



# Welcome to St Alban's Church

## Luke the Evangelist/Trinity 19

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OPENING HYMN Richard Gillard ©1977 *Scripture in Song*

1. Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on the journey,  
we are travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ light for you  
in the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony.  
Born to all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

† 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.

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:  
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.**

#### THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Almighty God,  
you called Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:  
by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,  
give your Church the same love and power to heal;  
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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35.3-6

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.'

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert.

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

THE GOSPEL

Luke 10.1-9

**Alleluia, Alleluia; Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

<sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

*After the reading...*This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

*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

Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called children of God.

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.**

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

## 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 and good that we should give you thanks,  
praise and glory, almighty and everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles and evangelists  
to preach the gospel to all nations and lead us in the way of truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone, he founded his Church upon the apostles firmly to stand for ever  
as a sign of your holiness upon earth and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven  
we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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, St Luke 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 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

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us  
to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
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

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, 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 *Alan Dale©1967OUP adapt. from New World*

**1. God's Spirit is in my heart,  
He has called me and set me apart.  
This is what I have to do,  
what I have to do.**

*He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,  
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,  
Tell blind people that they can see,  
And set the downtrodden free  
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come,  
And go tell everyone the news that the Kingdom of God has come.*

**2. Just as the Father sent me,  
So I'm sending you out to be  
My witnesses throughout the world,  
The whole of the world.**

**3. Don't carry a load in your pack,  
You don't need two shirts on your back.  
A workman can earn his own keep,  
Can earn his own keep.**

**4. Don't worry what you have to say,  
Don't worry because on that day  
God's Spirit will speak in your heart,  
Will speak in your heart.**

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