



Welcome to St Alban's Church

Trinity 18

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.**

OPENING HYMN *Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)*

- 1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**
- 2. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**3. Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

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.**

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**

**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 and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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: Genesis 32.22-31

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

GRADUAL HYMN *Terry Coelho ©1972 Maranatha Music CCL Licence number 930636*

**Father we adore you,
lay our lives before you;
how we love you.**

**Jesus, we adore you.
lay our lives before you,
how we love you.**

**Spirit, we adore you,
lay our lives before you,
how we love you.**

THE GOSPEL – Luke 18.1-8

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

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...(response - **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 *Jan Struther © 1931, 1982 OUP CCL Licence No 930636*

**1. Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like,
No cares could destroy;
Be there at our waking,
And give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.**

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
At the plane and the lathe;
Be there at our labours,
And give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace;
Be there at our homing,
And give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
Whose presence is balm;
Be there at our sleeping,
And give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the gifts

Blessed are you....

(Response) **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

The president prays the preface then invites us to join with the whole company of heaven to sing....

**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*

The president recalls the last supper

Great is the mystery of faith

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

The president continues to praise God for his mighty acts. At the end we say...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: *Margaret V Old © 1971 Scripture Union CCL Licence No930636*

***Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove,
Give us your joy and give us your peace,
Show to us Jesus' love.***

**You inspired men, long, long ago,
They then proclaimed your word;
We see their lives serving mankind:
Through them your voice is heard.**

***Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove,
Give us your joy and give us your peace,
Show to us Jesus' love.***

**Without your help, we fail our Lord,
We cannot live His way,
We need your power, we need your strength,
Following Christ each day.**

***Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove,
Give us your joy and give us your peace,
Show to us Jesus' love.***

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table
where you reign with all your saints 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

CLOSING HYMN *Leonard E. Smith Junior ©1974 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! Our God reigns!
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!***

**2. You watchmen, lift your voices joyfully as one,
Shout for your king, your king!**

See eye to eye, the Lord restoring Sion:

Our God reigns, our God reigns!

Chorus

3. Wastelands of Jerusalem, break forth with joy!

We are redeemed, redeemed.

The Lord has saved and comforted his people:

Our God reigns, our God reigns!

Chorus

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!

Chorus

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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*