



Welcome to St Alban's Church Harvest Festival

OPENING HYMN *Matthias Claudius, Tr. Jane M. Campbell*

**1 We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.
*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.***

**2 He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.
*All good gifts...***

**3 We thank thee, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good;
the seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all thy love imparts,
but that which thou desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.
*All good gifts...***

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

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

God has blessed us,
but still God's children go hungry.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still the poor cry out for justice.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

God has blessed us,
but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.
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 (The special prayer of the day)

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

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

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Philippians 4.4-9

GRADUAL HYMN *Suzanne Toolan©1972 GIA Publications Inc.*

***Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son. (Repeat)***

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong",
let the poor say, "I am rich",
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong",
let the poor say, "I am rich",
because of what the Lord has done for us.
*Give thanks ...***

THE GOSPEL

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

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

John 6.25-35

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

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES CREED *Please stand if you are able*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

At the end 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*

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895)*

***All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.***

**1 Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.**

**2 The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky.**

**3 The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.**

**4 The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows for our play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather ev'ry day.**

**5 He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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 eternal God.

For you have created the heavens and the earth, and formed us in your own image. In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son, your eternal Word, who laid down his life for our salvation and rose from the grave, the first-fruits of your new creation. You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit to give life to our mortal bodies and to renew the face of the earth.

Therefore with all the heavenly hosts, we give voice to everything that you have made, and sing the eternal hymn of praise.

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.

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 receive a blessing. All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion.

**1 I am the Bread of life,
you who come to me shall not hunger,
and you who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.**

***And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.***

**2 The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.**

And I will raise you up...

**3 Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.**

And I will raise you up...

**4 I am the Resurrection,
I am the Life,
If you believe in me,
even though you die,
you shall live for ever.**

And I will raise you up...

**5 Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world.**

And I will raise you up...

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us
a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
Strengthen our faith that we may grow
in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. **Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Henry Alford (1810 - 1871)*

**1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our needs to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest-home.**

**2 We ourselves are God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**3 For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home,
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.**

**4 Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest home
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, forever purified,
in God's garner to abide;
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!**

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 8th November



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