



Welcome to St Alban's Church

Pentecost

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 *D. Mowbray ©Hope Publishing*

**1 Come to us, creative Spirit,
in our Father's house;
every human talent hallow,
hidden skills arouse,
that within your earthly temple,
wise and simple may rejoice.**

**2 Poet, painter, musicmaker,
all your treasures bring;
craftsman, actor, graceful dancer,
make your offering;
join your hands in celebration:
let creation shout and sing!**

**3 Word from God eternal springing,
fill our minds, we pray;
and in all artistic vision
give integrity:
may the flame within us burning
kindle yearning day by day.**

**4 In all places and forever
glory be expressed
to the Son, with God the Father
and the Spirit blest:
in our worship and our living
keep us striving for the best.**

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

For failing you by what we do
and think and say;
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. **Amen.**

PERUVIAN GLORIA *Traditional Peruvian arr. John Ballantine*

**1 Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.**

**Alleluia, amen – Alleluia, amen
Alleluia, amen – Alleluia, amen!**

**2. Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father...
To him be glory forever...
Alleluia, amen...**

**3. Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit....
To him be glory forever...
Alleluia, amen...**

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Holy Spirit,
sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 2.1-21

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Words: J Cosin, based on Veni creator spiritus*

**1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.**

**2 Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our mortal sight.**

**3 Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.**

**4 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:**

**5 Praise to thine eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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 20.19-23

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

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.**

OFFERTORY HYMN *Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)*

**1 Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**3 Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling,
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

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, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father, to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore, we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and singing:

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.**

Israeli Mass ©Anthony Hamson

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.
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.

COMMUNION HYMN *David J. Evans ©1986 Kingsway's Thankyou Music*

**1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One is here.**

**2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.
And the blessing of God almighty,

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

CLOSING HYMN: *Damian Lundy ©1978, 1993 Kevin Mayhew Ltd*

1 The Spirit lives to set us free, *walk, walk in the light.*
He binds us all in unity, *walk, walk in the light.*

Walk in the light x3
Walk in the light of the Lord.

2 Jesus promised life to all, *walk, walk in the light.*
The dead were wakened by his call, *walk, walk in the light.*

3 He died in pain on Calvary, *walk, walk in the light.*
To save the lost like you and me, *walk, walk in the light.*

4 We know his death was not the end, *walk, walk in the light.*
He gave his Spirit to be our friend, *walk, walk in the light.*

5 By Jesus' love our wounds are healed, *walk, walk in the light.*
The Father's kindness is revealed, *walk, walk in the light.*

6 The Spirit lives in you and me, *walk, walk in the light.*
His light will shine for all to see, *walk, walk in the light.*

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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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