



# Welcome to St Alban's Church

## Easter 4

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*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 *George Herbert (1593-1633)*

**1 Let all the world in every corner sing,  
'My God and King!'  
The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
'My God and King!'**

**2 Let all the world in every corner sing,  
'My God and King!'  
The Church with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out;  
But, above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
'My God and King!'**

*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

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people: come among us and save us.

**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.**

## GLORIA

***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.*

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## THE COLLECT

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Acts 9.36–43  
SECOND READING: Revelation 7.9–17

**1 All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord;  
who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne;  
I gladly bow the knee, and worship Him alone.**

**2 I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,  
who once was slain to reconcile man to God.  
For ever You will be the Lamb upon the throne;  
I gladly bow the knee, and worship You alone.**

THE GOSPEL

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

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

John 10.22–30

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.**

#### 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. Amen.**

#### THE PEACE *Please stand if you are able*

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and  
complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Michael Cockett©1978 Kevin Mayhew Ltd*

*Follow me, follow me, leave your home and family,  
leave your fishing nets and boats upon the shore.  
Leave the seed that you have sown, leave the crops that you  
have grown, leave the people you have known and follow me.*

**1 The foxes have their holes,  
and the swallows have their nests,  
but the son of man has no place to lay down.  
I do not offer comfort,  
I do not offer wealth,  
but in me will all happiness be found.**

**2 If you would follow me,  
you must leave old ways behind.  
You must take my cross and follow on my path.  
You may be far from loved ones,  
you may be far from home,  
but my father will welcome you at last.**

**3 Although I go away  
you will never be alone.  
for the spirit will be there to comfort you.  
Though all of you may scatter,  
each follow his own path,  
still the spirit of love will lead you home.**

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 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, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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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.**

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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. Anyone may come up to receive a blessing.*

COMMUNION HYMN *J.M.C. Crum (1872-1958) © Oxford University Press.*

**1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.**

***And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.***

**2 He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.**

***And I will trust in You alone...***

**3 And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.**

***And I will trust in You alone...***

#### PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
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.**

**1 Thanks be to God whose love has gathered us this day;  
thanks be to God who helps and guides us on our way.  
Thanks be to God who gives us voice that we may thank him:  
Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.**

**2 Thanks be to God for all the gifts of life and light;  
thanks be to God whose care protects us day and night.  
Thanks be to God who keeps in mind us who forget him:  
Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.**

**3 Thanks be to God who knows our secret joys and fears;  
thanks be to God who when we call him always hears.  
Thanks be to God our rock and strength ever sustaining:  
Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high**

**4 Thanks be to God who never turns his face away;  
thanks be to God who heals and pardons all who stray.  
Thanks be to God who welcomes us into his kingdom:  
Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.**

**5 Thanks be to God who made our world and all we see;  
thanks be to God who gave his Son to set us free.  
Thanks be to God whose Spirit brings warmth and rejoicing:  
Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.**

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**REGULAR SERVICES AT ST ALBAN'S - *everyone is very welcome***

**SUNDAY SERVICES:**

Sung Eucharist 9:45am weekly

**WEEKDAY SERVICES:**

**Thursday 9:30am** Said Eucharist

Followed by Community Morning 10am-12pm

**Morning Prayer 9am** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

**Saturday Prayers 9.30am** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month

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