



Welcome to St Alban's Church

Easter 7

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 *Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)*

**1 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now:
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**2 At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders, in their great array.**

**3 Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.**

**4 In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.**

**5 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

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 *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

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

First reading: Acts 1.6–14

Second reading: 1 Peter 4.12–14; 5.6–11

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Daniel Iverson ©1963 Birdwing Music/Emi Christian Music Publishing*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
(Repeat)**

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 17.1–11

*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*

**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 *Estelle White © Copyright McCrimmon*

***Walk with me, oh my Lord,
Through the darkest night and brightest day.
Be at my side, oh Lord,
Hold my hand and guide me on my way.***

**1 Sometimes the road seems long,
My energy is spent.
Then, Lord, I think of you
And I am given strength. *Walk with me...***

**2 Stones often bar my path
And there are times I fall,
But you are always there
To help me when I call. *Walk with me...***

**3 Just as you calmed the wind
And walked upon the sea,
Conquer, my living Lord,
The storms that threaten me. *Walk with me...***

**4 Help me to pierce the mists
That cloud my heart and mind,
So that I shall not fear
The steepest mountain-side. *Walk with me...***

**5 As once you helped the lame
And gave sight to the blind,
Help me when I'm downcast
To hold my head high. *Walk with me...***

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.**

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 *Jan Struther ©1931, 1982 OUP*

**1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy;
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe;
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace;
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm;
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
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

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing ...

We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

CLOSING HYMN *D.J. Mansell ©1982 Springtide*

**1 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower
was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it -
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry:
'Jesus is Lord.'**

*Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord.*

**2 Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain
on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding -
yet gave his life a ransom
thus setting us free. *Jesus is Lord...***

**3 Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror;
from death he rose and all his foes
shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power
that Jesus is Lord. *Jesus is Lord...***



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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 Community Morning 10am-12pm

Morning Prayer 9am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Saturday Prayers 9.30am on the 2nd Saturday of each month

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