

# Welcome to St Alban's Church Pentecost

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 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 they 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.

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

# INVITATION TO CONFESSION

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

For failing you by what we do and think and say; 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.** 

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)

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 2.1-21; Romans 8.22-27

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

GRADUAL HYMN Daniel Iverson ©1963 Birdwing Music/Emi

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (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 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

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

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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

# OFFERTORY HYMN Alan Dale@1967 OUP

1 God's Spirit is in my heart, he has called me and set me apart. This is what I have to do, what I have to do: He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
Tell blind people that they can see,
And set the downtrodden free.
And go tell everyone
the news that the Kingdom of God has come,
And go tell everyone
the news that God's Kingdom has come.

2 Just as the Father sent me, so I'm sending you out to be my witnesses throughout the world, the whole of the world.

3 Don't carry a load in your pack, you don't need two shirts on your back. A workman can earn his own keep, can earn his own keep.

4 Don't worry what you have to say, don't worry because on that day God's Spirit will speak in your heart, will speak in your heart.

#### 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, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father, to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore, we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever 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.** 

# 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.
- 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.

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.

# **AGNUS DEI**

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 David J. Evans ©1986 Kingsway's Thankyou Music

1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy one is here; come bow before him now with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy one is here.

2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

3 Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him; Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

# PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us out into the wild places of the world.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty, ....

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

CLOSING HYMN Damian Lundy ©1978, 1993 Kevin Mayhew Ltd

1 The Spirit lives to set us free, walk, walk in the light. He binds us all in unity, walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light, walk in the light, walk in the light, walk in the light of the Lord.

- 2 Jesus promised life to all, walk, walk in the light.
  The dead were wakened by his call, walk, walk in the light.
  Walk in the light...
- 3 He died in pain on Calvary, walk, walk in the light.
  To save the lost like you and me, walk, walk in the light.
  Walk in the light...
- 4 We know his death was not the end, walk, walk in the light.

  He gave his Spirit to be our friend, walk, walk in the light.

  Walk in the light...
- 5 By Jesus' love our wounds are healed, walk, walk in the light.
  The Father's kindness is revealed, walk, walk in the light.
  Walk in the light...
- 6 The Spirit lives in you and me, walk, walk in the light. His light will shine for all to see, walk, walk in the light. Walk in the light...

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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 Community Morning 10am-12pm

Morning Prayer 9am Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Saturday Prayer Breakfast 9.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month

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