



# Welcome to St Alban's Church Sunday before Lent

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*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.**

OPENING HYMN ©1961 Timothy Dudley-Smith

**1. 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.**

**2. 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.**

**3. 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.**

**4. 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!**

*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

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people: come among us and save us.

**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 *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)

Holy God,  
You know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
Set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 24. 12-end

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Peter 1.16-end

***Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name;  
you are mine.***

**When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;  
you will never sink beneath the waves.**

**When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the flames.**

**When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am at your side.**

**When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,  
remember you are precious in my eyes.**

**You are mine, O my child,  
I am your Father,  
and I love you with a perfect love.**

THE GOSPEL – Matthew 17.1-9

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 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*

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and as a pledge of what is to come, has given us the Spirit to dwell 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 *Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)*

**1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

**2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The president blesses the elements, and the response each time is*  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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 *Walter Chalmers Smith (1825-1908)*

**1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**3. To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.**

**4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.**

## PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May God, 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 *Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910)*

**1. Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;**

he hath loosed the fateful lightning  
of his terrible swift sword;  
his truth is marching on.

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*

*Glory, glory, hallelujah!*

*His truth is marching on.*

2. I have seen him in the watchfires  
of a hundred circling camps,  
they have gilded him an altar  
in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read his righteous sentence  
by the dim and flaring lamps;  
his day is marching on. *Glory, glory, hallelujah...*

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never sound retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of all  
before his judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him;  
be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. *Glory, glory, hallelujah...*

4. In the beauty of the lilies  
Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom  
that transfigures you and me;  
as he died to make us holy,  
let us make all people free  
whilst God is marching on. *Glory, glory, hallelujah...*

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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:**

Thursday 9.30am Said Eucharist followed by Community Morning 10am-12pm

Morning Prayer 9am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Saturday Prayers 9am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month

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## **Our Prayer for Vision and 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**



*Celebrating God's love in the heart of our community*