



Welcome to St Alban's Church

Trinity 9

OPENING HYMN Martin J. Nystrom © 1984 Restoration Music Ltd

**1. As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.**

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

**2. I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.**

**3. You're my friend and you are my brother,
even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.**

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)

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 23.23-29

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 11.29-12.2

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Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
(Repeat)

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

THE GOSPEL – Luke 12.49-56

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: *Karl Boberg (1859-1940) trans. Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989) © 1953 Stuart K Hine admin by Kingsways Thankyou Music*

1.O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hand hast made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art.

2. When through the wood and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees:
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

**3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.**

**4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
when I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim; my God how great thou art.**

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*

COMMUNION HYMN: *Brian Doerksen © 1990 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing/Adm. by CopyCare*

**1.Purify my heart,
let me be as gold
and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
let me be as gold,
pure gold.**

*Refiner's fire,
my heart's one desire
is to be holy,
set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
set apart for you, my master,
ready to do your will.*

**2. Purify my heart,
cleanse me from within
and make me holy.
Purify my heart,
cleanse me from my sin,
deep within.**

*Refiner's fire x 2,
Ready to do your will.*

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal
banquet of 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 ...

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

CLOSING HYMN © 1961 Timothy Dudley-Smith

**Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name—the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

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FOR OUR PRAYERS:

The Parish: *Milne Close, Monarch Close and Morecambe Close,
Loveletts and Meadowcroft Close*

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: *Wilfred Grantham, Doris Edwards, Thomas Burgess,
Frank Tracey, Muriel Parson, Rosa Scuff and Phil Phillips*

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*