



Welcome to St Alban's

2nd Sunday before Lent

Dedication Service

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 *Marty Haugen, b. 1950 ©1994 GIA Publications, Inc.*

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

**5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

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

By the mercies of God, let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to him, which is our spiritual worship.

**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

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Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

**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.
*Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.***

**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.
*Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.***

**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.
*Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.***

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings you have given
to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
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**

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Kings 8.22-30

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 12.18-24

THE GOSPEL Matthew 21.12-16

We sing: **Alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED *Please stand if you are able*

**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

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*

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 *Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

**1 Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices;
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.**

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, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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 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.**

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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. Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN *David J. Evans Copyright © 1986 Kingsway's Thankyou Music.*

**1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One is here.**

**2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
that place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
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

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;
and the blessing ...

Like living stones, precious in his sight,
go in peace, to proclaim the mighty acts of God.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Daniel L. Schutte © 1991 Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music.*

**1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me;
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them –
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Here I am, Lord....

**3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them –
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Here I am, 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.*

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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*

