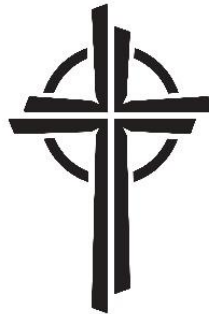


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
ST ALBAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, EPPING NSW

TRINITY SUNDAY
(First Sunday after Pentecost)
HARVEST FESTIVAL
Week of Prayer for Reconciliation

31 May 2026

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.*

***If you wish to make an offering 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.*

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, or at 10am, we have a children's programme in The Loft, above the main hall.

Please stand as the ministers enter.

HYMN (10am)

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty,
early in the morning to you our praise shall be;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore you,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea:
cherubim and seraphim falling down before you,
God everlasting through eternity.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide you,
though the sinful human eye your glory may not see,
you alone are holy, there is none beside you
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
all your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The love of God flows through the land on which we gather today, let us acknowledge the traditional owners who have cared for this land for generations. Let us honour those elders past and present whose sacred connection with this country is a gift to us all.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

President:

Proclaim the Name: 'The Lord, the Lord, a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.' Exodus 34.6

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

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 therefore bring our sins before the one true God, in penitence and faith.

Sung at 10am:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, 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

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

President:

Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Harvest Festival

Bountiful God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in due season: give us grateful hearts that we may sincerely thank you for all your loving kindness, and truly care for your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

O God, your purpose is to enfold heaven and earth in a single peace. May your great love bring peace where there is war, violence and sorrow. May the leaders of nations seek peace rather than war and violence. Give peace to your church, peace among the nations, peace to all who suffer, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. **Amen.**

Collect for Reconciliation

Holy Father, God of Love, you are the Creator of all things. Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus to reconcile the world to you. We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you love us and

forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son. Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our Nation. Teach us to respect all cultures. Teach us to care for our land and waters. Help us to share justly the resources of this land. May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities and our Nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Extract from Reconciliation Prayer written by – *Wontulp-Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group, 13 March 1997, Brisbane*)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD (*Seated*)

First Reading

Exodus 34.1-8

A reading from the Book of Exodus, Chapter 34, beginning at verse 1

¹ The Lord said to Moses, 'Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. ² Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. ³ No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.' ⁴ So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. ⁵ The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The Lord .' ⁶ The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, 'The Lord , the Lord , a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.' ⁸ And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Song of the Three

Blessed are you, the God of our forebears:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

**Blessed is your holy and glorious name:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

Blessed are you, glorious in your holy temple:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

**Blessed are you who behold the depths:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

**Blessed are you in the heights of heaven:
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13.11-13

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 13, beginning at verse 11

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN

- 1 Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found,
before your throne we sinners bend:
to us your pardoning love extend.
- 2 Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our prophet, priest, redeemer, Lord,
before your throne we sinners bend:
to us your saving grace extend.
- 3 Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is saved from sin and death,
before your throne we sinners bend:
to us your quickening power extend.
- 4 Thrice holy - Father, Spirit, Son,
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before your throne we sinners bend:
grace, pardon, life to us extend.

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GOSPEL *(Standing facing the reader)*

Deacon

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Matthew 28.16-20

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 28, beginning at verse 16

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON

(Please sit when indicated by the Preacher.)

Bill Walton, Assistant Minister

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.

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

- 1 Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of being, life and love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.
- 2 Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
let us love as sisters, brothers,
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
You, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love we all may see.
- 3 Holy Spirit, rushing, burning,
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fill our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction
and through us your love make known.

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Remain standing

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

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.

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.

Through him, you have revealed to us your glory in the community of your love, three persons, one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

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.

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.'

Said at 8am, sung at 10am:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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:

Said at 8am, sung at 10am:

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

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.

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:

Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this sacrament of your Son's body and blood worship you in all we do, proclaim your word to all the world, and live in the power of your Spirit.

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 *(Seated)*

HYMN

1 The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
the Lord, the great I AM
by earth and heaven confessed!
We bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blessed.

- 2 The God of Abraham praise,
whose all-sufficient grace
shall guide us all our happy days
in all our ways.
He calls us each a friend,
he calls himself our God;
and he shall save us to the end
through Jesus' blood.
- 3 The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, holy, holy' cry,
'almighty King!'
who was and is the same
and evermore shall be,
the Lord, our Father, great I AM
eternally.
- 4 The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high:
'Hail, Father, Son and Spirit blest!'
they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and ours!
with heaven our songs we raise:
all might and majesty are yours,
and endless praise.

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BLESSING

President:

God of justice and reconciliation, you have made us one body, with many parts. Send us out now, all in for reconciliation, offering our whole selves. May we be people who bring healing, seek justice, and nurture restored relationships. **Amen.**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in all truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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