



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 *Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)*

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**2 Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**3 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

**† 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.

GLORIA

All sing

***Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest heav'ns;
peace, peace, peace on the earth;
peace to God's people, all people on earth. (Repeat)***

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
*Glory, glory...***

**Lord Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy, mercy on us. Have mercy, mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand, at the right hand of the Father,
receive, Lord, receive our prayer. Receive, Lord, receive our prayer.**

Glory, glory...

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory, glory of God, the glory of God the Father.**

Glory, glory...

Amen, amen.

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 8.14-17

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, alleluia, alleluia.

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

John 14.8-17 [25-27]

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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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. *He sent me...***

**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. *He sent me...***

**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. *He sent me...***

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor, who fills our praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

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:

All sing **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of pow'r and God of might.
Heaven and earth, heaven and earth,
are full of your glory, your power and might.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes.
Blessed, blessed is he who comes.
Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!**

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.

All sing **Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come. Lord Jesus, come;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!**

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.**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
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.**

AGNUS DEI

We sing **Jesus, Lamb of God, bread that makes us one;
Jesus, Lamb of God, wine that heals our minds;
Jesus, Lamb of God bearing all our sin;
Have mercy on us, give us your peace.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, food for hearts and minds;
Jesus, Lamb of God, giving strength to all;
Jesus, Lamb of God bearing all our sin;
Have mercy on us, give us your peace.**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 *Margaret Old ©1971 Scripture Union*

***Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove,
Give us your joy and give us your peace,
Show to us Jesus' love.***

**1 You inspired men, long, long ago,
they then proclaimed your word;
we see their lives serving mankind:
through them your voice is heard. *Spirit of God...***

**2 Without your help, we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way.
We need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day. *Spirit of God...***

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 hovered over the waters when the world was created,
breathe into you the life he gives.

Amen.

May the Spirit,
who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us,
make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

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.*

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.*

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.*

5 By Jesus' love our wounds are healed, *walk, walk in the light.*
The Father's kindness is revealed, *walk, 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.*

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REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS AT ST ALBAN'S

SUNDAY SERVICE:

Sung Eucharist 9:45am weekly

WEEKDAY SERVICES:

Thursday 9:30am Said Eucharist

followed by Heart of Welcome Café 10am-12pm

Saturday Prayers 9.30am next one Saturday 14th June



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