



Welcome to St Alban's

2nd Sunday before Advent Safeguarding Sunday

Before the children leave for Children's Church we pray....

**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 *Walter Chalmers Smith (1825-1908)*

**1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth 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

My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

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.

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)

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

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

Malachi 4.1–2a; 2 Thessalonians 3.6–13

**1 All heaven declares
the glory of the risen Lord;
who can compare
with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever He will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship Him alone.**

**2 I will proclaim
the glory of the risen Lord,
who once was slain
to reconcile man to God.
For ever You will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee,
and worship You alone.**

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 21.5–19

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: 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*

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry;
all who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me;
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them –
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak my word to them.
whom shall I send?**

Here I am, Lord...

**3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them –
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give my life to them.
whom shall I send?**

Here I am, Lord...

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Blessed are you, Lord God of 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 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.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever 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.

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.**

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.**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All baptised Christians who receive communion in their own churches are welcome to receive communion. Any member of the congregation may come forward to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN *John L. Bell and Graham Maule*

**1 Christ's is the world in which we move.
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love,
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the One who meets us here.**

***To the lost Christ shows his face;
to the unloved he gives his embrace;
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ, makes, with his friends, a touching place.***

**2 Feel for the people we most avoid.
Strange or bereaved or never employed;
feel for the women, and feel for the men
Who fear that their living is all in vain.
*To the lost...***

**3 Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the woman whom men have defiled.
Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest. *To the lost...***

**4 Feel for the lives by life confused.
Riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin. *To the lost...***

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace,
and the blessing ...

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

**1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

**2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

Christ, be our light...

**3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

Christ, be our light...

**4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

Christ, be our light...

**5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.**

Christ, be our light...

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

Tiny Toes Toddler Group every Monday in term time, 9.30 – 11am



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