



Welcome to St Alban's Church

Easter 7

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Mass Setting today — Mass of St Thomas Copyright 2012 David Thorne Music

OPENING HYMN *Martin Rinkart (1586-1649). Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878).*

**1. Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and
voices;
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;**

**and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be ever more**

We are gathered together as one body

† 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 Junior 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**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer, we stand before you to confess 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

GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

**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.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
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.
Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.
Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

FIRST READING: Acts 16.16-34

SECOND READING: Revelation 22.12-14,16,17,20-end

Stand to sing the Gradual hymn *Donna Adkins © 1976 Maranatha Music. Administered by CopyCare*

**Father, we love you,
we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.**

**Jesus, we love you,
we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.**

**Spirit, we love you,
we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth**

THE GOSPEL – John 17.20-end

We sing...**Alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you O God

*After 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.*

THE PEACE. *Please stand if you are able*

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY 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.**

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you,

Blessed be God forever

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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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.
And 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**

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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

COMMUNION HYMN: *Bob Gillman © 1977 Kingsway's Thankyou Music*

***Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
bind us together,
bind us together with love.***

**1. There is only one God,
there is only one King;
there is only one Body,
that is why we sing:**

**2. Made for the glory of God,
purchased by His precious Son;
born with the right to be clean,
for Jesus the victory has won.**

**3. You are the family of God,
you are the promise divine;
you are God's chosen desire,
you are the glorious new wine**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
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

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing ...

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

CLOSING HYMN *Traditional South African v1 trans. Anders Nyberg, vs. 2 & 3 trans. Andrew Maries © v1
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We are marching in the light of God, (x4)

*We are marching, marching
we are marching, o-oh!
We are marching in the light of God.
(repeat)*

We are living in the love of God (x4)

*We are living, living
we are living, o-oh!
We are living in the love of God.
(repeat)*

We are moving in the pow'r of God (x4)

*We are moving, moving
we are moving, o-oh!
We are moving in the pow'r of God.
(repeat 3 times)*

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FOR OUR PRAYERS:

The Parish: *Soane Close, Staplecross Court and Stevenage Road,
Silchester Drive and The Croft*

Prayers for: *Alistair and Marcia, Sophie Baker, Judith Aldridge,
Emma Perry, Eslin, Douglas, Fran, Linda Ballard, John Romaine,
Peter Hill, Kerry, Gordon, June, Keith Ford, Rose, Julie, Liam, Cruse,
Jayne, Freddie, Mark Parsons, John, Bev, Robert, Janette, Sheila
and family, Barbara Britt, Neal and Seamus*

The Departed: *John Pilkington – Priest, Pearl and John Lee*

Year's Mind: *Dinah Dixon, Compton Sanmogan, Percy Hawkins,
Tom Stacey and Michael Beale*

Church Flowers Donation List. Any person who would like to donate towards the cost of church flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate an anniversary or birthday, please put the relevant details on the list provided at the back of the church. Please give your donation to Sue Richardson (Treasurer) or Revd. Ann in a Flower Donation envelope.

Computer Group. Why not come along to our friendly computer group in the Church Hall - Tuesdays from 10 am, Wednesdays from 10.30 am. **We need more helpers** with this group. You don't need to be an expert, just prepared to be a friendly support. Could you help by sharing your computer skills? Please speak to Ann.

House Group. This friendly group now meets at St Alban's on Friday mornings at 10 am for a time of sharing, prayer and study. New members are welcome: more details from Madeleine.

Appeal for help with our Church Summer fair

Our Summer fair is fast approaching on **Saturday 15th June 11 – 3**. It is one of our 2 major fundraising events of the year, and we as a church rely on it to help pay for the many expenses that arise over the year. This is before we even start thinking about repairs to the tower or re-building our church hall!

We need lots of help both on the day and in all the preparations for stalls and items for these. Please be generous both with giving items and giving of your time!

You will find lists to sign up for at the back of the church, and some of us may approach you and ask you how you can help.

Instead of a Grand Draw our Great Big Hamper raffle will involve a selection of special hampers which we need help in filling. Themes are: Bakers World; Master Gardener; The Great British Play off; Fantastic Fruit Basket; Various Vegetables Basket; Chocoholics Basket; Smellies & Pampering Basket. Please help us to make these really spectacular prizes so we can sell lots of tickets! This needs to be a big money spinner. There is a list of items you can choose to donate, please sign up.

We will need to borrow some gazebos, tents/marquees etc, and cool boxes and if possible a small freezer so we can sell ice-creams – does anyone have any of these we can use or know where we might borrow them from? We need help collecting tables from The Barn Church, and many other jobs before and on the day itself.

For a change, this year, we'd like to have Beer & Pimms tent, so if anyone would volunteer to help with this that would be great!

Other items we will need include:

Cakes Plants Books Good as New items

Toys Jazzy jars Bottles for Bottle Tombola Tombola items

And if you have any other suggestions or ideas to help make this a really successful event, do let us know!

Please support the Fundraising Committee who are **all** working hard to support our church!

The Parish office will be closed from the 6th and re-open on the 17th of June.

SERVICES AT ST ALBAN'S

Where everyone is welcome

SUNDAY 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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