



Welcome to St Alban's Church

6th 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 J.M. Scriven (1819-1886)

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit!
O what needless pain we bear!
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

**2 Have we trials and temptations,
is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield you,
you will find a solace there.**

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 *Michael Perry ©Mrs B Perry/Jubilate Hymns*

We sing

**Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace his wonders tell.**

Lord we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's King;
Hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sins away;
now with him in triumph seated,
for your mercy, Lord we pray.
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone.
In the glory of the Father,
with the Spirit, three in one.

THE COLLECT

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

After each reading

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

Genesis 18.20–32; Colossians 2.6–15 [16–19]

GRADUAL HYMN *Karen Lafferty ©1972 Maranatha! Music*

**1 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.**

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
allelu, alleluia.***

**2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and it shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.**

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
allelu, alleluia.***

THE GOSPEL

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 11.1–13

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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

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:

We sing **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.**

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.

We sing **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.**

AGNUS DEI

We sing **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.**

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 *Maria Willis (1824-1908)*

**1 Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.**

**2 Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
we may tread rejoicingly.**

**3 Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.**

**4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wand'rings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of 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

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 *Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)*

**1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

**3 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.**

**4 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end, and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**

**5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime!
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

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 9th August



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