



# Welcome to St Alban's

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Dedication Service

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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 *Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

**1 All my hope on God is founded  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.**

**2 Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.**

**3 God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought;  
splendour, light and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.**

**Evermore,  
from his store,  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**4 Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.**

*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

By the mercies of God, let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to him, which is our spiritual worship.

**Father eternal,  
giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

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.**

#### THE COLLECT FOR DEDICATION

Almighty God,  
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:  
we praise you for the many blessings you have given  
to those who worship you here:  
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,  
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,  
may become a living temple acceptable to you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: Genesis 9.8-17  
New Testament: 1 Peter 3.18–22

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

#### GRADUAL HYMN *Estelle White ©McCrimmon*

**1 Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence  
Of all that I love here on earth.  
All the beauty I see, He has given to me,  
And his giving is gentle as silence.**

**2 Every day, every hour, every moment,  
Have been blessed by the strength of His love.  
At the turn of each tide, He is there at my side,  
And his touch is as gentle as silence.**

**3 There've been times when I've turned from his presence,  
And I've walked other paths, other ways,  
But I've called on his name, in the dark of my shame  
And his mercy was gentle as silence.**

### THE GOSPEL

*Please stand to greet the Gospel, singing:*

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have sinned against thee.**

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

Mark 1.9-15

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

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*

We meet in the name of Christ and we share his peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### OFFERTORY HYMN *Marty Haugen, b. 1950 ©1994 GIA Publications, Inc.*

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.**

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

**2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus. *All are welcome...***

**3 Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us. *All are welcome...***

**4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger. *All are welcome...***

**5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. *All are welcome...***

## 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.**

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 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.**

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 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.**

*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 *Carol Owens © 1972 Bud John Songs*

**1 God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name;  
and in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his love as he told me to.**

***He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received;  
freely, freely give.***

***Go in my name, and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.'***

**2 All power is given in Jesus' name,  
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name;  
and in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his power as he told me to.**

***He said: 'Freely, freely...***

**3 God gives us life in Jesus' name,  
He lives in us in Jesus' name;  
And in Jesus' name I come to you  
To share his peace as he told me to.**

***He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received;  
freely, freely give.***

***Go in my name, and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.'***

#### PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven,  
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,  
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:  
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage  
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,  
and united in the body of your Son,  
we may be the temple of your presence,  
that place of your glory on earth,  
and a sign of your peace in the world;  
through 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

Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,  
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;  
and the blessing ...

Like living stones, precious in his sight,  
go in peace, to proclaim the mighty acts of God.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)*

**Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

***This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.***

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

***This is my story...***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

***This is my story...***



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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*

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

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

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