



# Welcome to St Alban's

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### OPENING HYMN

**1 He is Lord, He is Lord,  
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

**2 He is King, He is King,  
He is risen from the dead and He is King!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is King.**

**3 He is love, He is love,  
He is risen from the dead and He is love!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is love.**

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

### 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.

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.**

## ABSOLUTION

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

**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

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 3.12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant <sup>[e]</sup>Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup> 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah<sup>19</sup> would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

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

THE GOSPEL  
Luke 24.36b – 48

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life;  
and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Alleluia.

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.'

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.**

#### 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

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 Lord be always with you:  
**And also with you.**

#### THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human  
hands have made, it will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human  
hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

## 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.  
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.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now, and 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

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 ...

We are raised to new life with Christ.  
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## CLOSING 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.**

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