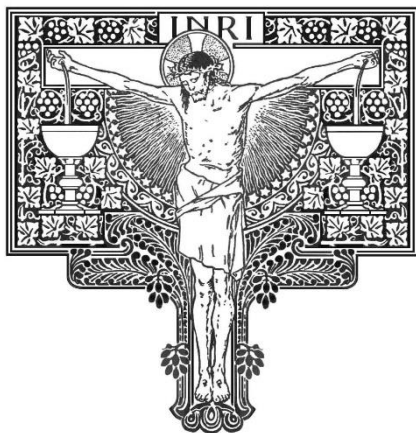


The Parish of St Alphage, Burnt Oak

**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
& ACCESSION DAY**

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024



‘Their admiration was unbounded. ‘He has done all things well,’ they said ‘he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’.’

From today’s Gospel

Please take this booklet home with you!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 8th September
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

08:00 Low Mass
11:00 SUNG MASS

Saturday 14th: *Of the Holy Cross*

10:00 Mass

Sunday 15th September
The Exultation of the Cross
(Transferred)

08:00 Low Mass
11:00 SUNG MASS

A WARM WELCOME TO ST ALPHAGE, BURNT OAK

If you are new introduce yourself. Tea & coffee is be available after the Mass and we would love to say hello.

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

All stand when the bell rings.

ENTRANCE HYMN

I Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven.
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

4 Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

GREETING

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
The Priest introduces the Mass.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The Priest asks the people to acknowledge their sins and then:

**I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA

Gloria to God in the highest! And peace to his 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 sins 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.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

○ God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ, may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING— *please sit.*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts,

‘Courage! Do not be afraid.

‘Look, your God is coming,

Vengeance is coming,

the retribution of God;

he is coming to save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

the ears of the deaf unsealed,

then the lame shall leap like the deer

and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,

streams in the wasteland,

the scorched earth becomes a lake,

the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, ‘Come this way to the best seats’; then you tell the poor man, ‘Stand over there’ or ‘You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.’ Can’t you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Alleluia...

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia...

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON Father Luke Demetri SSC | *Priest-in-Charge*

NICENE CREED (*Stand*)

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 from 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 THE FAITHFUL

The Priest introduces the prayers – please stand.

At the end of each prayer: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Invoking the prayers of Mary: **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The Priest concludes the prayers and the people respond: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE *(Stand)*

Lord Jesus Christ who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace, I give you: look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN *All remain standing – a collection is taken.*

**I Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

○ God, who give us the gift of true prayer and peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest continues with the Preface until:

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.

The people kneel, if able, for the consecration. Half way through:

The Mystery of Faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The eucharistic prayer continues until: ...for ever and ever. **Amen.***

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Stand*)

At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.****

AGNUS DEI

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

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*Kneel*)

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The **COMMUNION ANTIPHON** is said by the priest.

*If you would like a blessing instead please bring this booklet with you. **You may wish to have a look at the note about communion in the back of this booklet.***

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am (thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down),
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height
to prove,
Here for a season then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (**STAND**)

Let us pray. Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The **NOTICES** are given.

ACT OF PRAYER FOR ACCESSION DAY

from the Accession Service of the Book of Common Prayer

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King;

Who putteth his truth in thee.

Send him help from thy holy place.

And evermore defend him.

Be unto him, O Lord, a strong tower;

From the face of his enemies.

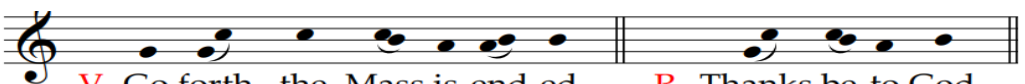
Let us pray. O Lord our God, who upholdest and governest all things by the word of thy power: Receive our humble prayers for our Sovereign Lord CHARLES, as on this day set over us by thy grace and providence to be our King; and, together with him, bless, we beseech thee, Queen Camilla, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family; that they, ever trusting in thy goodness, protected by thy power, and crowned with thy gracious and endless favour, may long continue before thee in peace and safety, joy and honour, and after death may obtain everlasting life and glory, by the merits and mediation of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL (**STAND**)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✠ May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

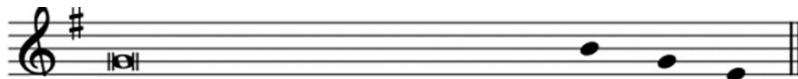
Amen.



V. Go forth, the Mass is end-ed.

R. Thanks be to God.

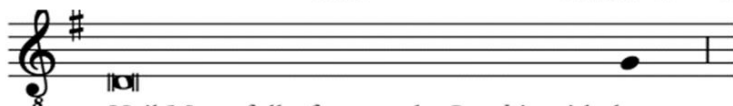
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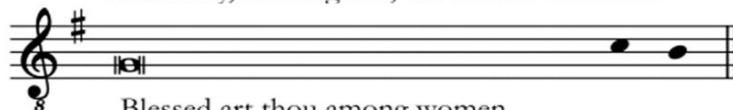
1 The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary :
2 Behold, the handmaid of the Lord :
3 And the word was made flesh :



1 and she conceived by the Ho - ly Spirit.
2 be it unto me ac - cord - ing to thy word.
3 and dwelt a - mong - us.



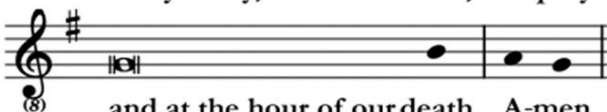
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee



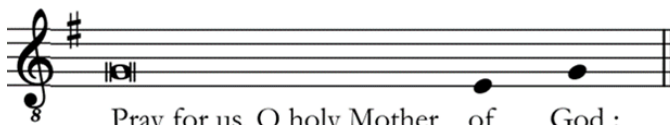
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Je - sus



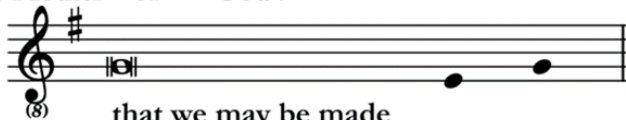
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now



and at the hour of our death. A-men.



Pray for us, O holy Mother of God :



that we may be made
worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, ✠ so by his Cross and Passion may we be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1 Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

2 O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

Please remain standing until both the hymn has finished and the altar party have departed.

PRAYERS

SICK OR THOSE IN NEED:

Jean Tester, Justina Ocran, Grace Acheampong, Kay McBride, Bob Crosby, Alan Sanders, Caroline Powell, Catherine Sheenan.

DEPARTED:

*The Recently Departed: Miles Quartey, Kenneth Gibbons, Priest.
Anniversary of death occurs this week:*

Monday	9	Ellen Castina Harbor
Tuesday	10	Kenneth Harris
Wednesday	11	Sylveria MacGregor
Thursday	12	John Copinger Douglas Carter, <i>Priest</i> Winifred Butts Mary-Anne Manley
Saturday	14	Ellen Harbor

Please do let Fr Luke know if you would like to add names BUT also please do let him know if/when a name can come OFF the list.

NOTICES

HOME COMMUNIONS – If you know someone who is housebound and/or ill and would like communion brought to them please let Fr Luke know.

VISITING – I would like to visit each person on the electoral role within the first 6 months of my ministry here so that I can get to know you all. Please speak to me to arrange a time.

CONTACT: I am trying to get a list of contact details for each of you to ease communication – would all adults, who haven't already please fill out the form at the back of Church/ in your Pewsheet.

CONFIRMATIONS: Will take place on the **17th November 2024** – if you, or your child, would like to be confirmed, please fill in a form at the back of church and give to Fr Luke **ASAP** –

CLASSES will be on Tuesdays at 17:30 for an hour and begin on **17th September** – these are mandatory.

WALSINGHAM – we have our Parish day pilgrimage to Walsingham on October 26th – to book you place please speak to Len.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING – Please note the date has moved to **12th October**. The 80s evening will no longer happen.

MASS TIMES can be found on in the inside front cover to this booklet. Please note **there is no Wednesday Mass this week**.

MAKING YOUR CONFESSION – Please speak to Fr Luke if you would like an appointment.

The Gift of Holy Communion

On the night before he was to suffer and die, our Lord gave us the greatest gift; his abiding presence in Holy Communion, his Body and Blood, as a memorial of his saving death and resurrection, commanding us to eat and drink that we might have life. Thanks be to God for this great gift.

You'll have noticed the return of the chalice so that you can receive this gift in both kinds – Body and Blood. I encourage you to do so. However, I also want to reassure you that because of the Church's teaching of Concomitance (that Jesus Christ is *fully* present in each and both the Body and Blood at Mass), you are also able to receive *fully* if you were to receive in only one kind. If you are, for whatever reason, uncomfortable about receiving from the chalice, please do not feel you have to and simply return to your seat. I also remind you that the Precious Blood containing alcohol, and being in a precious metal chalice means that the risk of spreading germs is minuscule.

I have had a couple of queries about whether we could distribute “the wine from individual cups”. Whilst I appreciate the desire to receive communion in a safe way, this is not possible under the Church's discipline and teaching. Firstly, because we do not receive wine but rather the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ! Secondly, because it is Christ's Blood, we should prevent spillage. The Chalice is offered that we might share in the common cup and so that any remaining Blood might be reverently consumed as well as the vessels being washed in a dignified manner.

Some reminders about reverent reception of Communion:

- Ladies – a reminder that your lipstick gets left on the chalice and has to be wiped off. Please refrain from too much lipstick as it stains the linens!
- The response to ‘The Body/Blood of Christ’ is: **Amen.**
- Receiving the host is either on the tongue or the palm of your hand. Please do not break the host before placing it into your mouth.
- It is helpful if you gently hold the base of the chalice (without grabbing), and help to tilt once it is at your mouth.
- The Church strictly forbids intinction – dipping the host into the chalice.
- We should receive communion worthily and having been prepared by the Liturgy of the Word. This means we should be there from the beginning but at a very basic minimum we should have heard the Gospel before receiving.

If you have any questions or queries, please do feel free to ask.

Thank you.

Fr Luke

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Safeguarding Officer:

We take the **safeguarding** of children and vulnerable adults seriously. Our Parish Safeguarding Office is **Lynn Gilling** who for safeguarding purposes can be contacted by the following means:

safeguardingstalpagechurch@gmail.com or 07507235445.

Alternatively, you may contact Fr Luke if your need to.

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