Welcome to St Alban's



Trinity Sunday

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 Reginald Heber (1783 - 1875)

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,God in three persons, blessed Trinity

† 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 too often exchanged the worship of the living God for idols of our own imagining. As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity, and to worship him in spirit and in truth, let us call to mind our sins.

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace: 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.

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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 God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 6.1–8 New Testament reading: Romans 8.12–17

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

GRADUAL HYMN Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew; that I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure; until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure. 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine; until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

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 3.1-17

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

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PEACE

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you. And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN John Marriott (1780-1825)

1 Thou, whose almighty Word Chaos and darkness heard, And took their flight; Hear us, we humbly pray, And where the gospel-day Sheds not its glorious ray, Let there be light!

2 Thou who didst come to bring,On Thy redeeming wing,Healing and sight;Health to the sick in mind,Sight to the inly blind,O now to all mankindLet there be light!

3 Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth Thy flight;
Move on the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

4 Blessèd and holy Three, Glorious Trinity, Wisdom, love, might; Boundless as ocean's tide Rolling in fullest pride, Through the world far and wide Let there be light!

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 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, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For with your onlybegotten Son and the Holy Spirit you are one God, one Lord. All that you reveal of your glory, the same we believe of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you, Father of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. Three Persons we adore, one in being and equal in majesty. And so with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim, we sing for ever 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.

COMMUNION HYMN F.W. Faber 1814-63

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
 Like the wideness of the sea;
 There's a kindness in His justice,
 Which is more than liberty.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in Heaven; There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgment given.

3 For the love of God is broader Than the measure of our mind; And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind. 5 There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.

4 But we make His love too narrow
6 There i
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify His strictness
With a zeal He will not own.
In that up

6 There is grace enough for thousands Of new worlds as great as this; There is room for fresh creations In that upper home of bliss.

7 If our love were but more simple, We should take Him at His word; And our lives would be all sunshine In the sweetness of our Lord.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and eternal God,

you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, 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

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing ...

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

1 How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him who brings good news, good news; announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness: Our God reigns, our God reigns!

Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

2 You watchmen, lift your voices joyfully as one, shout for your king, your king! See eye to eye, the Lord restoring Sion: Our God reigns, our God reigns! *Our God reigns...*

3 Wasteplaces of Jerusalem, break forth with joy: we are redeemed, redeemed!
The Lord has saved and comforted his people
Our God reigns, our God reigns!
Our God reigns...

4 Ends of the earth, see the salvation of our God!
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!
Before the nations he has bared his holy arm.
Our God reigns, our God reigns!
Our God reigns...



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 2nd Saturday of each month

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