



Welcome to St Alban's

Lent 3

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 *Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

**1. All my hope on God is founded
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tow'r and temple fall to dust.
But God's pow'r, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tow'r.**

**3. God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore, from his store,
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**4. Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

† 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.**

CONFESSION

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for 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**

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 17.1-7

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 5.1-11

GRADUAL HYMN *Terry Coelho ©1972 Maranatha Music*

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

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

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

We stand for the Gospel reading and sing...

Hear us O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have sinned against thee.

THE GOSPEL John 4.5-42

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

At the end of 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: 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. Amen**

THE PEACE

Please stand. We share a sign of peace with those standing near us.

We meet in the name of Christ and we share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN *John Newton (1725 - 1807)*

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,

Zion, city of our God!

He whose word cannot be broken

formed thee for his own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded,

what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded,

thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2. See! The streams of living waters,

springing from eternal love,

well supply thy sons and daughters,

and all fear of want remove;

who can faint, whilst such a river

ever flows their thirst to assuage?

Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,

never fails from age to age.

**3. Saviour, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show,
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.**

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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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. Alternatively, any member of the congregation may receive a blessing.

**1. How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.**

**2. Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.**

**3. I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart –
his wounds have paid my ransom.**

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand
the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
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

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

CLOSING HYMN *Frances J. van Alstyne (1820-1915)*

**1. To God be the glory! Great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
And give him the glory,
great things he has done!***

**2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

Praise the Lord...

**3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!**

Praise the Lord...

*Everyone is warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service.
If you are new or just visiting please feel welcomed as one of the family.*

St Alban's in Lent

A few ways to come closer to God in this holy season:

Lent Lunches There will be three simple Lent Lunches in aid of Open House on Thursdays 19th and 26th March and 2nd April 12.00 to 1.00, in the Hall. Please support and give generously for this wonderful and vital local charity. All offers of help gratefully received: Sarah Magrath 07866 240461

Lent Discussion Group followed by Compline Tuesday evenings 7-8.15pm till 24th March. We are following the 'Live Lent' publication, spending half an hour reflecting on the material of the previous week, followed by a short service of Compline.

Stations of the cross at 7pm on Monday 30th March.



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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 2nd Saturday of every month

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Coronavirus latest update

The situation regarding the spread of the Coronavirus in the UK has worsened.

As a result, and following legal and medical advice to the Archbishops of York and Canterbury and forwarded to all Bishops, these outlines give clear guidance on the sharing of the Peace, the administration of Holy Communion, pastoral care and the use of holy water.

Advice for the time being and with immediate effect is as follows:

- There is no physical contact among members of the congregation at the point of the sharing of the Peace.
- We do not offer the chalice at Holy Communion. The priest presiding at Holy Communion will consecrate and receive a very small quantity of wine as well as the consecrated bread.
- The rest of the congregation will receive Holy Communion in only one kind – namely the consecrated wafer/bread, which should be received in the hand, not on the tongue.
- The priest presiding at Holy Communion, as well as those assisting in the preparation of the altar, should use hand sanitiser before handling any of the vessels or elements for Holy Communion, and after the administration of Holy Communion and the cleansing of the vessels.
- After the service, officiating clergy and any who assist them should avoid physical contact with members of the congregation at the door as they depart the church building.
- No one should use the laying-on of hands in any prayer or liturgical rite in church.
- All holy water stoups, or the font, should be emptied and not refilled for devotional use until these restrictions are lifted.

In the meantime, we hold in our prayers those who have contracted the virus, and their family and friends, as well as those in the medical profession who are urgently seeking a vaccine and caring for those already affected.