



Welcome to St Alban's Church Easter 7

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 *K Getty, K Getty, S Townend ©2007 Thankyou Music*

**1 Come, people of the risen King,
who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of grace.**

**From the shifting shadows of the earth
we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach
to gather children in.**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

**2 Come, those whose joy is morning sun
and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
and those struggling in the fight.**

**For His perfect love will never change,
and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days
with the certain hope of peace.**

Rejoice! Rejoice...

**3 Come, young and old from every land,
men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
find the riches of His grace.**

**Over all the world, His people sing,
shore to shore we hear them call
the truth that cries through every age:
'Our God is all in all'. Rejoice! Rejoice...**

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

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
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 1.15–17, 21–26

Second reading: 1 John 5.9–13

GRADUAL HYMN *Estelle White ©McCrimmon Publishing Co. Ltd*

**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

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

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

John 17.6–19

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

THE SERMON

THE BAPTISM

Presentation of the Candidate

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.

We thank God for Miles who has come to be baptized today.
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support Miles as he begins his journey of faith?

All We will.

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?

All We will.

The minister then addresses the parents and Godparents.

God knows each of us by name and we are his.
Parents and Godparents, you speak for Miles today.
Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?

Parents and Godparents: We will.

The Decision

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcome us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**

Do you reject evil? **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Lord? **I do.**

Signing with the Cross

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his forever.

All: Stand bravely with him against the all the powers of evil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

Prayer Over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptised in the River Jordan, where your spirit was poured out upon him and revealed him as the Son you love. He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water (+), that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

What we Believe

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made all things?

All: We believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

All: We believe and trust in Him.

Do you believe and trust in His Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

All: We believe and trust in Him.

This is the faith of the church.

All: This is our faith, we believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

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 *W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

**1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne,
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**2 Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight
received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

**3 Alleluia, Bread of Angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day;
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**4 Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.**

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.**

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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God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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 *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 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...***

**3 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...***

**4 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...***

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
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 *S Dauermann, S Guiser Rubin ©1975 Lillenas Publishing Co*

**You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy,
and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands.**

***And the trees of the field
shall clap their hands (x3)
...and you'll go out with joy.***

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 2nd Saturday of each month

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