



# Welcome to St Alban's Church

## Easter 6

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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 *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.**

*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,  
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.

## READINGS

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

FIRST READING: Acts 16.9–15

SECOND READING: Revelation 21.10,22 – 22.5

GRADUAL HYMN *Henry Smith © 1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music*

***Give thanks with a grateful heart.***

***Give thanks to the Holy One.***

***Give thanks because he's given***

***Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)***

**1 And now let the weak say, "I am strong",**

**let the poor say, "I am rich",**

**because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong",**

**let the poor say, "I am rich",**

**because of what the Lord has done for us.**

***Give thanks with a grateful heart.....***

***(Repeat)***

**2 And now let the weak say, "I am strong",**

**let the poor say, "I am rich",**

**because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong",**

**let the poor say, "I am rich",**

**because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**Give thanks!**

## 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 5.1-9

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 *Arthur C. Ainger (1841-1919)*

**1 God is working his purpose out,  
as year succeeds to year;  
God is working His purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near;  
Nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.**

**2 From utmost East to utmost West,  
where'er man's foot hath trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers  
goes forth the voice of God;  
give ear to me, ye continents,  
ye isles, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.**

**3 March we forth in the strength of God  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world:  
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,  
to set their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.**

**4 All we can do is nothing worth,  
unless God blesses the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed;  
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God,  
as the waters cover the sea.**

#### 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 *Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)*

**1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew;  
that I may love what thou dost love  
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.**

**3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine;  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.**

**4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.**

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.**

**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 *Traditional*

**1 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
give me joy in my heart I pray.  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.  
Keep me praising till the end of day.**

***Sing hosanna! Sing Hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!  
Sing hosanna! Sing Hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King!***

**2 Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
give me peace in my heart I pray.  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.  
Keep me resting till the end of day.**

**3 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
give me love in my heart, I pray.  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
keep me serving 'till the end of day.**

**4 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.  
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
keep me burning 'till the end of day.**

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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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