



Welcome to St Alban's Church

Trinity 8

OPENING HYMN George Herbert (1593-1633)

Let all the world in every corner sing,
‘My God and King!’
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
‘My God and King!’

Let all the world in every corner sing,
‘My God and King!’
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
‘My God and King!’

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 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.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 *George Salazar© 1993 OCP Publications*

**Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.
Glory to God in the heights of the heavens,
peace to God's people, all people on earth.
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

**Son of the Father, all glory and worship;
praise and thanksgiving to you. Lamb of God
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

**You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us, receive our prayer.
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

**Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,
Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High.
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

**And with the Spirit of love everlasting,
reigning in glory for ever. Amen
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 15. 1-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

GRADUAL HYMN John Newton (1725-1807)

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

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

THE GOSPEL – Luke 12.13-21

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

After the reading... This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES CREED *Please stand if you are able*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
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*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Charitie Lees Bancroft (1841-1892), alternate words and music by Vikki Cook
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**1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart**

**2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me**

**3. Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with himself I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my saviour and my God,
with Christ my saviour and my God.**

**4. I bow before the cross of Christ,
and marvel at this love divine;
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
to make me righteous in God's eyes.
This river's depths I cannot know
but I can glory in its flood,
the Lord Most High has bowed down low
and poured on me his glorious love,
and poured on me his glorious love.**

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you....
(Response) Blessed be God 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

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels 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. *New People's Mass, A Gregory Murray © 1975, 1987 McCrimmon*

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

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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

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**1.I watch the sunrise lighting the sky,
Casting its shadows near.
And on this morning bright though it be,
I feel those shadows near me.**

*But you are always close to me
Following all my ways.
May I be always close to you
Following all your ways, Lord.*

**2. I watch the sunlight shine through the clouds,
Warming the earth below.
And at the mid-day, life seems to say:
"I feel your presence near me."**

**3. I watch the sunset fading away,
Lighting the clouds with sleep.
And as the evening closes its eyes,
I feel your presence near me.**

**4. I watch the moonlight guarding the night,
waiting till morning comes.
The air is silent, earth is at rest –
only your peace is near me.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and
dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the
light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed
with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. **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 ...

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

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**Thanks be to God whose love has gathered us this day;
thanks be to God who helps and guides us on our way.
Thanks be to God who gives us voice that we may thank him:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.***

**Thanks be to God for all the gifts of life and light;
thanks be to God whose care protects us day and night.
Thanks be to God who keeps in mind us who forget him:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.***

**Thanks be to God who knows our secret joys and fears;
thanks be to God who when we call him always hears.
Thanks be to God our rock and strength ever sustaining:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high***

**Thanks be to God who never turns his face away;
thanks be to God who heals and pardons all who stray.
Thanks be to God who welcomes us into his kingdom:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.***

**Thanks be to God who made our world and all we see;
thanks be to God who gave his Son to set us free.
Thanks be to God whose Spirit brings warmth and rejoicing:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.***

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FOR OUR PRAYERS:

The Parish: *Gunning Close, Harmony Close and Harting Court,
Gossops Drive and Gossops Green Lane*

Prayers for: *Alistair and Marcia, Sophie Baker, Eslin, Douglas, Linda
Ballard, Peter Hill, Kerry, Rose, Julie, Liam, Cruse, Jayne, Freddie, John,
Robert, Janette, Seamus, Stan and Rose, Roger Gibson, David, Brian,
Mary Louise, Bridgette, Jack, Margaret Hanson, Jamie, Stephen Rich,
Michael and Betty Atkinson*

The Departed: *Judith Aldridge*

Year's Mind: *David Randall, Pat Parrish, Louise Hart, Muriel
O'Hara and Winifred Ive*

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.

House Group. The Friday house group that meets in St Alban's will break for the summer on 19th July and start again on September 6th.

Giving by credit/debit card. St Alban's has a card reader for donations and giving. If you would prefer to use your credit/debit card rather than use cash to give to the church please feel free to make use of this after the service or during the collections. It will be available every week at the end of Sunday services and at all fund raising events.

Family Support Work. FSW are having a sponsored walk on Thursday 22nd August Amberley - Arundel, one long one of 8.7 miles and a shorter one of 2.6 miles. Details are on the Mission Table or can be found on the events section of their website www.familysupportwork.org/walks. Be good if a group could go or families. There is a refreshment stop at St Nicholas Church. Do let me know if you are interested. Thank you Merle.

Shoebox Time - Link To Hope. August is a good time to get your shoebox itself and look around for cheaper items in sales etc to put in them. We can choose to do a Family box or one for the elderly. Small toys e.g. cars, ball skipping rope small doll, hair items, stationery, and toiletries. For the elderly as well as stationery, and toiletries, perhaps a torch, and reading glasses. Leaflets will be coming soon with all the details. Boxes are taken to the warehouse in Worthing by the end of October. Last year 40,000 were sent out to Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and Ukraine. They were very much appreciated so good hunting this holiday period. Thank you Merle.

Up-coming Fun & Fund-raising events:

Advance notice:

"One more step along the way we go"...a sponsored walkathon over the school holidays...**more information to follow**. Get out, get fit, get active for August and raise funds for church as you do!

September date tbc Christmas craft and card making evening.

The PCC would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who volunteers their time and gifts to the church by holding a **Summer Thank You Party**, This is also for anyone who would like to join our rotas. It will be at **6 pm – 8 pm** (early enough so that families can come along) on **2nd September**. Please put this date in your diary and come and join the fun.

Alpha at St Alban's will take place on Monday evenings beginning on 7th October. There will be more information and sign-up sheets appearing soon. We need some helpers to help serve the meal. If you would like to volunteer to help please let Ann know.

The Parish Office is closed from the 14th of August and will re-open again on the 2nd of September.

SERVICES AT ST ALBAN'S

Everyone is very 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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Our Prayer for Vision & Leadership

Lord, we come before you with grateful hearts for the tremendous talent within our church.

We are a body filled with gifts yet we sometimes lose sight of why we were so richly blessed in the first place.

Forgive us when we fail to heed Your calling in our lives, or as a community.

Despite our forgetful nature, we know you love us dearly and want us to partner with you:

not as servants, but as your children.

Bring us a renewed vision of ourselves from your perspective.

Help us to embrace your love so that we may share it with others.

Guide us as we look to the future

of this Parish of Gossops Green and Bewbush.

Grant us a renewed vision

as we seek you in your word.

Give us dreams that make us come alive because we are doing what you created us to do.

Let our joy overflow from the vision of the future you give us.

Let us honour you with our work,
with our families and with our lives. *Amen*