



Welcome to St Alban's Church

Easter 5

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 *W & P van Lelyveld ©Bosworth & Co. Ltd*

- 1. Thank you for giving me the morning.
Thank you for every day that's new.
Thank you that I can know my worries can be cast on you.**
- 2. Thank you for all my friends and neighbours.
Thank you for everyone that lives.
Thank you for even greatest enemies I can forgive.**
- 3. Thank you, I have my occupation.
Thank you for every pleasure small.
Thank you for music, light and gladness. Thank you for them all.**
- 4. Thank you for many little sorrows.
Thank you for every kindly word.
Thank you for everywhere your guidance reaches every land.**
- 5. Thank you, I see your Word has meaning.
Thank you, I know your Spirit here.
Thank you because you love all people, those both far and near.**

6. Thank you, O Lord, you spoke unto us.
Thank you that for our words you care.
Thank you, O Lord, you came among us, bread and wine to share.

7. Thank you, O Lord, your love is boundless.
Thank you that I am full of you.
Thank you, you made me feel so glad and thankful as I do.

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We gather this day to worship almighty God,
and to pray for our King,
that, both now and always,
God may grant him wisdom and grace
for his ministry among us.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all
and your mercy is over all your creation:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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.
All Amen.

GLORIA *George Salazar ©1993 OCP Publications*

***Glory, glory, glory to God.
Glory, glory, glory to God.***

**Glory to God in the heights of the heavens,
peace to God's people, all people on earth.
*Glory, glory...***

**Son of the Father, all glory and worship;
praise and thanksgiving to you. Lamb of God
*Glory, glory...***

**You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us, receive our prayer.
*Glory, glory...***

**Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,
Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High.
*Glory, glory...***

**And with the Spirit of love everlasting,
reigning in glory for ever. Amen.
*Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR THE KING

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles,
and all who are in authority under him;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour of your name,
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

1st READING: Acts 7.55–60; 2nd READING: 1 Peter 2.2–10

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

**1 Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence
Of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see, He has given to me,
And his giving is gentle as silence.**

**2 Every day, every hour, every moment,
Have been blessed by the strength of His love.
At the turn of each tide, He is there at my side,
And his touch is as gentle as silence.**

**3 There've been times when I've turned from his presence,
And I've walked other paths, other ways,
But I've called on his name, in the dark of my shame
And his mercy was gentle as silence.**

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 14.1–14

*After the reading...*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.**

THE PEACE *Please stand if you are able*

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Thomas O. Chisholm (1866–1960)*

**1 How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him
who brings good news, good news;
announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:
Our God reigns, our God reigns!
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
*Our God reigns! Our God reigns!***

**2 You watchmen, lift your voices joyfully as one,
shout for your king, your king!
See eye to eye, the Lord restoring Sion:
Our God reigns, our God reigns!
*Our God reigns...***

**3 Wasteplaces of Jerusalem, break forth with joy:
we are redeemed, redeemed!
The Lord has saved and comforted his people
Our God reigns, our God reigns!
*Our God reigns...***

**4 Ends of the earth, see the salvation of our God!
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!
Before the nations he has bared his holy arm.
Our God reigns, our God reigns!
*Our God reigns...***

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, holy
Lord of power, Lord of might.
Heav'n and earth are filled with glory.
Sing hosanna evermore.**

**Blest and holy, blest and holy,
He who comes from God on high
Raise your voices, sing his glory,
Praise his name for evermore.**

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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.**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world.
Give us mercy, give us mercy, give us mercy Lamb of God. *(repeat)***

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world.
Grant us peace, Lord, grant us peace, Lord,
grant us peace, O Lamb of God.**

Israeli Mass, Anthony Hamson

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 *Bob Gillman © 1977 Kingsway's Thankyou Music*

***Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
bind us together with love.***

**1 There is only one God, there is only one King;
there is only one Body, that is why we sing:
*Bind us together, Lord...***

**2 Made for the glory of God, purchased by His precious Son;
born with the right to be clean, for Jesus the victory has won.
*Bind us together, Lord...***

**3 You are the family of God, you are the promise divine;
you are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine.
*Bind us together, Lord...***

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
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.**

CLOSING HYMN *Traditional South African*

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1 We are marching in the light of God. (x4)

***We are marching, marching
we are marching, o-oh!
We are marching in the light of God. (repeat)***

2 We are living in the love of God. (x4)

***We are living, living, we are living, o-oh!
We are living in the love of God. (repeat)***

3 We are moving in the power of God. (x4)

***We are moving, moving, we are moving, o-oh!
We are moving in the power of God. (repeat)***

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting;

† and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**1 God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King.**

**2 Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



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