



Welcome to St Alban's

Last Sunday before Lent

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 *Martin Rinkart, tr. Catherine Winkworth*

**1 Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices;
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be ever more.**

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.

GLORIA *George Salazar© 1993 OCP Publications*

Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.

**Glory to God in the heights of the heavens,
peace to God's people, all people on earth.
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

**Son of the Father, all glory and worship;
praise and thanksgiving to you. Lamb of God
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

**You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us, receive our prayer.
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

**Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,
Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High.
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

**And with the Spirit of love everlasting,
reigning in glory for ever. Amen.
Glory, glory, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.**

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: 2 Kings 2.1–12
New Testament: 2 Corinthians 4.3–6

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Gerald Markland©1978 Kevin Mayhew Ltd.*

***Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.***

- 1 When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves. *Do not be afraid...***
- 2 When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames. *Do not be afraid...***
- 3 When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side. *Do not be afraid...***
- 4 When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes. *Do not be afraid...***
- 5 You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love. *Do not be afraid...***

THE GOSPEL

We sing: Alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 9.2–9

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

THE SERMON

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 *Graham Kendrick (1987) ©1987 Make Way Music*

**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 ...

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 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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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.

Anyone may come up to receive a blessing. All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion.

COMMUNION HYMN *Walter Chalmers Smith (1825-1908)*

**1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains
high soaring above thy clouds,
which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask 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

May God,
who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing ...

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

CLOSING HYMN *Traditional*

***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

**The light that shines is the light of love -
lights the darkness from above.
It shines on me and it shines on you,
and shows what the power of love can do.**

**I'll shine my light both far and near,
Shine my light both bright and clear.
Every dark corner in this land
I'm gonna let my little light shine.**

**On Monday, he gave me the gift of love;
Tuesday, peace came from above.
Wednesday told me to have more faith;
Thursday gave me a little more grace.**

**Friday, told me to watch and pray
Saturday, told me just what to say,
on Sunday gave me the power divine
to let my little light shine.**

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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 2nd Saturday of each month

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