



Welcome to St Alban's

Lent 2

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OPENING HYMN *J Bunyan (1628-88) and others*

**1. He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him
once relent
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.**

**2. Who so beset him round with dismal stories
Do but themselves confound - his strength the
more is.
No foes shall stay his might; though he with
giants fight,
He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.**

**3. Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy
Spirit,
We know we at the end, shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men
say,
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.**

† In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

Before the children leave for Children's Church we pray together....

Dear God, this church is a family.

Help us to learn together,

to worship together,

to share together

and to pray together.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

CONFESSION

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,

in what we have thought,

in what we have said and done,

through ignorance, through weakness,

through our own deliberate fault.

We have wounded your love,

and marred your image in us.

We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,

forgive us all that is past;

and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light.

Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon you, †pardon and deliver you

from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit.

*After each reading...This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God***

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 15.1-12,17-18

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 3.17-4.1

GRADUAL HYMN: *Estelle White©McCrimmon Publishing Co.Ltd*

**Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
Of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see, He has given to me,
And his giving is gentle as silence.**

**Every day, every hour, every moment,
Have been blessed by the strength of His love.
At the turn of each tide, He is there at my side,
And his touch is as gentle as silence.**

**There've been times when I've turned from his presence,
And I've walked other paths, other ways,
But I've called on his name, in the dark of my shame
And his mercy was gentle as silence.**

We stand for the Gospel reading and sing...

Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have sinned against thee.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 13.31-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you O God**

At the end of the reading: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand if you are able*

**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;
he was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE: Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayers we say together:

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

THE PEACE: *Please stand. We share a sign of peace with those standing near us.*

We meet in the name of Christ and we share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Leonard E. Smith Jnr. © 1974, 1978 Kingsway's Thankyou Music.*

**1. How lovely on the mountains
are the feet of Him
who brings good news, good news,
announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness;
our God reigns, our God reigns.**

Our God reigns x 4

**2. You watchmen lift your voices
joyfully as one,
shout for your King, your King!
See eye to eye, the Lord restoring Zion:
our God reigns, our God reigns.**

**3. Waste places of Jerusalem,
break forth with joy!
We are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved and comforted His people:
our God reigns, our God reigns.**

**4. Ends of the earth, see
the salvation of our God!
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!
Before the nations,
he has bared his holy arm:
our God reigns, our God reigns.**

Our God reigns x 8

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you.....

Response: **Blessed are you forever**

THE EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word you open our eyes
to your presence in the world and free our hands
to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.

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We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread
and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them
and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again, he praised you,
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with
confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom
comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Alban and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done;
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory, are yours,
now and for ever. AMEN**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace**

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Invitation to communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion. Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing

***Chorus: Water of Life, cleanse and refresh us:
Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.***

**1: All you who thirst come to the waters
And you will never be thirsty again**

**2: As rain from heav'n, so is God's word,
Waters the earth and brings forth life.**

**3: Dying with Christ, we shall rise with Him
Death shall have no more pow'r over us.**

**4: Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness
You will find peace in his fatherly love.**

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the
body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood
of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Him we offer you our souls and
bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts. And the blessing.... **Amen.**
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *Estelle White © Copyright McCrimmon Publishing Company Ltd*

***Walk with me, oh my Lord,
Through the darkest night and brightest day.
Be at my side, oh Lord,
Hold my hand and guide me on my way.***

**1. Sometimes the road seems long,
My energy is spent.
Then, Lord, I think of you
And I am given strength.**

**2. Stones often bar my path
And there are times I fall,
But you are always there
To help me when I call.**

**3. Just as you calmed the wind
And walked upon the sea,
Conquer, my living Lord,
The storms that threaten me.**

**4. Help me to pierce the mists
That cloud my heart and mind,
So that I shall not fear
The steepest mountain-side.**

**5. As once you helped the lame
And gave sight to the blind,
Help me when I'm downcast
To hold my head high.**

*Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service.
If you are new or just visiting please feel welcomed as one of the family.*

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FOR OUR PRAYERS:

The Parish: *Manorfields, Masefield Road, Mercury Close and
Meridian Close, Lavant Close and Lea Close*

Prayers for: *Alistair and Marcia, Sophie Baker, Judith Aldridge, Emma Perry, Freddie, Eslin, Fran, Austin, Linda Ballard, John Romaine, Graham, Brian, Jan, Mike, Debs, Michael, Peter Hill, Roger, Sonia, Kerry, Gordon, June, Keith Ford, Eileen Robinson, Rose, Julie, Liam, Cruse and Edna*

The Departed: *Jack, remembering his mother Sarah mourning the loss of
her son*

Year's Mind: *Denise Knight*

Lent Lunches. Do join us for Lent Lunches on Thursdays in the church hall at 12 noon. We do need a couple more people to lead these, that is making the soup etc. Many thanks to Sarah and Alan for hosting last Thursday's. Proceeds will go to Open House. Merle

If you were unable to make either of the **House Groups** offered by the Parish this year please note that Sarah and I have restarted our House Group this Lent. It will meet on Thursdays at 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm at our home, Monkshood, Old Horsham Road (next to St Wilfred's School).

Each week will be a standalone session so you don't need to worry if you

miss any. The final week will be a Taizé service followed by a buffet supper. If you can't make anything else you will be welcome to the service and supper. Please let us know if you would like to come to any of the sessions (Dates: Thursdays 21st, 28th March, 4th April, Taizé - Thursday 11th April). Thank you Alan and Sarah Magrath (Tel 01293 512604).

REGULAR SERVICES AT ST ALBAN'S
Everyone is very welcome

SUNDAY'S SERVICES:

Sung Eucharist 9:30am weekly

'Out of the Box' family worship on 2nd Sunday of each month 11.15 to 12 noon

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

Said Eucharist (Thursday 9:30am) Followed by Community Morning 10am-12pm

Morning Prayer 9am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Saturday Prayers 9am on the 2nd Saturday of every month

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