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SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020 – ALBAN, JULIUS  
& AARON, MARTYRS

## COLLECT

Eternal Father,

when the gospel of Christ first came to Britain

you gloriously confirmed the faith of Alban, Julius and Aaron

by making them the first to win the martyr's crown:

grant that, following their 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,

whom by the power of the Spirit

you raised to live with you,

his God and Father,

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## 2 CHRONICLES 24. 17-25

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

Now after the death of Jehoiada the officials of Judah came and did obeisance to the king; then the king listened to them. They abandoned the house of the Lord, the God of their ancestors, and served the sacred poles and the idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this guilt of theirs. Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the Lord; they testified against them, but they would not listen.

Then the spirit of God took possession of Zechariah son of the priest Jehoiada; he stood above the people and said to them, 'Thus says God: Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the Lord, he has also forsaken you.' But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him to death in the court

of the house of the Lord. King Joash did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had shown him, but killed his son. As he was dying, he said, 'May the Lord see and avenge!'

At the end of the year the army of Aram came up against Joash. They came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the officials of the people from among them, and sent all the booty they took to the king of Damascus. Although the army of Aram had come with few men, the Lord delivered into their hand a very great army, because they had abandoned the Lord, the God of their ancestors. Thus they executed judgement on Joash.

When they had withdrawn, leaving him severely wounded, his servants conspired against him because of the blood of the son of the priest Jehoiada, and they killed him on his bed. So he died; and they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 89. 19-33

**R: You are our God, the rock of our salvation.**

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:

'I have set a youth above the mighty;

I have raised a young man over the people.

'I have found David my servant;

with my holy oil have I anointed him.

'My hand shall hold him fast

and my arm shall strengthen him. **R:**

'No enemy shall deceive him,

nor any wicked person afflict him.

'I will strike down his foes before his face

and beat down those that hate him.

'My truth also and my steadfast love shall be with him,

and in my name shall his head be exalted. **R:**

'I will set his dominion upon the sea

and his right hand upon the rivers.

'He shall call to me, "You are my Father,  
my God, and the rock of my salvation;"

‘And I will make him my firstborn,  
the most high above the kings of the earth. **R:**

‘The love I have pledged to him will I keep for ever,  
and my covenant will stand fast with him.

‘His seed also will I make to endure for ever  
and his throne as the days of heaven. **R:**

‘But if his children forsake my law  
and cease to walk in my judgements,

‘If they break my statutes  
and do not keep my commandments,

‘I will punish their offences with a rod  
and their sin with scourges.

‘But I will not take from him my steadfast love  
nor suffer my truth to fail. **R:**

## MATTHEW 6. 24-34

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening;  
you have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said:

‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither

sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.  
‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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

Alleluia. **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God,  
your word inspires our faith:  
may we who offer you our praise  
trust you in all things;  
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**