

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF PRETORIA

CATHEDRAL OF ST ALBAN

THE MARTYR



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

03 MAY 2026

09h30 SERVICE	
Celebrant	The Very Revd Canon Moses Thabethe
Preacher	Revd Deacon Tshepo Moreothata
Synaxist	Mr Mandla Mnyatheli
Prayers	Ms Joan Makwane

MISSION STATEMENT

We shall be a spiritual home in which the Love of God, His Compassion and His Living Word comforts and enlivens all God's people through various ministries.

DIOCESAN THEME

The holy people of God, a Covenant people.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

COLLECT PRAYER

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to walk in his way, rejoice in his truth, and share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Heavenly Father, you are the source of all blessings. With hearts full of gratitude, we present our offerings and tithes, offered electronically and physically. Help us to be generous givers, dear Lord, of our money, our gifts, and our lives; that through them, we may extend your kingdom in this church and the wider world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WELLNESS

O Lord of light and endless compassion, we are always in need of your mercy and grace. Amid sickness and infirmity, heal the sick, bind up the broken-hearted, and forgive sin. Give us comfort in our anxiety and fear, courage and strength in our suffering, patience and compassion in our caring, and consolation in our grieving. Strengthen our faith and hope, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymns	All creatures of our God and King	AMNS 105
Introit Hymn	Take up thy cross, the Saviour said	AMNS 237
Gloria	Xhosa	Insert
Kyrie	English	Sung
First Reading	Acts 7: 55-60	Lerato Luthuli
Psalm	31: 1-5, 17-18	APB page 638
Second Reading	1 Peter 2: 2-10	Thando Botha
Hymn For The Gradual	Modisa wa me, yo ntisang	seTswana 273
Gospel	John 14: 1-14	
Sunday School & Teens Hymn	All things bright and beautiful	AMNS 116
Sermon		Revd Deacon Tshepo Moreothata
Nicene Creed	English	APB page 108
Prayers		Ms Joan Makwane
Song For Peace	Empini sothini	Insert
Offertory Hymns	For the healing of the nations Jesus our Lord, our King and our God	AMNS 361 AMNS 382
Sanctus	seSotho	Insert
Acclamations	seTswana	Insert
The Lord's Prayer	English	Insert
Agnus Dei	English	Sung
Communion Hymn	How beautiful the morning Have faith in God, my heart	Choir AMNS 372
Post Communion Hymn	Be still, for the presence of the Lord	SOF 40
Recessional Hymn	Father, Lord of all Creation	AMNS 356

PARISH NOTICES

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 03 May 2026 – Easter Envelopes Stop
- Sunday, 10 May 2026 – Pentecost Envelopes Start
- Sunday, 10 May 2026 – Bishop's Cathedral Archdeaconry Visit
- Sunday, 24 May 2026 – Pentecost Sunday
- Sunday, 07 June 2026 – Pentecost Envelopes Stop
- Saturday, 13 June 2026 – Diocesan Ordination Service
- Sunday, 28 June 2026 – Patronal Festival

SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE ROSTER

- Sunday, 03 May 2026 – Mothers' Union
- Sunday, 10 May 2026 – Mary Magdalene
- Sunday, 17 May 2026 – Men's Fellowship

HOME VISITS

Parishioners who wish to receive a visit from the clergy, whether for pastoral reasons or for sick communion, are encouraged to contact the office.

SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND

Sylvia Bowker, John Mojapelo, Revd Martha Lebethe, Malesela Kale, Nobulali Nhantsi, Priscilla Motsogi, Ronny Chabalala, Tony Amurjeeth, those who are afflicted by serious illness, and all who live with chronic or incurable disease.

WELCOME

We welcome everyone to our worship service, especially those joining us for the first time. May you be refreshed and renewed through this act of worship today. Should you wish to join our parish, feel free to contact one of the Churchwardens (contact details are on the first page).

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We wish all parishioners who will be celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries this coming week the very best. May God continue to shower you with blessings and joy. May He always keep you in His tender and loving care.

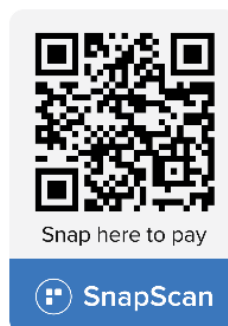
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BANKING DETAILS

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Account no.: 010 626 816
Bank Name: Standard Bank

Branch code: 051001
Reference: Initials + Surname + Purpose for transfer (J Doe Collection OR J Doe Pledge)



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KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EARTH DAY 2026 THEME - OUR POWER, OUR PLANET: Earth Day takes place annually to mark the importance of environmental protection. Environmental progress and protection does not depend on any single official department, ministry, or committee. The daily actions of people, families, and communities sustain it. The power is in our hands to protect our precious environment where we live and work. ***Get involved and grow your support for Earth Day.***

EASTER OFFERING: At Easter, it is our custom to make a special Easter Offering for the Dean as Rector of the Parish. This is a once-a-year opportunity for the Cathedral community to say “thank you” in a practical way for his ministry, leadership and pastoral care among us. We invite parishioners, guilds and friends of St Alban’s to consider making a generous contribution towards this Easter Offering. The full amount received will be given as a personal gift to the Dean, as a sign of our appreciation and encouragement in his work of preaching, teaching, presiding, pastoral care and guiding the life of our parish. Contributions to the Easter Offering may be placed in the specially marked envelopes in the pews, or made by EFT using the reference “***Easter Offering – Dean***”.

MOTHERS’ UNION: Mothers who wish to join the Mothers’ Union are kindly requested to see Mama Tokie, the parish leader, after the service.

A.W.F GBV CAMPAIGN: Fellow parishioners, for 365 Days, let us actively campaign and prevent all forms of violence against women and children under the theme ***UNITE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls.***

WEEKLY PAYMENTS: Following a meeting of the Parish Council, guilds and ministries are urged to consider planning their withdrawals from their savings accounts rather than requesting a withdrawal on Monday for Friday (for example). This request follows an in-depth review of the additional charges associated with the office's weekly payments. To mitigate these additional charges, attempts will be made to load and release payments only twice a month, i.e., mid-month and month-end. Exceptions from this will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

CALLING ALL SINGERS: The St Alban’s Cathedral Choir is calling... and it might just be calling you! Whether you’re a seasoned chorister or someone who sings happily in the car or shower, young or young-at-heart, we’d love for you to join us. Singing is better when we come together as a community. Be part of something beautiful (and joyful) — your voice will truly make a difference. Curious? Our Chairperson, **Chaile Makaleng (082 374 1364)**, will be delighted to give you the lowdown on becoming a choir member.

PARKING FEE: A few months ago, the Council conducted a survey relating to parking fees. Based on survey responses, respondents expressed willingness to contribute to the cost of parking on Sundays; the preferred parking fee is between R 100.00 and R150.00. The preferred payment frequency is on Sundays in church and monthly. The preferred payment methods are a handheld machine in the church and an electronic transfer to the Cathedral account. The reference should be ***Parking***, followed by the name of the Parishioner.

SERVING TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES: The Parish Council would like to express sincere gratitude to the Guilds, Ministries, and Individuals for their faithful commitment to serving tea and coffee after the 07h30 and 09h30 services. The congregation truly values your generosity. May we continue to grow together in this spirit of fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There is a need for vigilance in safety and security on the church premises. Parents are kindly asked to sit with their children after the communion/blessing as teachers return to their pews in

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the church, and to remain with them when the children are playing outside, as there is no adult supervision. Thank you for your continued support.

RECYCLING: The parish has a recycling project for plastic, glass and ordinary bottles. Parishioners are welcome to bring their recycling bottles from home. Let us contribute towards a cleaner environment.

PARISH ROLL: We encourage parishioners who wish to update their details on the Parish Roll to do so by either using the link <https://forms.office.com/r/zJgFGPtIEy> to access the membership form, or by visiting the website <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org.za/> and clicking on the “membership form” button at the bottom of the page, or by contacting the office via e-mail at bookkeeper@stalbanscathedral.org.za. For those who would like assistance with updating their details on the parish roll, the Technical Team members are available to help after the service. They will be available with laptops to assist with parish roll registrations and updates. In accordance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), the Cathedral Office, the clergy, Churchwardens, and Parish Councillors are duty-bound to take adequate precautions in collecting, processing and storing personal information, solely for pastoral connection with parishioners.

REGULATION ON THE SHARING OF PEACE: Parishioners are reminded that the sharing of peace is limited to the forms we currently follow; we continue to wave to each other. If people feel comfortable, they may give a fist bump or a handshake.

REGULATION ON COMMUNION: Parishioners are reminded that communion in two kinds has been made available for those who wish to share in the common cup. As has always been the case, persons who wish may continue to choose to receive communion in one kind only. Intinction (by placing the host into the blood by either the minister or the communicant) is not permitted for health reasons. The person’s hand touching the contents of the cup or the clergy touching the communicant’s mouth is unhygienic.

COMMUNICATION: Parishioners who do not receive communication from the Cathedral office are requested to submit their communication details to the office via e-mail.

COLLECTION AND PLEDGES: Kindly use the banking details provided below for contributions to the collection and pledges.

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (ESV).

CATHEDRAL RENOVATION & RESTORATION APPEAL

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain.” – Psalm 127:1

The St. Alban’s Cathedral has embarked on a R2.99 million renovation project to restore and preserve our sacred and historic place of worship. The renovation includes urgent roof repairs, improved lighting, walkway and driveway upgrades, waterproofing, crack sealing, bathroom refurbishments, and restoration of heritage features. This effort reflects our commitment to maintaining the Cathedral as a safe, dignified, and welcoming space for all generations to come.

How We’re Raising Funds

The Fundraising Committee is actively rolling out a variety of activities, and your support is needed. Planned fundraising efforts include:

- Music Concerts at the Cathedral
- Spring Market & Merchandise Sales

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- Golf Day (August/September)
- Youth Movie Day with popcorn and wors rolls (June)
- High Tea for the Cathedral
- Walk for the Cathedral
- Cathedral Merchandise Sale (clothing, candles, and more)
- Gala Fundraising Dinner & Auction
- Individual Pledges and Donations
- SnapScan, EFT, Card Machine and Envelopes available

Get Involved

We need all hands on deck! You can:

- Join the Fundraising Team
- Pledge monthly (Reno25_Surname_Initial as reference)
- Offer your time, talent, or resources
- Suggest sponsors or funding leads
- Invite friends and family to our events

Let's build together!

Contact: Churchwardens: Clement Sibiya (082 490 9191) | K. Mulaudzi (082 840 0881)
 Alt. Churchwarden: Pontsho Moraba (082 646 0930)
 Fundraising Chair: V. Qwalela (079 032 3885)

“God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7

INSERTS

Processional Hymn: AMNS 105

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*
2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia.
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice;
3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light:
4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,

O praise him, alleluia.
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:

5. And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye alleluia.
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care:
6. And thou, most kind and gentle death,
Waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him, alleluia.
Thou ledest home the child of God,
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod:
7. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia.
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One;

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Introit Hymn: AMNS 237

1. Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
If thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.
2. Take up thy cross! Let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm:
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
Thy Lord for thee the Cross endured,
To save thy soul from death and hell.
4. Take up thy cross then in his strength,
And calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
And lead to victory o'er the grave.
5. Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only he who bears the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.
6. To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
All praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
The heavenly life that knows no end.

Gloria: Xhosa

Uzuko ku Thixo ezulwini
Uxolo ebantwini bakhe emhlabeni

Nkosi Thixo, Kumkani waseZulwini
Thixo onguBawo ongamandla onke
Siyakunqula, siyakubulela
Siyakubonga ngenxa yobukhulu bozuko
lwakho

Nkosi Yesu Krestu, okuphela koNyana kaYise
Nkosi Thixo, Mvana ka Thixo
Wena osusa isono sehlabathi
Senzele inceba
Wena uhleli ngasekunene koYise
Yiva umthandazo wethu

Ngokuba nguwe ongcwele
Nguwe wedwa oyiNkosi
Nguwe wedwa ophezu konke

Yesu Krestu, no Moya oyiNgcwele
Ebuqaqawulini buka Thixo uYise. Amen

Psalm 23: 1-5, 17-18

1. To you Lord have I come for shelter:
Let me never be put to shame.
2. O deliver me in your righteousness:
Incline your ear to me and be swift to save
me.
3. Be for me a rock of refuge a fortress to defend
me:
For you are my high rock and my stronghold.
4. Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:
Bring me out of the net that they have secretly
laid for me for you are my strength.
5. Into your hands I commit my spirit:
You will redeem me O Lord God of truth.
17. All my days are in your hand:
O deliver me from the power of my enemies
and from my persecutors.
18. Make your face to shine upon your servant:
And save me for your mercy's sake.

Hymn For The Gradual: seTswana 273

1. MODISA wa me, yo ntisang,
Ke Kgosi e lorato;
Ga go na se nka se tlhokang,
Fa ke le kwana ya 'gwe.
2. Mme kwa go elang metsi teng,
O tla nkgogela sentle;
O ntsentse mo lesakaneng,
Kwa mafulong a mantle.
3. Ka dibe tse di maswe jang
Ke kile ka timela;
A mpatla ka go sa lapeng,
A ntsaya ka magetla.
4. O mphile mfago mo tseleng,
O nnaya Mmele wa 'gwe,
O nnosa Madi a a tswang
Mo 'tlhakoreng lwa gagwe.
5. Fa ke na nae mo losong,
Ga nke ke tshaba sepe;

Ke tla ikanya mo tshwarong
Le Sefapanong sa 'gwe.

6. Mme ka malatsi a tla tlang,
A ke nne le Modimo,
O ntle o itumelelang,
Ka metlha le ka metlha.

Sunday School & Teens Hymn: AMNS 116

1. *All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*
2. Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings:
3. The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset, and the morning
That brightens up the sky:
4. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one:
5. The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water
We gather every day:
6. He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God almighty,
Who has made all things well:
7. *All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Nicene Creed

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**

Song For Peace

Empini sothini?
Uma singenawe
Malusi nombusi
Siqhube ngendlela

Cel' undembathe Nkosi
Ngembathe
Ndithi noma kwenyuk'
Kulamathunz' amnyama

Offertory Hymn 1: AMNS 361

1. For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords.

- To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word.
2. Lead us, Father, into freedom,
From despair your world release;
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
Men may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.
 3. All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race or schooling,
Dogmas keeping man from man.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span.
 4. You, creator-God, have written
Your great name on all mankind;
For our growing in your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.

Offertory Hymn 2: AMNS 382

1. Jesus our Lord, our King and our God,
Ruling in might and love,
All power on earth is given to you,
You are our King above;
Help us to use the power you give,
Humbly to order how men live.
Lord, we are called to follow you;
This we ask strength to do.
2. Jesus our Lord, and humblest of Priests,
Doing your Father's will;
Suffering servant, working with men,
Your work continues still.
Help us to offer in our prayer,
All of our work and service here.
Lord, we are called to follow you;
This we ask strength to do.
3. Jesus our Lord, and Shepherd of men,
Caring for human needs;
Feeding the hungry, healing the sick,
Showing your love in deeds;
Help us in your great work to share;
People in want still need your care.
Lord, we are called to follow you;
This we ask strength to do.

4. Jesus our Lord, and Prophet of God,
Preaching his mighty plan,
You are the Way, the Truth and the Life,
Teaching the mind of man;
Help us in all our words to show
You are the truth men need to know.
Lord, we are called to follow you;
This we ask strength to do.
5. Jesus our Lord, our God and our Priest,
Prophet and Shepherd-King,
Yours is the kingdom, glory and power,
Yours is the praise we sing.
Leader of men, you show the way
We are to follow day by day.
Glorious God, we follow you;
This you give strength to do.

Sanctus: seSotho

Wa halalela Morena (x4)
Magodimo le lefatshe
Di tletse kganya ya gago (x2)
Hosanna Magodimo
Magodimo kwa Godimo (x2)
A go bakwe yo o tlang
Ka lebitso la Morena (x2)
Hosanna Magodimo
Magodimo kwa Godimo (x2)

Acclamations: seTswana

Kreste o sule
Kreste o rudile
Kreste o tla tla gape

The Lord's Prayer: English

1. Father God in heaven, Lord most high
Hear your Children's prayer, Lord most high
Hallowed be Thy name, Lord most high
O Lord, hear our prayer.
2. May your kingdom come, here on earth
May your will be done, here on earth
As it is in heaven, so on earth
O Lord, hear our prayer.
3. Give us daily bread, day by day
And forgive our sins, day by day
As we too forgive, day by day
O Lord, hear our prayer
4. Lead us in your way, make us strong
When temptation comes, make us strong

Save us from all sin, make us strong
O Lord, hear our prayer.

5. The Kingdom's Yours my Lord, evermore
The glory's Yours my Lord, evermore
The power's Yours my Lord, evermore
Evermore, Amen.

Communion Hymn 1 by Choir

Communion Hymn 2: AMNS 372

1. Have faith in God, my heart,
Trust and be unafraid;
God will fulfil in every part
Each promise he has made.
2. Have faith in God, my mind,
Though oft thy light burns low;
God's mercy holds a wiser plan
Than thou canst fully know.
3. Have faith in God, my soul,
His Cross for ever stands;
And neither life nor death can pluck
His children from his hands.
4. Lord Jesus, make me whole;
Grant me no resting place,
Until I rest, heart, mind, and soul,
The captive of thy grace.

Post Communion Hymn: SOF 40

BE STILL, for the presence of the Lord, the
Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now with reverence
and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy
ground;
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy
One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining
all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is
crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King
of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all
around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in
this place;

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His
grace.

Now work too hard for Him, in faith receive
from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in
this place.

Recessional Hymn: AMNS 356

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:
Give us grace to love as 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 may all men see.
3. Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
Wind and flame of Pentecost,
Fire 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,
God, through us your love make known.