



Welcome to St Alban's

Remembrance Sunday



THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

When you go home tell them of us, and say
"For your tomorrow we gave our today"

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 *William Williams Tr. Peter Williams*

**1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
Feed me now and ever more,
Feed me now and ever more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

† We meet in the presence of God.
We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our share in what is wrong in the world, and our failure
to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

God, be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
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 *Michael Perry (1942 - 1996) © Mrs B Perry/Jubilate Hymns*

**Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people speak his grace his wonders tell.
Lord we praise you for your glory, mighty father, heavens king;
Hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father, lamb who takes our sins away;
now with him in triumph seated, for your mercy, Lord we pray.
Jesus Christ, most high and holy, saviour you are God alone.
In the glory of the Father, with the Spirit three in one.**

THE COLLECT

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
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: Wisdom of Solomon 6.17–20

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 4.13–18

**1 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

**2 Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

**3 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

THE GOSPEL
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Matthew 25.1–13

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

THE SERMON

APOSTLE'S CREED

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In peace let us pray to the Lord....

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 KOHIMA EPITAPH

When you go home tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow we gave our today.

*As a sign of our prayers of remembrance and for peace we attach our
red petals to the white cross.*

THE PEACE

Please stand. We share a sign of peace with those standing nearest us.

Blessed are the peacemakers for they are children of God.
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN *Timothy Dudley-Smith © 1976 Timothy Dudley-Smith*

**1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**3 Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**4 Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**5 Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

Jesus Christ welcomes to this celebration all the children of his kingdom on earth.

With this bread that we bring: **We shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring: **We shall remember Jesus.**

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.**

Blessed are you, Lord of life, creator of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

For through his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil, and by his glorious resurrection has opened for us the gate of life eternal.

In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives have been shattered and torn apart.

In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself, enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love.

And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ may come to the peace of heaven, there, with angels and archangels, to sing your praise for ever:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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.
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 sins of the world, have mercy on us;
Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sins 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.
Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN *Kevin Mayhew © 1976 Kevin Mayhew Ltd*

**1 Peace, perfect peace is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus says the Lord, will the world know my friends.
Peace, perfect peace is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

**2 Love, perfect love is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus says the Lord, will the world know my friends.
Love, perfect love is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

**3 Faith, perfect faith is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus says the Lord, will the world know my friends.
Faith, perfect faith is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

**4 Hope, perfect hope is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus says the Lord, will the world know my friends.
Hope, perfect hope is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

**5 Joy, perfect joy is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus says the Lord, will the world know my friends.
Joy, perfect joy is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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.**

*We remain standing for our act of remembrance
They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

The Silence is signaled by the Last Post and ends with the Reveille.

Let us pray...

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**God save our gracious King,
Live long our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord;
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing...

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

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**1 Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**2 Tell out my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name—the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**3 Tell out my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

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