



# Welcome to St Alban's Church

## Easter Sunday

*We welcome you to St Alban's Church on this very special day*

OPENING HYMN *Lyra Davidica (1708)*

**1 Jesus Christ is risen today; Hallelujah!  
Our triumphant holy day; Hallelujah!  
Who did once upon the cross; Hallelujah!  
Suffer to redeem our loss; Hallelujah!**

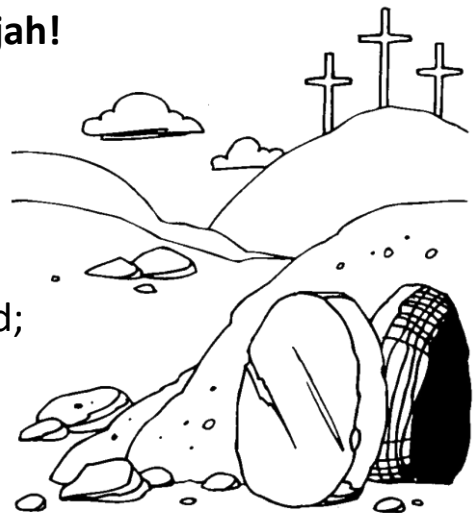
**2 Hymns of praise then let us sing; Hallelujah!  
Unto Christ our heavenly King; Hallelujah!  
Who endured the cross and grave; Hallelujah!  
Sinners to redeem and save: Hallelujah!**

**3 But the pains which he endured; Hallelujah!  
Our salvation have procured; Hallelujah!  
Now in heaven above he's King; Hallelujah!  
Where the angels ever sing: Hallelujah!**

### THE BLESSING OF THE EASTER GARDEN

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid;  
I know that you are looking for Jesus who was  
crucified. He is not here; for he has been  
raised, as he said'.

Risen Lord Jesus,  
as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your  
resurrection, so may we meet you today and every day:  
speak to us as you spoke to her; reveal yourself as the living Lord;  
renew our hope and kindle our joy;  
and send us to share the good news with others. **Amen.**



## OPENING RESPONSES

We meet in the name of God:  
**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

The Lord be with you:  
**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made:  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

## WE SAY SORRY TO GOD FOR OUR SINS

**Father God,  
we do not always do the right things;  
we do not always tell the truth;  
we do not always love other people as we should.  
We are sorry for the times when we  
have hurt others and made you sad.  
Please forgive us and help us to become  
the people you want us to be.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION (WE ARE ASSURED OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS)

The God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia.**

***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 FOR TODAY)

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

BIBLE READING

First reading - Acts 10.34-43

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**1 All heaven declares  
the glory of the risen Lord.  
Who can compare  
with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever he will be  
the Lamb upon the throne;  
I gladly bow the knee  
and worship him alone.**

**2 I will proclaim  
the glory of the risen Lord,  
who once was slain  
to reconcile man to God.  
Forever you will be  
the Lamb upon the throne;  
I gladly bow the knee  
and worship you alone.**

THE GOSPEL *Please stand if you are able*

*We sing...***Alleluia, alleluia; alleluia, alleluia.**

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

John 20.1–18

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

THE TALK

*We stand to* DECLARE OUR FAITH

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## OUR PRAYERS

### THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.  
Alleluia.

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

Let's offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share a sign of peace with our neighbours*

OFFERTORY HYMN *Les Garrett © 1967 Scripture in Song*

**1 This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made,  
that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it;  
this is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made.**

**2 This is the day, this is the day  
when he rose again,  
when he rose again;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day when he rose again,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it;  
this is the day, this is the day  
when he rose again.**

**3 This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made,  
that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it;  
this is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made.**

#### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

#### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

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, almighty and eternal Father, and on this day of our  
redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your  
wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has  
conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and  
women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in  
paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with  
gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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.**

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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.**

*We sing...*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.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**
- 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.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**



COMMUNION HYMN *D.J. Mansell ©1982 Springtide*

**1. Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,  
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.  
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it -  
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: 'Jesus is Lord'.**

***Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!  
Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord.***

**2. Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal  
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.  
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding -  
yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.  
*Jesus is Lord...***

**3. Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror;  
from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.  
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit  
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.  
*Jesus is Lord...***

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of Life, who for our redemption  
gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*We pray together...*

**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

Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**He has given us new life and hope.  
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.  
**He has brought us out of darkness.  
He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing ...

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Led by the choir, we sing:*

**Surrexit Christus, alleluia! Cantate Domino, alleluia!**  
*(Christ is risen, alleluia! Sing to the Lord, alleluia!)*



**WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER!**

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*Celebrating God's love in the heart of the community*

**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 Community Morning 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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