



# Welcome to St Alban's

## Feast of Christ the King

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*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 © Michael Saward/Jubilate Hymns

**1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King;  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.***

**2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:  
*Yours the glory ...***

**3 Suffering Servant, scorned, ill-treated,  
victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified.  
*Yours the glory ...***

**4 Priestly King, enthroned forever  
high in heaven above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.***

**5 So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long;  
Ceaselessly upon you gazing  
this shall be our song:  
*Yours the glory ...***

*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.**

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
So, let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

The kingdom is yours,  
but we turn away from your just rule: Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

The power is yours,  
but we trust in our own power and strength: Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

The glory is yours,  
but we fall short of the glory of God: 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 (The special prayer of the day)

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory. **Amen.**

## READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

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

Old Testament: Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24

New Testament: Ephesians 1.15–23

GRADUAL HYMN *Jack W. Hayford ©1976 Rocksmith Music*

**Majesty, worship His majesty,  
unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority,  
flow from his throne unto his own,  
his anthem raise.**

**So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,  
magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.  
Majesty, worship his majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified,  
King of all kings.**

*(Repeat)*

## THE GOSPEL

*We sing:* **Alleluia, Alleluia; Alleluia, Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 25.31–46

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

## THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES CREED *Please stand if you are able*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us with confidence present our prayers and supplications to the throne of grace.

*RESPONSE:* 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*

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 *Charitie Lees Bancroft*

**1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.**

**2 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save:  
his glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring  
and lives that death may die.**

**3 Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.**

**4 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercèd feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**5 Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime!  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Blessed be God,  
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.  
May we feed upon the bread of God  
and drink the royal wine of heaven.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross  
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,  
that he may bring before your infinite majesty  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

**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.**

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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.**

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 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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Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*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 *Graham Kendrick © 1983 Kingsway's Thankyou Music*

**1 From heaven you came helpless babe,  
entered our world , Your glory veiled,  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.**

**2 This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow Him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.**

**3 There in the garden of tears  
my heavy load He chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' He said.**

**4 Come see His hands and His feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered**

**5 So let us learn how to serve  
and in our lives enthrone Him,  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Christ our exalted King pour upon you his abundant gifts  
and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing ...

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

#### **CLOSING HYMN** ©Michael Saward/Jubilate Hymns

**1 Lord, the light of your love is shining  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
shine on me, shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, shine,  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.***

**2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into Your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness,  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, shine ...***

**3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our face display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.**

***Shine, Jesus, shine ...***

## **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**

**Morning Prayer 9am** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

**Saturday Prayer Breakfast**

**9.30am** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month

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