



# Welcome to St Alban's

## Mothering Sunday

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OPENING HYMN *McClellan, Pac, Ryecroft ©1974 Kingsway's Thankyou Music*

**1 Colours of day dawn into the mind,  
the sun has come up, the night is behind.  
go down in the city, into the street,  
and let's give the message to the people we meet.**

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,  
open the door, let Jesus return.  
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,  
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

**2 Go through the park, on into the town;  
the sun still shines on, it never goes down.  
The light of the world is risen again;  
the people of darkness are needing a friend.  
*So light up the fire...***

**3 Open your eyes, look into the sky,  
the darkness has come, the sun came to die.  
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,  
but Jesus is living, his Spirit is near.  
*So light up the fire...***

*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.**

## CONFESSION

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

**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.**

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

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: Exodus 2.1–10

New Testament: Colossians 3.12–17

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

## THE GOSPEL

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 19.25–27

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

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Commissioning of Deborah Cowie and Jane Sharpe  
to be Lay Ministers of Holy Communion

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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.**

#### 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

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 *Sydney Carter ©1971 Stainer & Bell Ltd*

**1 One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go,  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me travelling along with you.  
*And it's from the old I travel to the new,  
Keep me travelling along with you.***

2 Round the corners of the world I turn,  
More and more about the world I learn.  
And the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me.  
*And it's from the old ...*

3 As I travel through the bad and good  
Keep me travelling the way I should.  
Where I see no way to go  
You'll be telling me the way, I know.  
*And it's from the old ...*

4 Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough.  
Leap and sing in all I do,  
Keep me travelling along with you.  
*And it's from the old ...*

5 You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me.  
Ever old and ever new,  
Keep me travelling along with you.  
*And it's from the old ...*

#### 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 and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your  
generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in  
the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant  
splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever  
praising you and singing:

**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.**

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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.**

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.**

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*Invitation to communion*

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 receive a blessing.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Keith Getty & Stuart Townend ©2001 Kingsway's Thankyou Music*

**1 In Christ alone my hope is found  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**



**2 In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied -  
for every sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**3 There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me:  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand:  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

*Prayer after Communion*

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
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 the Father,  
from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name,  
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;  
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.**

***Sing hosanna...***

**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.**

*Sing hosanna...*

**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.**

*Sing hosanna...*

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## **Holy Week and Easter at St Alban's**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> Palm Sunday Procession and Sung Eucharist 9.45am**

*Meet at Gossops Green Community Centre to begin the procession*

**April 6<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Service 7.30pm**

*Holy Communion, foot washing and watch*

**April 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Workshop for children 9.30-12 noon**

*Children's crafts and activities, hot cross buns  
and informal worship to end the morning*

**April 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Liturgy 2pm**

*Passion reading, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion*

**April 8<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil 7.30pm**

*Lighting of the Easter fire, Vigil and first Mass of Easter*

**April 9<sup>th</sup> Easter Day Family Service 9.45am**

*Easter Day service for all the family*





*Celebrating God's love in the  
heart of the community*

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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 Heart of Welcome Café 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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