

Refrains Eve: Magnificat
Alban offered himself to the soldiers
in place of his guest and teacher
and was brought in bonds to the judge.
(Bede)

Benedictus
Alban proclaimed his faith:
'I worship and adore the true and living God'
Magnificat
Among the roses of the martyrs,
brightly shines St Alban.

Additional resources (available via the diocesan website: www.stalbans.anglican.org)

Suggested Alban hymns:

We sing of holy Alban (*Tune: Battlehymn of the Republic*)

In Roman times a priest once fled (*Tune: Greensleeves*)

Alban, high in glory shining (*Tune: Abbots Leigh; Blaenwern; or any that fits 8787D metre*)

The texts of the 'Rose Service Rap' and a dramatised sermon 'A handful of rose petals' are also available and may be used without restriction (??).

Alternative collects: Cloud of Witnesses (p105); ECUSA and General Synod of Church of Canada

Alternative prayer over the gifts and prayer after communion: General Synod of Church of Canada

A non-Eucharistic service might be designed using and adapting material found in *New Patterns for Worship* pp435-442.

The Celebration of the Eucharist on the Feast of St Alban

Invitation to confession

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 for his mercy. *[New Patterns B32]*

Kyrie Confession

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

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

We often fail to walk the way of the Cross.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. *[New Patterns B58]*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
The one who endures to the end will be saved.
Alleluia. *Matthew 10.22*
or

Alleluia, alleluia.
Whoever would become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their
cross and follow me. *Matthew 16.24*
Alleluia.

Introduction to the Peace

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. *Ephesians 2.13 [CW p312]*

Prayer at the 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.
[BAS (Canada) p423]*

Preface

And now we give you thanks
that in the witness of your martyr Alban
who followed Christ even to death
you reveal your power made perfect in our
human weakness. *[CW:President's p606*]*

Extended Prefaces

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.

[ICEL]*

or

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God
and to praise the wonder of your work
revealed in the lives of Alban
and all your holy martyrs.
Before the foundation of the universe
you chose them in Christ as your witnesses,
to glorify your name
and reveal before the world
the light of your truth.
By the holy Spirit you gave them great courage
so that in the very weakness of this mortal body
they might conquer death
and overcome its power.
And so we join with them
and all the powers of heaven
to glorify your holy name
in this their joyful hymn of praise:

[A. Griffiths p253]*

Blessing

God give you grace to follow Alban
and all the saints
in faith and love and steadfastness
And the blessing ...

Intercession

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

Help us to follow.]

Jesus said: 'Whoever wishes to be great among
you must be your servant.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

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.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Happy are the humble;
they will receive what God has promised.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

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.

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.

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.

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.

[New Patterns F43]

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor
things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the
love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38, 39

Jesus said, "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."

John 12.24

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we
will also live with him.

Romans 6.8

Short Passages of Scripture

Jesus said, "Those who want to save their life
will lose it, and those who lose their life for my
sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

Mark 8.35