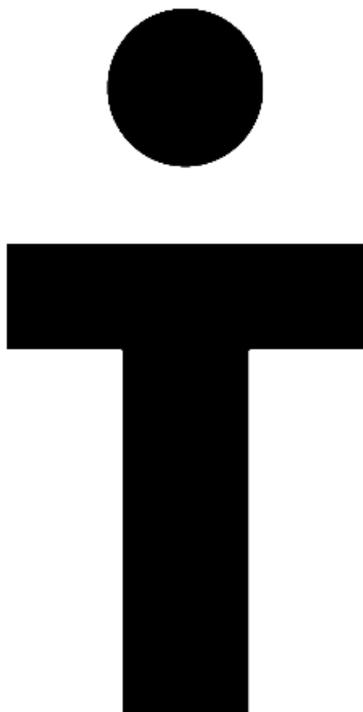


**ST. ALBANS
CATHEDRAL**



The Choral Eucharist
11.15 am

Please return this booklet after the service

The Gathering

Please stand as the choir enters. The service begins with the **Entrance Hymn** (hymn numbers can be found in the notice sheet).

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

All

From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Additional words of introduction may be used.

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
**unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

All

Prayers of Penitence

The confession is introduced, using these or other suitable words:

Seeing we have a great high priest
who has passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,
let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith,
and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

Please kneel.

All Almighty God,
**our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against thee
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life
to the glory of thy name.
Amen.**

The choir sings the Kyrie Eleison:

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| Lord have mercy. | <i>Kyrie eleison.</i> |
| Christ have mercy. | <i>Christe eleison.</i> |
| Lord have mercy. | <i>Kyrie eleison.</i> |

The president says

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Please stand as the choir sings the Gloria (omitted in Advent and Lent)

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ:

O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the
world,

have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of
the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand
of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.*

*Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam
tuam*

*Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.*

*Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,*

*miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,*

*suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,*

miserere nobis.

*Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu,*

*in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.*

The Collect

The president sings the Collect and all respond



The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Please sit for a reading from the Old or New Testament. At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated while the choir sings a gradual (details on the notice sheet).

Gospel

Please stand as the choir sings the acclamation.

Where there is one the deacon greets the people

The Lord be with you

All **And with thy Spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to N

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Please sit.

After the sermon, please stand for the Creed, which is said by all.

All

I believe in one God
**the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit.

The president may mention special subjects for prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, we humbly beseech thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; that all who confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests and deacons, especially to thy servant *Alan* our bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

To all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present, that they may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, to direct with thy heavenly wisdom those who rule over the nations of the world; bless thy servant *Elizabeth our Queen* and all who exercise authority under her, that thy people may be faithfully and justly governed.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Of thy goodness, O Lord, help and comfort all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity [...], granting them a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We commend to thy gracious keeping, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [...], beseeching thee to grant them everlasting light and peace.

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We bless thy holy name for the grace and virtue declared in the Blessed Virgin Mary, Alban and in all thy saints. Grant that we, rejoicing in their fellowship and following their good examples, may be partakers with them of thy heavenly kingdom.

All Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of thy Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president may introduce the Peace with a seasonal sentence, or as follows:

We are the body of Christ.
By one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and with thy spirit.

Preparation of the Altar

*The **Offertory Hymn** is sung (see notice sheet).
The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.
The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The president takes the bread and wine.*

Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand.

The Lord be with you.

Choir **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

Choir **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

Choir **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

The president may continue with a seasonal preface.

[Or, where there is no seasonal preface:

For he is the great high priest,
who has loosed us from our sins
and has made us to be royal priesthood unto thee,
our God and Father.]

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
evermore praising thee, and *singing*:

The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full
of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua,
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

Please kneel or sit.

All glory be to thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who, of thy tender mercy,
didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered,
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction
for the sins of the whole world;
and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue,
a perpetual memory of that his precious death,
until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee,
and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit,
we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine,
according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying:
Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,
we thy humble servants, having in remembrance
the precious death and passion of thy dear Son,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
entirely desire thy fatherly goodness
mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
most humbly beseeching thee to grant that
by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee
to accept this our bounden duty and service,
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences;
and to grant that all we, who are partakers of this holy communion,
may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father almighty,
world without end.

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 consecrated bread and says:

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

In Advent and Lent this prayer is said

**All We do not presume
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy:
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

Holy Communion is distributed. Please follow the directions of the virgers. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, please ask the priest at the altar rail. During communion the choir sings

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

*Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*

The choir may then sing a motet (for details, please see the notice sheet).

Prayer after Communion

The president says a Post Communion prayer (see notice sheet). All respond

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Please stand.

All The Lord be with you
 and with thy spirit.

The president may use a seasonal blessing, or the following

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.

All **Amen.**

All Go in the peace of Christ
 Thanks be to God.

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

All Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The ministers and people depart.

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