



# Welcome to St Alban's

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

*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 Marriott (1780-1825)*

**1** Thou, whose almighty Word  
Chaos and darkness heard,  
And took their flight;  
Hear us, we humbly pray,  
And where the gospel-day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light!

**2** Thou who didst come to bring,  
On Thy redeeming wing,  
Healing and sight;  
Health to the sick in mind,  
Sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
Let there be light!

**3** Spirit of truth and love,  
Life-giving, holy Dove,  
Speed forth Thy flight;  
Move on the waters' face,  
Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place  
Let there be light!

**4 Blessed and holy Three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, love, might;  
Boundless as ocean's tide  
Rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the world far and wide  
Let there be light!**

*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

By the mercies of God,  
let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable to him, which is our spiritual worship.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

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

*All sing*

***Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest heav'ns;  
peace, peace, peace on the earth;  
peace to God's people, all people on earth. (Repeat)***

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

***Glory, glory...***

**Lord Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy, mercy on us. Have mercy, mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand, at the right hand of the Father,  
receive, Lord, receive our prayer. Receive, Lord, receive our prayer.**

***Glory, glory...***

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory, glory of God, the glory of God the Father.**

***Glory, glory...***

**Amen, amen.**

## THE COLLECT (The special prayer of the day)

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
Transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 49.1-7; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Terry Coelho ©1972 Maranatha Music*

**1 Father we adore you,  
lay our lives before you;  
how we love you.**

**2 Jesus, we adore you... 3 Spirit, we adore you...**

## THE GOSPEL

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

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

John 1.29-42

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

*We sing Alleluia, alleluia, 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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you are called to peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share a sign of peace with those standing near us.*

OFFERTORY HYMN *C Coffin (1676-1749), tr. J Chandler (1808-1876)*

**1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem,  
in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addressed;  
God in man made manifest.**

**2 Manifest at Jordan's streams,  
prophet, Priest and King supreme,  
and at Cana wedding-guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest,  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed;  
God in man made manifest.**

**3 Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul,  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might,  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill;  
anthems be to thee addressed;  
God in man made manifest.**

**4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee.  
Christ will then like lightning shine.  
All will see his glorious sign.  
All will see the judge appear;  
all will then the trumpet hear;  
thou by all wilt be confessed;  
God in man made manifest.**

**5 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
mirrored in thy holy word;  
may we imitate thee now  
and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we like to thee may be  
at thy great Epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.**

#### THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Lord, accept your people's gifts,  
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,  
but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ,  
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

#### 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.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator,  
ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi the King of all the world  
was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine the new creation was revealed  
at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*We sing*    **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and God of might:  
Heaven and earth, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory, your power and might.  
*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens.*  
*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heavens.***

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes,  
Blessed, blessed is he who comes,  
blessed is he, blessed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord. *Hosanna...***

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*    **Dying you destroyed our death,  
Rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus come, Lord Jesus come;  
Lord Jesus come in glory.  
*Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!*  
*Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heav'ns!***

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.**

*We sing*    **Jesus, Lamb of God, Bread of Life for us;  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Wine of Joy for us;  
Jesus, Lamb of God bearing all our sin;  
Have mercy on us, give us your 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.**

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

COMMUNION HYMN *Traditional*

**1 Let us break bread together on our knees.**  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees  
with my face to the rising sun,  
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

**2 Let us drink wine together...**

**3 Let us praise God together...**

*Prayer after Communion*

God of glory,  
You nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life:  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us  
the light of your glory may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of 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

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in your hearts  
and fill your lives with his joy 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** *Graham Maule & John L. Bell © 1987 WGRG, Iona Community*

**1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown,**

**will you let my name be known,**

**will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?**

**2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare,**

**should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**3 Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?**

**Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?**

**Will you kiss the leper clean,**

**and do such as this unseen,**

**and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**4 Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?**

**Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?**

**Will you use the faith you've found**

**to reshape the world around,**

**through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.**

**In your company I'll go**

**where your love and footsteps show;**

**Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

## Regular services and events at St Alban's

### SUNDAY SERVICE:

Sung Eucharist 9:45am weekly

### WEEKDAY SERVICE:

**Thursday 9:30am** Said Eucharist

*followed by Heart of Welcome Café 10am-12pm*

**Saturday Prayer Breakfast 9.30am** next one Saturday 14th February

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



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