



Welcome to St Alban's Church

7th 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 *Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

**1 All my hope on God is founded
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tow'r and temple fall to dust.
But God's pow'r, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tow'r.**

**3 God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore, from his store,
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**4 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

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

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12–14; 2.18–23; Colossians 3.1–11

After each reading

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Ernest Sands © 1981 OCP Publications*

**1 Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name.
mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.**

*Come then all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

**2 Power he has wielded,
honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.**

Come then all you nations...

**3 Courage in our darkness,
comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.**

Come then all you nations...

**4 Praise him with your singing,
praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.**

Come then all you nations...

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 12.13–21

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 *William Kethe (d. 1594)*

**1 All people that on earth do dwell
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before Him and rejoice.**

**2 The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make:
We are his flock, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**3 O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto:
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**4 For why, the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**5 Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

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 *Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)*

**1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2 Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**3 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.**

**4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**5 Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, 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 *Martin Rinkart Tr. Catherine Winkworth*

**1 Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices;
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be ever more.**

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



*Celebrating God's Love
in the Heart of our
Community*

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