



# Welcome to St Alban's Church

## 13th Sunday after Trinity

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*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 *Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

**1 Angel voices ever singing  
round thy throne of light,  
angel harps forever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee,  
and confess thee Lord of might.**

**2 Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that thou regardest  
songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us  
and wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.**

**3 Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
O'er each work of thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
Craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure all combine.**

**4 In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee,  
and for thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds and  
hands and voices  
in our choicest psalmody.**

**5 Honour, glory, might, and merit  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Blessèd Trinity!  
Of the best that thou hast given  
earth and heaven render thee.**

*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 *George Salazar ©1993 OCP Publications*

***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, glory to God. Glory, glory, glory to God.***

#### THE COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32.7–14; 1 Timothy 1.12–17

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

#### GRADUAL HYMN *Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)*

**1 Just as I am without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bid'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**2 Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**3 Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

#### THE GOSPEL

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

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

Luke 15.1–10

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

*We sing....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 *Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

**1 And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
*Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? (repeat)***

**2 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies:  
who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine!  
*'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
let angel minds inquire no more. (repeat)***

**3 He left his Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite his grace;  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
*'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me. (repeat)***

**4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
*my chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee. (repeat)***

**5 No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine.  
*Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own. (repeat)***

## 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 *Stuart Townend©Copyright 1996 Thankyou Music*

**1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.**

***And I will trust in you alone,  
and I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.***

**2 He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights. *And I will trust...***

**3 And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know. *And I will trust...***

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through 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** *Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)*

**1 Praise, my soul, the king of heaven!  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting king!**

**2 Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!**

**3 Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows!**

**4 Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!**

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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 11<sup>th</sup> October



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