



Welcome to St Alban's Church Harvest Festival

Before the children leave for Junior 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 *Matthias Claudius, Tr. Jane M. Campbell*

**1 We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.**

***All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.***

**2 He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.**

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

**3 We thank thee, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good;
the seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all thy love imparts,
but that which thou desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.**

All good gifts...

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

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

God has blessed us,
but still God's children go hungry.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still the poor cry out for justice.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.
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 *Mike Anderson © 1983 Kevin Mayhew Ltd*

Gloria, (clap) gloria, (clap) in excelsis Deo.
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- 1 Lord God, heavenly King,
peace you bring to us;
we worship you, we give you thanks
we sing our song of praise. *Gloria...***
- 2 Jesus, Saviour of all,
Lord God, Lamb of God;
you take away our sins, O Lord,
have mercy on us all. *Gloria...***
- 3 At the Father's right hand,
Lord receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One,
and you alone are Lord. *Gloria...***
- 4 Glory Father and Son,
Glory Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high,
we glorify your name. *Gloria...***

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

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

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26.1-11

New Testament: Philippians 4.4-9

GRADUAL HYMN *Margaret V Old © 1971 Scripture Union*

***Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove,
Give us your joy and give us your peace,
Show to us Jesus' love.***

**1 You inspired men, long, long ago,
They then proclaimed your word;
We see their lives serving mankind:
Through them your voice is heard.**

Spirit of God, unseen ...

**2 Without your help, we fail our Lord,
We cannot live His way,
We need your power, we need your strength,
Following Christ each day.**

Spirit of God, unseen ...

THE GOSPEL

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

John 6.25-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE BAPTISM

Presentation of the Candidate

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for Micah who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support Micah as he begins his journey of faith?

All We will.

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?

All We will.

The minister then addresses the parents and Godparents:

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and Godparents, you speak for Micah today. Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?

Parents and Godparents: We will.

The Decision

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcome us home. In baptism we respond to his call. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**

Do you reject evil? **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Lord? **I do.**

Signing with the Cross

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his forever.

All **Stand bravely with him
against the all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ
to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All **Amen.**

Prayer Over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptised in the River Jordan, where your spirit was poured out upon

him and revealed him as the Son you love. He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water (+), that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

All **Amen.**

What we Believe

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made all things?

All **We believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in his son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

All **We believe and trust in Him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

All **We believe and trust in Him.**

This is the faith of the church.

All **This is our faith, we believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

The Baptism

I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God,
who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

At the end 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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**1 Thanks be to God whose love has gathered us this day;
thanks be to God who helps and guides us on our way.
Thanks be to God who gives us voice that we may thank him:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.***

**2 Thanks be to God for all the gifts of life and light;
thanks be to God whose care protects us day and night.
Thanks be to God who keeps in mind us who forget him:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.***

**3 Thanks be to God who knows our secret joys and fears;
thanks be to God who when we call him always hears.
Thanks be to God our rock and strength ever sustaining:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high***

**4 Thanks be to God who never turns his face away;
thanks be to God who heals and pardons all who stray.
Thanks be to God who welcomes us into his kingdom:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.***

**5 Thanks be to God who made our world and all we see;
thanks be to God who gave his Son to set us free.
Thanks be to God whose Spirit brings warmth and rejoicing:
*Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.***

THE LITURGY OF 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, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For you have created the heavens and the earth, and formed us in your own image. In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son, your eternal Word, who laid down his life for our salvation and rose from the grave, the first-fruits of your new creation.
You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit to give life to our mortal bodies and to renew the face of the earth.

Therefore with all the heavenly hosts, we give voice to everything that you have made, and sing the eternal hymn of praise.

**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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Traditional Caribbean*

**1 Our Father, who art in heaven,
*hallowed be thy name.***

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
hallowed be thy name.
*hallowed be thy name.***

**2 On earth as it is in heaven.
*hallowed be thy name.***

**Give us this day our daily bread.
hallowed be thy name.
*hallowed be thy name.***

**3 Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**4 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from all that is evil.**

**5 For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever, and for ever and ever.**

**6 Amen, amen, it shall be so.
Amen, amen, it shall be so.**

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

COMMUNION HYMN *Suzanne Toolan©1972 GIA Publications Inc.*

***Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)***

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong",
let the poor say, "I am rich",
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong",
let the poor say, "I am rich",
because of what the Lord has done for us.**

Give thanks ...

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong",
let the poor say, "I am rich",
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong",
let the poor say, "I am rich",
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us
a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
Strengthen our faith that we may grow
in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise
stewards of his creation. **Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as
labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing

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

CLOSING HYMN *Henry Alford (1810 - 1871)*

**1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our needs to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest-home.**

**2 We ourselves are God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**3 For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home,
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.**

**4 Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest home
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, forever purified,
in God's garner to abide;
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!**



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

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