

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
ST ALBAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, EPPING NSW
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

4 August 2024
8am and 10am



Welcome whether you are joining us today in our building for this service or online. This order of service will assist you as you take part in the service. We invite you to join in the words in bold type. You are welcome to sit at any stage during the service should you feel the need.

We welcome babies and children, and understand that young children may make a noise. If you wish, you are welcome to use the space at the back of the church to settle them. During school terms pre-school and school age children can join our Children's Ministry Worker in 'The Loft' for Sunday School (check the cover of the Bulletin).

If you wish to make an offertory today towards the work of the Parish, please place it in the Offertory Box located in the aisle towards the rear of the church or tap the card reader at the rear of the Church. The Offertory Box is brought to the Sanctuary during the singing of the hymn after the 'Greeting of Peace'. To contribute financially to the ministry of this parish by direct transfer, check the details on the back page of the Bulletin.

Please stand as the ministers enter.

HYMN (10am)

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| 1 'Behold the Lamb of God!
We hear the Church's cry.
'He comes to take away your sin -
praise to the Crucified!' | 4 Stained, guilty, no excuse
to plead before God's throne
Our only righteousness is him;
He will our sins atone. |
| 2 Though we like sheep have strayed,
and wandered from your way,
in love you draw us to your side,
and mercy you display. | 5 In penitence we kneel,
'Forgive us, Lord,' we pray,
'for by your death upon the cross
our sins are washed away.' |
| 3 'Lord Christ, you take our sins
and bear them in your soul.
Yourself an offering for our sake,
your suffering makes us whole.' | 6 Praise to our Saviour dear,
who died that we might live;
to Christ our risen Lord and king
our hearts of love we give. |

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

President:

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Isaiah 55.2

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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

And also with you.

President:

Let us pray.

**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.**

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.'

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

Sung at 10am:

**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.**

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.

President:

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

Sung at 10am:

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.

COLLECTS OF THE DAY

President:

Living God, whose Son Jesus 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 with your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

Almighty God, ruler of all, in whose kingdom peace and righteousness abound; we pray for those who are in conflict. Take away prejudice, cruelty and revenge. Grant that barriers which divide may crumble, suspicions disappear and hatreds cease. Give to world leaders such wisdom that they may bring an end to conflicts and the laying down of weapons, through Jesus Christ our mediator and ruler. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD (*Seated*)

First Reading

2 Samuel 11.26-12.7a

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel, Chapter 11, beginning at verse 26

²⁶ When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷ When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, **12** ¹ and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor.² The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶ he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.' ⁷ Nathan said to David, 'You are the man!'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51.1-12

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, in your enduring goodness:
according to the fulness of your compassion blot out my offences.
- ² **Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- ³ For I acknowledge my rebellion:
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your eyes:
so you will be just in your sentence and blameless in your judging.**
- ⁵ Surely in wickedness I was brought to birth:
and in sin my mother conceived me.
- ⁶ **You that desire truth in the inward parts:
O teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.**
- ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸ **Make me hear of joy and gladness:
let the bones which you have broken rejoice.**
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins:
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God:
and renew a right spirit within me.**
- ¹¹ Do not cast me out from your presence:
do not take your holy spirit from me.
- ¹² **O give me the gladness of your help again:
and support me with a willing spirit.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4.1-16

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians, Chapter 4, beginning at verse 1

¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' ⁹ (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of

doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN

- 1 Christ, from whom all blessings flow,
perfecting the saints below,
hear us, who your nature share,
who your mystic body are.
- 2 Join us, in one spirit join,
grant us still your help divine;
still for more on you we call,
you, O Christ, fill all in all.
- 3 Move, and animate, and guide:
various gifts to each divide;
placed according to your will,
let us all our work fulfil;
- 4 freely may we all agree,
touched with loving sympathy;
kindly for each other care;
every member feel its share.
- 5 Love, like death, has all destroyed,
rendered all distinctions void;
names, and sects, and parties fall;
you, O Christ, are all in all.

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GOSPEL (*Standing facing the reader*)

John 6.24-35

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus is the living bread

Who came down from heaven.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 6, beginning at verse 24

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶ Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸ Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹ Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰ So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' ³² Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴ They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' ³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON *(Please sit when indicated by the Preacher.)*

The Reverend Phil Lui

THE CREED *(Standing)*

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

**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.**

During the singing of the following hymn, the offertory will be brought forward to the Sanctuary.

HYMN

- 1 Lord Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
true fount of life, our lives sustain,
from any bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled to you again.
- 2 Your truth unchanged has ever stood,
you save all those who on you call,
to those yet seeking you are good,
to those who find you, all in all.
- 3 We taste you, Lord, the living bread,
and long to feast upon you still,
we drink of you, the fountainhead,
and thirst our souls from you to fill.
- 4 For you our restless spirits yearn,
whatever comes, until the last,
glad when your presence we discern,
blest when our faith can hold you fast.
- 5 For ever, Jesus, with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright,
chase the dark night of sin away,
shed on this world your holy light.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

(Remain standing)

President:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have gifts to share. Accept all our offerings, those we bring this morning and those we make by other means, that they may be used for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Standing)*

President:

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, faithful God, always and everywhere, for with your only begotten Son and life-giving Spirit, you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.

At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing a universe of beauty and splendour, bringing light from darkness and order from chaos. You formed us, male and female in your image, and endowed us with creative power.

We turned away from you but you did not abandon us. You called us by name and searched us out, making a covenant of mercy, giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets. And so we praise you, joining with your faithful people of every time and place, singing the eternal song:

Said at 8am, sung at 10am:

**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.

When the fullness of time was come, you sent your Son to be born of Mary.

Bright image of your glory, he learnt obedience to you in all things, even to death on a cross, breaking the power of evil, freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death, exalting him to glory, and the new day dawned.

On the night he was betrayed your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends, his companions on the way. While at table he took bread, blessed, and broke it, and giving it to them, said: 'Take, eat; this is my body.'

He took a cup of wine, and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Said at 8am, sung at 10am:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command, we remember his life of obedience to you, his suffering and death, his resurrection and exaltation, and his promise to be with us for ever. With this bread and this cup we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that all who eat and drink at this table may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood to serve you in the world.

As one body and one holy people, may we proclaim the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever. Amen.

Said at 8am, sung at 10am:

**Blessing and honour, glory and power are yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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. 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.

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.

Said at 8am, sung at 10am:

**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.

President:

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.
The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Remain kneeling or seated)*

President:

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth in our lives; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTATION *(at 10am seated)*

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS *(Seated)*

HYMN

- 1 Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page;
your people owned your goodness, and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness: one church, one faith, one Lord.
- 2 Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest, as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming one church, one faith, one Lord.
- 3 Through many a day of darkness, through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely to guard the nation's life.
Their gospel of redemption, sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded: one church, one faith, one Lord.
- 4 Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us, the victory shall be won;
and then by all creation, your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem: one church, one faith, one Lord.

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BLESSING

President:

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

SUNDAYS

8am and 10am

(10am also available on Zoom)

Eucharist at St Alban's Church

Please join us in the hall for fellowship and refreshments after the 8am and 10am services. All very welcome.

On Zoom please stay on line for a virtual coffee and chat.

6pm Taizé

2nd Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and November

Thursdays

9.30am - Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom

10.30am - Eucharist with Prayers for Healing at St Alban's