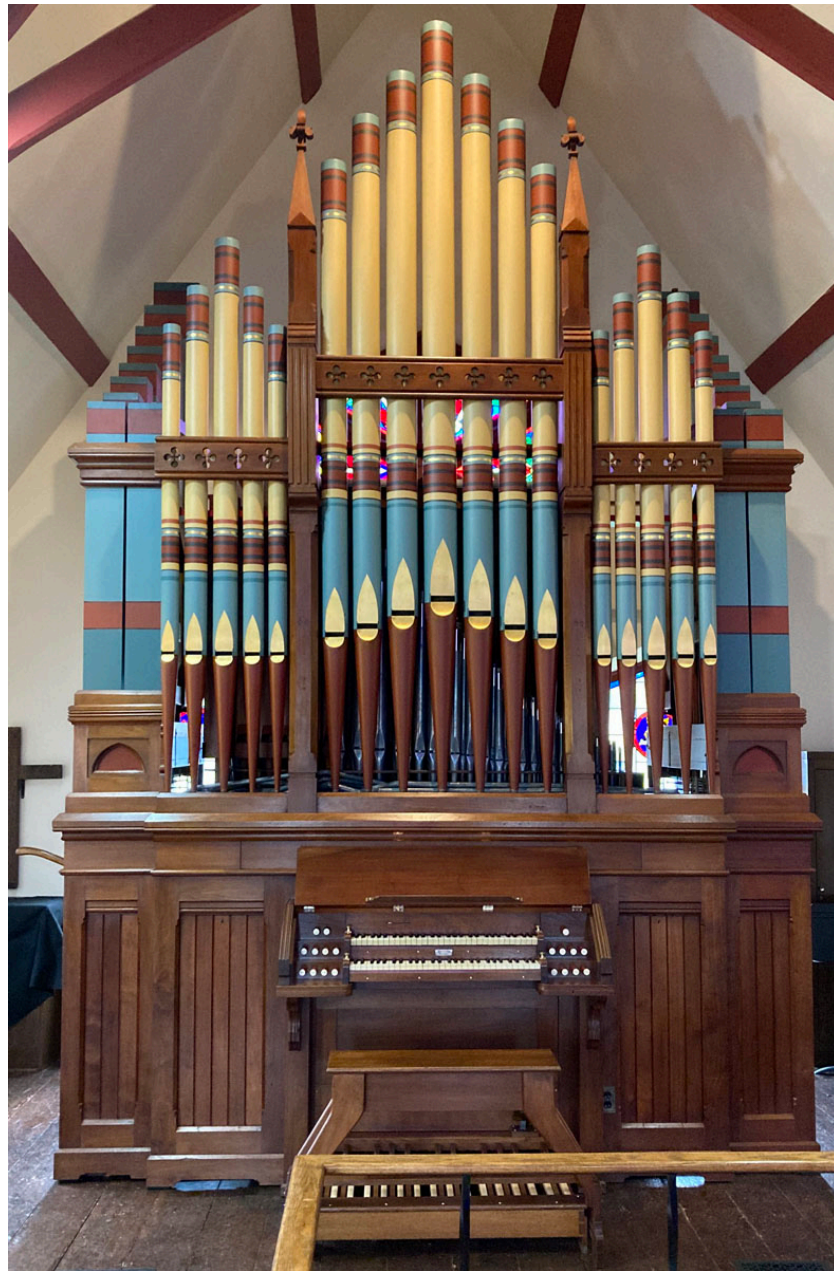


Saint Alban's Episcopal Church

CHORAL EVENSONG AND ORGAN DEDICATION



SATURDAY APRIL 1, 2023
THE EVE OF THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
AT 4:00 IN THE EVENING



Saint Alban's Episcopal Church

The Rev. J. Gregory Morgan – Priest-in-Charge

76 Saint Alban's Place

Staten Island New York 10312

April 1, 2023

Choral Evensong and Organ Dedication

The choir enters prior to the prelude

Prelude

Improvisation on *Lobe den Herren*

Miho Sasaki

All stand at the bell for the entrance of the Ministers

Welcome and Introduction

The Rev. J. Gregory Morgan

DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION SERVICE

The Rt. Rev Allen K. Shin, Officiant

All stand

Bishop: Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord;

People: The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Everliving Father, watchful and caring, our source and our end: All that we are and all that we have is yours. Accept us now, as we dedicate this organ to be used to praise your Name, ask your forgiveness, know your healing power, hear your Word, and be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people. **Amen.**

People: They sing to the tambourine and the lyre and rejoice to the sound of the pipes.

Bishop: Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:

People: Praise him with lyre and harp.

Bishop: Let us pray.

The Bishop censes the instrument

O Lord, before whose throne trumpets sound, and saints and angels sing the songs of Moses and the Lamb: Accept this organ for the worship of your temple, that with the voice of music we may proclaim your praise and tell it abroad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand

Hymn

- Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
- 1 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.
- Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
- 2 borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?
- Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
- 3 surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.
- Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
- 4 All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665;

harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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Officiant: Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel, as we are able, in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

People and Officiant

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

Preces

sung by the Choir

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
Praise ye the lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

The people sit

Psalm 23

Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

sung by the Choir

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson

The First Lesson, as appointed, is read, the Reader first saying

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 37:21-28

Thus says the Lord God: I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from every quarter, and bring them to their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all. Never again shall they be two nations, and never again shall they be divided into two kingdoms. They shall never again defile themselves with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. I will save them from all the apostasies into which they have fallen, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God. My servant David shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall follow my ordinances and be careful to observe my statutes. They shall live in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, in which your ancestors lived; they and their children and their children's children shall live there for ever; and my servant David shall be their prince for ever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will bless them and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary among them for evermore. My dwelling-place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the nations shall know that I the Lord sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary is among them for evermore.

After the reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

The People respond

Thanks be to God.

Magnificat

Evening Service in B Flat (Stanford)

sung by the Choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson

The Second Lesson, as appointed, is read, the Reader first saying

A reading from Mark.

Mark 10:32-34

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.'

After the reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

The People respond

Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in B Flat (Stanford)

sung by the Choir

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Homily

The Rt. Rev. Allen K. Shin
Bishop Suffragan, the Episcopal Diocese of New York

Officiant and People together, all standing

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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 Suffrages

sung by the Choir

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us

O Lord show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the State.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, in your goodness you bestow abundant graces on your elect: Look with favor, we entreat you, upon those who in these Lenten days are being prepared for Holy Baptism, and grant us the help of your protection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. **Amen.**

All stand

Offertory Anthem

God So Loved the World

Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)

Officiant and People together, all standing

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Hymn

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
 4 bore it up tri - um - phant with its hu - man light,
 5 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now:
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 but with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath:

'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 all the heav - en - ly or - ders, in their great ar - ray.
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed:
 filled it with the glo - ry, of that per - fect rest.
 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.

6 In your hearts enthrone him;
 there let him subdue
 all that is not holy,
 all that is not true:
 crown him as your Captain
 in temptation's hour;
 let his will enfold you
 in its light and power.

7 Surely, this Lord Jesus
 shall return again,
 with his Father's glory,
 with his angel train;
 for all wreaths of empire
 meet upon his brow,
 and our hearts confess him
 King of glory now.

*Please join us in the Upper Parish Hall
for a Champagne reception following the service*

Music at the reception provided by Miho Sasaki

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was made possible by grants from:
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Steve Howard for repainting several stained glass window frames, Donald Roesch for caulking and painting the window in the Sacristy and Bill Greaves for polishing and staining the wooden pews and window sills all in advance of today's service

HOW ST. ALBAN'S ACQUIRED ITS HOOK & HASTINGS OPUS 1192: A RECOLLECTION

When the restoration of the interior of St. Alban's began in the 1980's, the organ then in use was an aging electronic instrument from the late 1950's, and it needed to be replaced.

An obvious option was to purchase an updated version of the same, but this would not be in keeping with the history of the building, nor was it the best musical option.

As rector, I hoped for a pipe organ appropriate for the building, knowing that the parish couldn't afford a new instrument. But there was another option, to contact the Organ Clearing House, which stores used instruments and offers them for sale.

Then, one day, leafing through the magazine of the American Guild of Organists, I saw a small advertisement for a tracker pipe organ, placed by a church no longer needing it. The price was \$6,000 for any church willing to relocate the organ for use in worship. I contacted the First Baptist Church in Trumansburg, near Ithaca, for a photo and the dimensions, got in touch with our architect and consultant, and was advised that this organ would be perfect.

The organ was playable, but it would be wise to have it looked over by an organ restoration firm, and have the front pipes stripped of the cheap gold paint which had been added and then stenciled in the original pattern. The cost of moving the organ would be factored in.

But where we would find the money to make the dream a reality? Soon, an envelope arrived in the mail. When Janet, the parish secretary, returned from vacation and opened the envelope, she found a check for \$30,000, payable to St. Alban's Church. The check was from Myrtle Hummers, an elderly widow who seldom attended church. The vestry voted to approve the use of these funds for the organ, and members donated an additional \$10,000. Miracles do happen. We celebrate such a miracle today.

The Rev. John Covington
Former Rector

ABOUT THE ORGAN — HOOK & HASINGS OPUS 1192 (1883)

Opus 1192 was likely one of a series of "stock" organs, made individually in the factory, but to a standard design. The organ is an encased, free standing tracker organ of 525 pipes and 10 ranks. Four of these ranks (or rows of pipes) are under expression in a swell box at the back of the organ. When the swell pedal is depressed the louvres at the front of the box open mechanically, resulting in a "swell" in the sound. The remaining 6 ranks are unenclosed, comprising the "great" and "pedal" divisions. The case of the organ is walnut, the upper part being formed on the sides by the wooden pedal pipes and on the front by the open diapason pipes. These facade pipes, all of which speak, have been decorated according to the original design. The stops on the organ are arranged on two keyboards (or "manuals") and pedal. Each manual has 58 keys, the pedal 27.

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Guest Organist

The Choir of the Church of the Incarnation, Manhattan
Jamilynn Manning-White, soprano
Janara Kellerman, alto
Jeff Beazley, tenor
David Bryan, tenor
Mark Rhenstrom, bass

Ms. Miho Sasaki
Pianist & Organist, Saint Alban's Episcopal Church
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