

The Anglican Parish of Epping

ST ALBAN'S  
130<sup>th</sup> PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Procession, Festival Eucharist and  
Rededication of the Parish



Sunday 21 June 2026  
9.30am

President: The Rector, The Reverend Phil Lui

Preacher: The Right Reverend Chris Edwards

Clergy: Pastor Kian Holik, The Reverend Simon Pei

Assistant Minister: Bill Walton

Assistants: Peggy Sanders and David Tait

Music Director: Chris Czerwinski

Organ Scholars: Isabel Li and Enoch Pan

Setting: Dudman

“Among the roses of the martyrs, brightly shines Saint Alban.”

## **The Story of Saint Alban:**

Alban is the first-recorded British Christian Martyr, in addition to the information of his Martyrdom (see page 11) as with all good stories the legend of Saint Alban grew with time. The Venerable Bede, writing in the 8th century elaborates the story, adding that the river miraculously divided to let him pass and a spring of water appeared to provide a drink for the saint. He also adds that the executioner's eyes dropped out as he beheaded the saint, a detail that has often been depicted with relish since. At the time of Bede there was a church and shrine near the spot, pilgrims travelled to visit, and it became an established place of healing. He describes the hill as "adorned with wild flowers of every kind" and as a spot "whose natural beauty had long fitted it as a place to be hallowed by the blood of a blessed martyr". There is an even earlier record of Saint Germanus visiting the shrine around 429. Alban was probably buried in the Roman cemetery to the south of the present Abbey Church of Saint Alban in the UK. Recent finds suggest an early basilica over the spot and later a Saxon Benedictine monastery was founded, probably by King Offa around 793. This was replaced in 1077 by the large Norman church and monastery, the remains of which are still partly visible in the tower and central part of the present cathedral.

Today we celebrate our **130th Patronal Festival**. The first Anglican services commenced in Epping mid 1891 (135 years ago) in the home of Robert Hilliard in Essex Street. The following year, Mr Hilliard erected a wooden hall on his property, and the first service was held there on 22 May 1892. In 1896 (130 years ago) the Anglican community felt inspired to erect a permanent church and this was opened in October of that year. Today it survives, externally little altered, as the parish church offices. The selection of Saint Alban as the Patron Saint was made with the date set for the laying of the foundation stone on 19 June 1896 – Alban the Martyr being the closest Saint's day (22 June). As Epping moved from village to outer suburb a larger church was deemed necessary and the foundation stone of the current building was laid on 16 June 1923. The church was opened for worship on 20 December 1923.

Today we rejoice in having our service include all the congregations of Saint Alban's, with the Indonesian Congregation and the Chinese Congregation. We give thanks that we can celebrate God's goodness to us in our diversity and unity.

We welcome as our Preacher, Bishop of the Northern Region of Sydney Diocese, The Right Reverend Chris Edwards.

## PRELUDE (*PEMBUKAAN*)

*Welcome to this service at St Alban's Church. This service outline will assist you as you take part in the service.*

***If you wish to make an offertory today towards the work of the Parish, a collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn immediately after the 'Greeting of Peace'. You may contribute financially to the ministry of this parish by direct transfer, check the details on the back page of the Bulletin, or by tapping the card reader at the rear of the Church.***

*You are welcome to sit at any stage during the service should you find the need. We invite you to join in the words in bold type.*

*The bell is rung and the congregation stands.*

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME** (*BERKUMPUL DALAM NAMA ALLAH*)

President: Let us proceed in peace,

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **PROCESSION** (*LANGKAH MASUK*)

### **HYMN** (*HIMNE*)

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| <p>1 Joyful, joyful, we adore you,<br/>God of glory, God of love;<br/>hearts unfold like flowers before you<br/>opening to the sun above.<br/>Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,<br/>drive the dark of doubt away;<br/>giver of immortal gladness,<br/>fill us with the light of day.</p> <p>2 You are giving and forgiving,<br/>ever blessing, ever blest,<br/>well-spring of the joy of living,<br/>ocean-depth of happy rest.<br/>You our Father, Christ our brother,<br/>all are yours who live in love;<br/>teach us how to love each other,<br/>lift us to your joy above.</p> <p>3 Now we'll sing a song of goodness,<br/>sing to celebrate a saint.<br/>We will sing of his devotion<br/>and a portrait we will paint.<br/>We will paint for you a picture<br/>of a man with love so great<br/>that he suffered as a martyr,<br/>and he did not shirk his fate.</p> | <p>4 Once this man, whose name was Alban,<br/>saw a neighbour was distressed.<br/>In his love he faced the suff'ring,<br/>that upon his neighbour pressed.<br/>With this selfless saint's example,<br/>bless us too, that we might prove<br/>to have found in Alban's loving<br/>a new pattern for our love.</p> <p>5 So we sing a song of duty<br/>and we ask ourselves if we,<br/>faced with choices like Saint Alban's,<br/>would respond with love as free;<br/>and put aside our selfish grasping<br/>at the things for which we thirst,<br/>as we care for all God's people<br/>and we put our neighbour first.</p> <p>6 For this man, whose name was Alban,<br/>shows us how to heed God's call.<br/>In his life he honoured Jesus,<br/>and his love inspires us all.<br/>Through this selfless saint's example<br/>grant us that, when faced with strife,<br/>we can find in Alban's living<br/>a new pattern for our life.</p> |
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Verses 1 and 2 - Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933).Public domain

Verses 3-6 - Words: Richard G Murray 2012

This hymn was sent to us for St Alban's Day by Bishop Barbara Darling before her death in 2015.

President: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

President: We are the temple of the living God, and the Spirit of God dwells in us. The temple of God is holy, and we are that temple.

**All: We are his church, may the Spirit of God dwell in us.**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION** (*UNDANGAN UNTUK PENGAKUAN DOSA*)

Deacon: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

**All (sung): Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

**All (said): Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE ABSOLUTION** (*BERITA ANUGERAH*)

Bishop: Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE GLORIA** (*MULIA*)

**All (sung): Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**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 of God the Father. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR SAINT ALBAN'S DAY (PERSEMBAHAN)

President:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by whose grace and power your holy martyr Alban triumphed over suffering and was faithful even to death: Grant us, who now remember him in thanksgiving, to be so faithful in our witness to you in this world, that we may receive with him the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Gracious God, we thank you for your goodness, as we celebrate our 130<sup>th</sup> Patronal Festival and the years of ministry through this parish. Bless all who have served here, and all who have joined us to continue to enrich our witness to your love. Take us, we pray, as we dedicate ourselves anew to your service, and further all our endeavours to build up the community of your kingdom of love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD (PELAYANAN FIRMAN) (Seated)

### First Reading

Genesis 21.8-21

*The reading will be read in Cantonese*

*Reader: Kinson Wong*

A reading from the Book of Genesis, Chapter 21, beginning at verse 8

<sup>8</sup> The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. <sup>10</sup> So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' <sup>11</sup> The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. <sup>13</sup> As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' <sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. <sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup> Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. <sup>20</sup> God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. <sup>21</sup> He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 86.1-10, 16-17

*The Psalm will be read in English*

*Reader: Sarah Weaver*

- 1 Incline your ear to me, O God, and answer me:  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 **Preserve my life, for I am faithful:  
My God, save your servant who trusts in you.**
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord:  
for I call to you all the day long.
- 4 **O make glad the soul of your servant:  
for I put my hope in you, O Lord.**
- 5 For you, Lord, are good and forgiving:  
of great and continuing kindness to all who call upon you.
- 6 **Hear my prayer, O Lord:  
and give heed to the voice of my supplication.**
- 7 In the day of my trouble I call upon you:  
for you will surely answer.
- 8 **Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord:  
nor are there any deeds like yours.**
- 9 All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you:  
O Lord, they shall glorify your name.
- 10 **For you are great and do marvellous things:  
and you alone are God.**
- 16 Turn to me and be merciful, give your strength to your servant:  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 **Show me some token of your goodness:  
that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed,  
because you, Lord, are my helper and my comforter.**

## Second Reading

Romans 3.21-31

*The reading will be read in Bahasa Indonesia*

*Reader: Merry Imanuella*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans, Chapter 3, beginning at verse 21

<sup>21</sup> But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. <sup>29</sup> Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, <sup>30</sup> since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same

faith. <sup>31</sup> Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN** (*HIMNE*)

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| 1 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)<br>that saved a wretch like me!<br>I once was lost, but now am found,<br>was blind, but now I see.    | 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares<br>I have already come:<br>God's grace has brought me safe thus far,<br>and grace will lead me home. |
| 2 As grace first taught my heart to fear<br>so grace my fears relieved;<br>how precious did that grace appear<br>the hour I first believed! | 4 The Lord has promised good to me,<br>his word my hope secures;<br>he will my shield and portion be<br>as long as life endures.              |

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### **THE GOSPEL** (*INJIL*)

**Matthew 10.24-39**

*(Standing facing the reader)*

*Reader: Pastor Kian Holik*

Reader: Alleluia, Alleluia,  
As many of you as were baptized in Christ, have put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Alleluia.**

Reader: The Lord be with you

**All: and also with you.**

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 10 beginning at verse 24

**All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>24</sup> 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup> 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household. <sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and

follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Reader: For the Gospel of the Lord,

**All: praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**THE SERMON** (*KHOTBAH*)

Bishop Chris Edwards

*(Please sit when indicated by the Preacher)*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*(Standing)*

Deacon: Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**All: 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 THE PEOPLE** (*DOA UMAT*)

*(Please kneel or sit)*

**For our Children and Children's Ministry**

Reader: Aimee Wong (Student Minister and Children's Ministry Worker)

Let us pray.

Our loving Lord, thank you so much that you are a Father to all of us who trust in you. Thank you that our children are such a special part of our family here at Saint Alban's. We thank you so much that they have the chance to hear about you in ways they can understand every week at Sunday School. Thank you that the message of Jesus can be understood by those young and old, and thank you that we can speak to you no matter how much we understand. Thank you for the fun we

have at Sunday School, and for the joy of having each other to play games with and do crafts together.

We thank you for what we have been learning this year - for the promises you made to Abraham, and the way that shows us we can always trust you to keep your promises. We thank you so much that you have kept those promises in Jesus, so the children can know with confidence that you are for them, and worth listening to.

Thank you for being our Heavenly Father who always listens when we pray. Please keep the children safe in you, here at Saint Alban's - make them hungry learners with soft hearts with an eager desire for the lost to know you. We thank you for their families and for the blessing of all who assist in the Children's Ministry in this parish.

Reader: Loving God in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

### **For our Youth**

Reader: Esther Hoo (Member of Youth Group)

Heavenly Father, thank you that we have been able to start Youth Group this year at Saint Alban's. Thank you for the leaders who help run Youth each week. Thank you for Youth this Term as we have been learning about who Jesus is through the first 8 chapters of the book of Mark. Thank you that Jesus is the powerful Son of God who has come to give us eternal life. Please help Youth to be fun, for more people to come, and for many who don't know you to learn about you through the Bible.

Reader: Loving God in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

### **For our Indonesian Congregation**

*Read in Bahasa Indonesia*

Reader: Richy Ringu

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the warm welcome, encouragement, and support we have received from the parish of Saint Alban's since arriving six months ago. We are grateful for the privilege of belonging to this church family and for the opportunities to serve alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray that You would deepen our unity in the gospel across the different language congregations, helping us to love, encourage, and serve one another faithfully. By Your Spirit, make us a clear witness to Christ in Epping and throughout Sydney, that many may see Your grace and give glory to Your name.

Reader: Loving God in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

### **For our Chinese Congregation**

*Read in Mandarin*

Reader: John Zhou

Dear Heavenly Father, We thank You for the newly established Chinese congregation this year. We pray that You make us like the early church — steadfastly devoting ourselves to the apostles' teaching and growing deep roots in Your Word.

We ask that You help the brothers and sisters in the Chinese congregation to build one another up in fellowship, prayer, love, feasts, and everyday life, so that we may become a warm, faithful, and united spiritual family.

Grant us courage and wisdom from the Holy Spirit, that we may boldly witness Christ to the Chinese-speaking people around us, warmly welcome seekers, and see You adding the saved to the church.

Reader: Loving God in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

### **For the Leadership of our Parish and our Community of Faith**

Reader: Elizabeth Jenkins (Rector's Warden)

Thank you Almighty God for the continuity of Christian faith in this community. Thank you for the resources you provided to the people who established this parish and for the careful stewardship by past generations so that we can benefit from their toils and efforts. Guide the Wardens and Parish Council as they strive to steward the resources you provide to continue our witness to your goodness in this place.

We give you thanks for our Rector, Phil, for our Parish Administrator, Denise, and our Ministry Team. Be with our Rector in his leadership of the parish and may we support and encourage him in his vision for the growth of our community of faith. May the leaders of our congregations be supported in their ministry as they seek to build up your Church, may their work bring them joy and may they serve gladly.

We give you thanks and pray for the families of our clergy, and we ask that you watch over them, may their relationships and friendships be mutually nurturing and encouraging.

Reader: Loving God in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Rector:

Thank you for the blessing and hope of each new generation in this parish; we praise you for the love and encouragement of those who have gone before us and have left a great example of service and faithfulness.

Thank you for Alban and all the saints of heaven who join us as we praise you in your holiness. Help us to follow the example of your saints and disciples, faithfully following Christ and serving his people.

Rector: Loving God in your mercy

**All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(DOA BAPA KAMI)*

Rector:

As I say The Lord's Prayer please join me, each in your preferred language.

Let us pray:

**All:**

**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. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

**A REDEDICATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF SAINT ALBAN  
TO THE SERVICE OF CHRIST**

*(REDEDIKASI UMAT GEREJA ST ALBAN UNTUK PELAYANAN KRISTUS)*

*(Please stand)*

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Bishop: Today, we honour the patron Saint of this Parish, Alban, who was the first martyr in the Island of Britain. He lived in the region that is now known as St Albans, forty kilometres north of London.

During Diocletian's persecution he gave shelter to a fleeing Christian. He himself was arrested and put to death. Like Saint Alban, you are called to minister to others in this world, bringing them to Christ through daily witness in your life and work.

God made a covenant with the people of Israel, calling them to be a holy nation, chosen to bear witness to his steadfast love by finding delight in the law. The covenant was renewed in Jesus Christ our Lord, in his life, work, death and resurrection. In him all people may be set free from sin and its power, and united in love and obedience. In this covenant God promises new life in Christ. For our part we promise to live no longer for ourselves but for God. We meet, therefore, as generations have met before God, to renew the covenant that bound them and binds us to God.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, I invite you again to accept your place within this covenant which God has made with all who are called to be Christ's disciples. This means that, by the help of the Holy Spirit, you accept God's purpose for you, and the call to love and serve God in all your life and work.

Christ has many services to be done: some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some express our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both; in some we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ, who strengthens all people. Therefore, I encourage us all to make this covenant with God our own. Let us give ourselves to him, trusting in his promises and relying on his grace.

*(silent reflection)*

Bishop: O God, we are many times afraid of our calling to covenant relationship with you. We would prefer to travel without responsibility. We would rather not risk being hurt. We find it more comfortable to have structures of power. We sometimes choose to stay with our guilt and separate ourselves from your community.

**All: Forgive us, O God, and help us to remember that we are the Body of Christ in the world.**

Bishop: We are always the broken body, but the word to us is that in Jesus Christ we are made whole and given strength to do the task that is asked of us. We are to be a people of dignity.

**All: We are those who join the whole communion of saints, honoured of God, loved by Christ and befriended by the Holy Spirit.**

Bishop: We are to be a people who weep for the suffering of the world.  
**All: We truly care about the world in which we live, even as we feel our lack of power and our need for wisdom.**

Bishop: We are to be a people of faith, love and hope.  
**All: Together we will celebrate the moments of new life. Together we will work and play. Together we will give thanks for God's gifts along the way.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim Christ by word and example, and seek to serve Christ in every person you meet?  
**All: We will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you strive to build in this parish a loving Christian community, ministering to the glory of God and reaching out with the Good News of Christ?  
**All: We will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you strive for justice, peace and the common good, respecting the dignity of all people?  
**All: We will, with God's help.**

**Eternal God, in your faithful and enduring love you call us to share in your gracious covenant as part of the Body of Christ in this parish. In obedience we hear and accept your commands; in love we seek to do your perfect will; with joy we offer ourselves anew to you.**

**We are no longer our own but yours. Your will, not ours, be done in all things: wherever we may be, in all that we do and in all that we may endure; when there is work for us and when there is none; when we are troubled and when we are at peace. Your will be done when we are valued and when we are disregarded; when we find fulfilment and when it is lacking; when we have all things and when we have nothing.**

**We willingly offer all we have and are to serve you, as and where you choose. Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are our God and we belong to you. May it be so for ever. Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.**

Bishop: Lord God, nourish and strengthen the people of each of the congregations of the Parish of Saint Alban, Epping, as they renew their commitment to your covenant. Enable us all to go out into the world, to give faithful witness and loving service to all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All: Amen.**

**THE GREETING OF PEACE** (SALAM DAMAI)  
*(Remain standing)*

Bishop: Peace to this church from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace to this church from his Son who is our peace.  
Peace to this church from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

*Please turn to those nearby and offer a greeting of peace.*

*During the singing of the following hymn, the offertory will be collected and then brought forward to the Sanctuary.*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN** (*HIMNE PERSEMBAHAN*)

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand has made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art!*
- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:
- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die—I scarce can take it in  
that on the cross, our burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away our sin:
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!

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### **THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS** (*PERSIAPAN UNTUK PERSEMBAHAN*) (*Remain standing*)

President: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation: through your goodness we have gifts to share. Accept our offerings, those we bring this morning, as well as those being made by other means, that they may be used for the work of this parish for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

President: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to share; which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Life.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

President: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to share. Fruit of the vine, work of human hands. It will become for us our Spiritual drink.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*PENGUCAPAN SYUKUR*) (*Standing*)

President: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

President: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

President: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

President: All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. And now we give you thanks because you have called us into the fellowship of Alban and all your saints, and set before us the example of their witness and the fruit of your Spirit in their lives.

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:

**All (sung): 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.**

President: Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**All (sung): Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

President: Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

**All (sung): Blessing and honour, glory and power are yours forever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION**

President: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

**All (sung): Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

Deacon: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Communion at Saint Alban's. If you do not wish for any reason to receive the bread and wine, you are very welcome to come forward for a simple prayer of blessing: keep your hands by your side and one of the clergy will give you a blessing.*

*We receive bread in the form of a wafer, then wine in a small individual disposable cup. If you prefer you could receive wine from the chalice. Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic grape juice are available. Please indicate to the clergy as they approach you at the Altar Rail. Please move to the Chancel Steps by the centre aisle to receive the bread and wine.*

*It is a matter of personal choice whether you stand or kneel to receive the bread and wine.*

*Return to your place by a side aisle, placing your used cup in the container at the end of the front pew. If you need to receive communion in your seat, please let a duty parishioner know and the clergy will come to you in the pew.*

### **COMMUNION MOTET**

We love the place, O God

Music: Paul Leddington Wright (b. 1951)

Words: W. Bullock (1798-1874) and H. W. Baker (1821-77)

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (DOA SETELAH KOMUNI)** *(Remain kneeling or seated)*

President: God, the source of all holiness: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims on earth be welcomed with Saint Alban and all your saints to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

**All: Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

### **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS (WARTA GEREJA)**

#### **HYMN (HIMNE)**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, thy child let me be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 Be thou my armour, my sword for the fight,  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight;  
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

4 Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,  
thou my inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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### **THE BLESSING** (*DOA BERKAT*)

Bishop: God bring you to the home that Christ prepares for all who love him.  
**Amen.**

God give you the will to live each day in life eternal. **Amen.**

God grant you the citizenship of heaven, with his blessed and beloved,  
and the whole company of the redeemed. **Amen.**

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

### **DISMISSAL** (*PENUTUP*)

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### **POSTLUDE**

We thank you for joining us for this service.

Please join us for our multicultural lunch in the main hall.

All welcome.