



Welcome to St Alban's Church

Bible Sunday

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 *John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811 - 1875)*

**1 Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.**

**2 Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes and seek his face;
life with its way before thee lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**3 Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**4 Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near,
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to 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.

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

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 45.22–25; Romans 15.1–6

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

**Bless the Lord my soul,
and bless God's holy name,
Bless the Lord my soul,
who leads me into life.**

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 4.16–24

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 *Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)*

**1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him, by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.**

**2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth.
Praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.**

**3 O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.**

**4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace and salvation, O praise ye the Lord!**

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 *Margaret Old ©1971 Scripture Union*

***Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove,
Give us your joy and give us your peace,
Show to us Jesus' love.***

**1 You inspired men, long, long ago,
they then proclaimed your word;
we see their lives serving mankind:
through them your voice is heard.**

Spirit of God...

**2 Without your help, we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way.
We need your power, we need your strength,
following Christ each day.**

Spirit of God...

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who 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 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 *Estelle White ©McCrimmon*

***Walk with me, oh my Lord,
Through the darkest night and brightest day.
Be at my side, oh Lord,
Hold my hand and guide me on my way.***

**1 Sometimes the road seems long,
my energy is spent.
Then, Lord, I think of you
and I am given strength.**

***Walk with me, oh my Lord,
Through the darkest night and brightest day.
Be at my side, oh Lord,
Hold my hand and guide me on my way.***

**2 Stones often bar my path
and there are times I fall,
but you are always there
to help me when I call.**

Walk with me...

**3 Just as you calmed the wind
and walked upon the sea,
Conquer, my living Lord,
the storms that threaten me.**

Walk with me...

**4 Help me to pierce the mists
that cloud my heart and mind,
so that I shall not fear
the steepest mountain-side.**

Walk with me...

**5 As once you helped the lame
and gave sight to the blind,
help me when I'm downcast
to hold my head high.**

Walk with me...

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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 8th November



Celebrating God's Love
in the Heart of our
Community

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