

# Welcome to St Alban's Church

# 16th 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 @Revd. Edward J Burns

1 We have a gospel to proclaim: good news for men in all the earth; the gospel of a saviour's name: We sing his glory, tell his worth.

2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem, not in a royal house or hall but in a stable dark and dim: the Word made flesh, a light for all.

3 Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those He came to save; in lonely suffering on the cross for all he loved, his life he gave. 4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn: Empty the tomb, for he was free. he broke the power of death and hell that we might share His victory.

5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified; he sends his Spirit on his church to live for him, the lamb who died.

6 Now we rejoice to name him king: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. The gospel message we proclaim: We sing his glory, tell his worth. 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.

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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

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4; 2 Timothy 1.1-14

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

GRADUAL HYMN Henry Alford, 1810-71

1 We walk by faith and not by sight: no gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke but we believe him near. 2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry 'My Lord and God!'

3 Help then, O Lord, out unbelief, and may our faith abound; to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.

4 That, when our life and faith is done in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.

5 We walk by faith and not by sight: no gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke but we believe him near.

#### 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 17.5-10

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 N Tate 1652-1715 and N Brady 1659-1726

- 1 Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.
- 2 Of his deliverance I will boast, till all that are distressed, when learning this, will comfort take and charm their griefs to rest.
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me, with me exalt his name; when in distress to him I called, he to my rescue came.
- 4 O make but trial of his love; experience will decide how blest are they, and only they, who in his truth confide.
- 5 Fear him, ye saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear; make you his service your delight; your wants shall be his care.

6 To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore, be glory, as it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

# 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 wanderings be our guide; through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be thou at our side.

# PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; 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 S Dauermann, S Guiser Rubin ©1975 Lillenas Publishing Co

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace, and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy, and the trees of the field shall clap, shall clap their hands.

And the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and you'll go out with joy.

Repeat twice, ending on '...clap their hands!'

New People's Mass, A Gregory Murray @1975, 1987 McCrimmon

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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 11th October



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