

Welcome to St Alban's Church

2nd Sunday after Trinity

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 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. 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

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God for idols of our own imagining.

As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity, and to worship him in spirit and in truth, let us call to mind our sins.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace: 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.

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

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

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

Genesis 18.1–15 [21.1–7] or Exodus 19.2–8a

Romans 5.1–8

GRADUAL 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.

THE GOSPEL

We sing.... Alleluia, alleluia; alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 9.35 - 10.8 [9-23]

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

After each prayer: 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

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN Alan Dale@1967 OUP

1 God's Spirit is in my heart, Who has called me and set me apart. This is what I have to do, what I have to do.

He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
Tell blind people that they can see,
And set the downtrodden free;
And go tell everyone the news
that the Kingdom of God has come,
And go tell everyone the news
that God's kingdom has come.

2 Just as the Father sent me, So I'm sending you out to be My witnesses throughout the world, The whole of the world. He sent me...

3 Don't carry a load in your pack, You don't need two shirts on your back. A workman can earn his own keep, Can earn his own keep. *He sent me...* 4 Don't worry what you have to say, Don't worry because on that day God's Spirit will speak in your heart, Will speak in your heart. *He sent 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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

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.

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, St Barnabas 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. Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing.

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me lie in pastures green. He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone, And I will trust in You alone, For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.

2 He guides my ways in righteousness, And He anoints my head with oil, And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights. *And I will trust...*

3 And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know. And I will trust...

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with 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

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing ...

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

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, walk in the light, Walk in the light, 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.
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.

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.
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.
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. Walk in the light...



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SUNDAY SERVICES: Sung Eucharist 9:45am weekly

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