



St Dunstan's | St Alban's | St Oswald's
CHEAM TEAM MINISTRY
working together for the glory of God

A Eucharist for the Feast of St Alban

Prelude

Welcome

The President may say some words of introduction and welcome.

Hymn

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
Alleluia...

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia...

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Prayers of Penitence

The saints were faithful unto death
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.
As we celebrate their joy,
let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses
and ask God for his mercy.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.
Lord, have mercy.
All: **Lord, have mercy.**

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.
Christ, have mercy.
All: **Christ, have mercy.**

We often fail to walk the way of the Cross.
Lord, have mercy.
All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: **Amen.**

The Gloria

All: **Glory to God in the Highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, Heav'nly 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.**

The Collect

Eternal Father,
when the gospel of Christ first came to our land
you gloriously confirmed the faith of Alban
by making him the first to win a martyr's crown:
Grant that, following his example,
in the fellowship of the saints we may worship you, the living God,
and give true witness to Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

First Reading – 2 Timothy 2:3-13

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:
If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading – John 12:24-26

Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever would become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

All: **Alleluia.**

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

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

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 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

We pray for strength to follow Jesus.
Saviour, we hear your call.

All: **Help us to follow.**

Jesus said:
'Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant.'
Saviour, we hear your call.

All: **Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Unless you change and become humble like little children,
you can never enter the kingdom of heaven.'
Saviour, we hear your call.

All: **Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Happy are the humble;
they will receive what God has promised.'
Saviour, we hear your call.

All: **Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Be merciful as your Father is merciful;
love your enemies and do good to them.'
Saviour, we hear your call.

All: **Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Love one another, as I love you;
there is no greater love than this,
to lay down your life for your friends.'
Saviour, we hear your call.

All: **Help us to follow.**

Jesus said: 'Go to people everywhere
and make them my disciples,
and I will be with you always, to the end of time.'
Saviour, we hear your call.

All: Help us to follow.

God of mercy,
**you know us and love us
and hear our prayer:
keep us in the eternal fellowship of
Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

The Peace

The President uses one of the following introductions to the Peace or a suitable alternative.

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus
we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*This is the moment in the service when we usually take a collection for our churches.
The work we do is funded only by the money we raise ourselves. Please visit our
website for more information on how to give to our parish:*

<https://www.cheamparish.org.uk/giving>

Anthem: Listen Sweet Dove (Grayston Ives)

Preparation of the Table

God of faithfulness, your servant Alban praised you in his death.
Receive all we bring before you this day,
and give us the strength of will
to proclaim your righteousness and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All: **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For following the example of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
your holy martyr Alban shed his blood
for the glory of your name.

His death reveals your power
made perfect in our human frailty.
You choose the weak and make them strong in bearing witness to you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With joyful hearts we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise your glory without end.

All: **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.**

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:
All: **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 St Dunstan, St Oswald, 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.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the bread, saying one of the following:

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
All: **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

Giving of 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.**

The President receives communion.

Spiritual Communion

It is an ancient practice of the Church that, when you are prevented from attending the Holy Eucharist, people are invited to express, in the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." Therefore, during this time you are invited to pray this prayer, which may be said as often as you desire:

***Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, be with me at least
spiritually into my heart.
Amen.***

Prayers after Communion

God our redeemer,
whose Church was strengthened
by the blood of your martyr Alban:
so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice
that our lives, broken and offered with his,
may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world.

All: Amen.

All: **Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

The Dismissal

The President may us this, or another suitable blessing:

God give you grace to follow Alban and all the saints
in faith and love and steadfastness;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Hymn

Alban, high in glory shining,
friend on earth of Christian priest,
risking life to give him succour
was through him from sin released;
then the great surrender making,
caring not for pain or loss,
owned his Lord in full allegiance
as a soldier of the Cross.

But the seed then sown was quickened
far beyond all mortal ken.

On that hill there rose an Abbey,
witness of the faith to men.

Down the ages countless thousands
bowed before their Lord divine,
and in gratitude have scattered
gems and flowers on Alban's shrine.

Still today rings out the challenge
of the Saviour of the world;
still his soldiers fight his battles,
with the flag of faith unfurled.
Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit
for Saint Alban's victory won.

Postlude