



Welcome to St Alban's Church

Easter 6

A NEW COMMANDMENT *Anonymous, based on John 13. 34-35*

A new commandment
I give unto you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.

By this shall all men know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.
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that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another.

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice
by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a
sincere and true heart.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's
kingdom:
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in
holiness:
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you will come in glory with salvation for your people:
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

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**

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Gloria! Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

Repeat

**Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise.
*Gloria etc***

**Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all!
*Gloria etc***

**At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One and you alone are Lord.
*Gloria etc***

**Glory, Father and Son, glory, Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high, we glorify your name!
*Gloria etc***

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

FIRST READING: **Acts 17.22-31**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

²⁹ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

THE GOSPEL – **John 14.15-21**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,

because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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

The REFLECTION

THE NICENE CREED

**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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give
you thanks, almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory
of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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.

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.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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 sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making

our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and for ever, Amen.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing ...

With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY *Frances J. van Alstyne (1820-1915)*

**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!***

**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.....***

**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.....***

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