



Welcome to St Alban's Church

8th Sunday after Trinity

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 *Thomas O. Chisholm ©1923/1951 Hope Publishing Co*

**1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

Great is thy faithfulness...

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Great is thy faithfulness...

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 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.**

GLORIA ©1983 Mike Anderson

Gloria, (clap) gloria, (clap) in excelsis Deo.

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1 Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;

we worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise.

Gloria...

**2 Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all.**

Gloria...

**3 At the Father's right hand, Lord receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord.**

Gloria...

**4 Glory, Father and Son, Glory Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high, we glorify your name.**

Gloria...

THE COLLECT

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

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

Jeremiah 23.1–6

Ephesians 2.11–22

GRADUAL HYMN *Horatius Bonar, 1808-1899*

**1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down,
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.**

**2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.**

**3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me; thy morn shall rise
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.**

THE GOSPEL

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

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

Mark 6.30–34, 53–56

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

After each prayer: 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*

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 *Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

**1 God is love; his the care,
tending each, everywhere;
God is love--all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
that we all might know him:**

*Sing aloud, loud, loud;
sing aloud, loud, loud:
God is good, God is truth,
God is beauty--praise him!*

**2 None can see God above;
Humankind we can love;
Thus may we Godward move,
Finding God in others,
Sisters all, and brothers. *Sing aloud...***

**3 Jesus shared all our pain,
lived and died, rose again,
rules our hearts, now as then,
for he came to save us
by the truth he gave us: *Sing aloud...***

**4 To our Lord praise we sing,
light and life, friend and king,
coming down love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty: *Sing aloud...***

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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Lord of power, Lord of might.
Heav'n and earth are filled with glory.
Sing hosanna evermore.**

**Blest and holy, blest and holy,
he who comes from God on high!
Raise your voices, sing his glory,
praise his name for evermore.**

Israeli Mass, Anthony Hamson

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.***
- 2 **On earth as it is in heaven. *Hallowed be...*
Give us this day our daily bread. *Hallowed be... etc***
- 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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world.
Give us mercy, give us mercy, give us mercy Lamb of God. (*repeat*)
Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world.
Grant us peace Lord, grant us peace Lord,
grant us peace, O Lamb of God.**

Israeli Mass, Anthony Hamson

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

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

Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing. All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion.

COMMUNION HYMN *John L. Bell and Graham Maule*

**1 Christ's is the world in which we move.
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the One who meets us here.**

***To the lost Christ shows his face;
to the unloved he gives His embrace;
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ, makes, with His friends, a touching place.***

**2 Feel for the people we most avoid.
Strange or bereaved or never employed;
feel for the women, and feel for the men
Who fear that their living is all in vain. *To the lost...***

**3 Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the woman whom men have defiled.
Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest. *To the lost...***

**4 Feel for the lives by life confused.
Riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin. *To the lost...***

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you 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.**

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!

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.

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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 Prayer Breakfast 9.30am on the 2nd Saturday of each month

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