



# Welcome to St Alban's Church Easter 5

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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 *George Herbert (1593-1633)*

**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...***

**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.**

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,  
this is your world and we are your people: come among us and save us.

**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.**

***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...***

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

**You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, receive our prayer. *Glory, glory...*  
Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,  
Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High. *Glory, glory...***

**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)

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

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

FIRST READING: Acts 8.26–40

SECOND READING: 1 John 4.7–21

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

**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.**

#### THE GOSPEL

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

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

John 15.1-8

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

#### THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand if you are able*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten not made,  
of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
he was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his  
kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### THE 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*

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 *Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910)*

**1 Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he hath loosed the fateful lightning  
of his terrible swift sword;  
his truth is marching on.**

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

**2 I have seen him in the watchfires  
of a hundred circling camps,  
they have gilded him an altar  
in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read his righteous sentence  
by the dim and flaring lamps;  
his day is marching on. *Glory, glory, hallelujah...***

**3 He has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never sound retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of all  
before his judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him;  
be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. *Glory, glory, hallelujah...***

**4 In the beauty of the lilies  
Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom  
that transfigures you and me;  
as he died to make us holy,  
let us make all people free  
whilst God is marching on. *Glory, glory, hallelujah...***

## 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 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, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter 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 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 *Bob Gillman ©1977 Kingsway's Thankyou Music*

***Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
bind us together, bind us together with love.***

**1 There is only one God,  
there is only one King;  
there is only one Body,  
that is why we sing: *Bind us together...***

**2 Made for the glory of God,  
purchased by His precious Son;  
born with the right to be clean,  
for Jesus the victory has won. *Bind us together...***

**3 You are the family of God,  
you are the promise divine;  
you are God's chosen desire,  
you are the glorious new wine. *Bind us together...***

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 *Anonymous*

**1 Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him in the morning,  
Praise Him in the noontime.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him when the sun goes down!**

**2 Love Him! Love Him!  
Love Him in the morning,  
Love Him in the noontime.  
Love Him! Love Him!  
Love Him when the sun goes down!**

**3 Trust Him! Trust Him!  
Trust Him in the morning,  
Trust Him in the noontime.  
Trust Him! Trust Him!  
Trust Him when the sun goes down!**

**4 Serve Him! Serve Him!  
Serve Him in the morning,  
Serve Him in the noontime.  
Serve Him! Serve Him!  
Serve Him when the sun goes down!**

**5 Jesus! Jesus!  
Jesus in the morning,  
Jesus in the noontime.  
Jesus! Jesus!  
Jesus when the sun goes down!**

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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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