



# Welcome to St Alban's

## Mothering Sunday

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OPENING HYMN *Ernest Sands © 1981 OCP Publications*

**1 Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,  
come to him and bless his name.  
mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever,  
faithful to the end of days.**

*Come then all you nations,  
sing of your Lord's goodness,  
melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory,  
praise him with your music,  
worship him and bless his name.*

**2 Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,  
risen from the snares of death.  
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,  
new life he now gives to all.**

*Come then all you nations...*

**3 Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high;  
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,  
splendour of the living God.**

*Come then all you nations...*

**4 Praise him with your singing,  
praise him with the trumpet,  
praise God with the lute and harp;**

**praise him with the cymbals,  
praise him with your dancing,  
praise God till the end of days.**

***Come then all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,  
melodies of praise and thanks to God.***

***Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,  
worship him and bless his name.***

*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.**

## CONFESSION

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light.  
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.**

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

God of love,  
passionate and strong, tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Exodus 2.1–10; Colossians 3.12–17

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

## THE GOSPEL

*We remain standing for the Gospel reading and sing...*

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have sinned against thee.**



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 2.33-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## 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

*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

We meet in the name of Christ and we share his peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Sydney Carter ©1971 Stainer & Bell Ltd*

**1 Colours of day dawn into the mind,  
The sun has come up, the night is behind.  
Go down in the city, into the street,  
And let's give the message to the people we meet.**

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,  
Open the door, let Jesus return,  
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,  
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.*

**2 Go through the park, on into the town;  
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.  
The light of the world is risen again;  
The people of darkness are needing a friend.  
*So light up the fire....***

**3 Open your eyes, look into the sky,  
The darkness has come, the sun came to die,  
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,  
But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.  
*So light up the fire...***

## 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 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 and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your  
generous heart.

Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in  
the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant  
splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever  
praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Lord of power, Lord of might.  
Heav'n and earth are filled with glory.  
Sing hosanna evermore.**

**Blest and holy, blest and holy,  
he who comes from God on high!  
Raise your voices, sing his glory,  
praise his name for evermore.**

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:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Traditional Caribbean*

- 1 Our Father, who art in heaven,  
*hallowed be thy name.*  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
*hallowed be thy name, hallowed be thy name.***
- 2 On earth as it is in heaven. *Hallowed...*  
Give us this day our daily bread. *Hallowed... etc***
- 3 Forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**
- 4 And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from all that is evil.**
- 5 For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever, and for ever and ever.**
- 6 Amen, amen, it shall be so.  
Amen, amen, it shall be so.**

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 sin, the sin of all the world.  
Give us mercy, give us mercy,  
give us mercy Lamb of God. (repeat)  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin, the sin of all the world.  
Grant us peace Lord, grant us peace Lord,  
grant us peace, O Lamb of God.**

*Invitation to communion*

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 receive a blessing.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Henry Smith ©1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music*

**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. (Repeat)***

***(Repeat all from beginning finishing with 'Give thanks')***

*Prayer after Communion*

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
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

May the Father,  
from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name,  
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;

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 *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.***

## Holy Week and Easter at St Alban's

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** Palm Sunday Procession and Sung Eucharist **9.45am**  
*Meet at Gossops Green Community Centre to begin the procession*

**March 30<sup>th</sup>** Tenebrae 7.30pm

**March 31<sup>st</sup>** Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** Compline 7.30pm

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** Maundy Thursday

Morning Service **9.30am**

**7.30pm Sung Eucharist** *with foot washing and watch*

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>** Good Friday Workshop for children **10am-12 noon**

*Children's crafts and activities, hot cross buns  
and informal worship to end the morning*

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>** Good Friday Liturgy **2pm**

*Passion reading, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion*

**April 4<sup>th</sup>** Easter Vigil **7.30pm**

*Lighting of the Easter fire, Vigil and first Mass of Easter*

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** Easter Day Family Service **9.45am**

*Easter Day service for all the family*



## 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 11<sup>th</sup> April

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

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Celebrating God's Love  
in the Heart of our  
Community

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