



# Welcome to St Alban's Church Easter 6

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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 *G W Kitchin & M R Newbolt*

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.***

- 1 Come Christians, follow where our saviour trod,  
O'er death victorious, Christ the Son of God:**
- 2 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:**
- 3 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine:**
- 4 Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:**
- 5 For the blest cross which doth for all atone  
creation's praises rise before thy throne:**

*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.**

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...***

**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...***

THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
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 10.44–48

SECOND READING: 1 John 5.1–6

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

**A new commandment I give unto you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.**

**By this shall all men know  
that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another. *(repeat)***

## 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 15.9–17

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 *Luke Connaughton (1919-79)© McCrimmon Publishing*

**1 Love is His word, Love is His way,  
Feasting with all, fasting alone,  
Living and dying, rising again  
Love only love is His way.  
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord.  
Better than splendour and wealth.***

**2 Love is His way, love is His mark,  
Sharing His last Passover feast.  
Christ at the table, host to the twelve Love,  
only love, is His mark. *Richer than gold...***

3 Love is his mark, love is His sign,  
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,  
This is my body, this is my blood  
Love, only love is His sign. *Richer than gold...*

4 Love is His sign, love is His news,  
Do this He said Lest you forget  
All my deep sorrow, all my dear blood,  
Love, only love, is His news. *Richer than gold...*

5 Love is His news, Love is His name,  
We are His own, chosen and called,  
Family, brethren, cousins and kin.  
Love, only love is His name. *Richer than gold...*

6 Love is His name, love is His law,  
Hear His command, all who are His,  
Love one another, I have loved you  
Love, only love, is His law. *Richer than gold...*

7 Love is His law, Love is His word,  
Love of the Lord, Father, and Word,  
Love of the Spirit, God ever one,  
Love, only love, is His word. *Richer than gold...*

#### 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 *Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)*

**1 Come down, O love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**2 O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**3 Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**4 And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling,  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

#### PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him 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.**

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**1 Thanks be to God whose love has gathered us this day;  
thanks be to God who helps and guides us on our way.  
Thanks be to God who gives us voice that we may thank him:  
Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.**

**2 Thanks be to God for all the gifts of life and light;  
thanks be to God whose care protects us day and night.  
Thanks be to God who keeps in mind us who forget him:  
Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.**

**3 Thanks be to God who knows our secret joys and fears;  
thanks be to God who when we call him always hears.  
Thanks be to God our rock and strength ever sustaining:  
Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high**

**4 Thanks be to God who never turns his face away;  
thanks be to God who heals and pardons all who stray.  
Thanks be to God who welcomes us into his kingdom:  
Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.**

**5 Thanks be to God who made our world and all we see;  
thanks be to God who gave his Son to set us free.  
Thanks be to God whose Spirit brings warmth and rejoicing:  
Deo gratias, Deo gratias, thanks be to God most high.**

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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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