

December 24, 2020 at 9pm

Christmas Eve



A Celebration of Holy Eucharist
Welcome / Bienvenue

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ST ALBANS

Welcome/Bienvenue

*Welcome to St. Albans 9pm Christmas Eve Livestream!
We're so glad you've joined us.*

*Our service is livestreamed on www.facebook.com/saintalbens.
We welcome your full participation this morning: Please let us know
you are with us by 'liking' the stream or sharing some comments!*

Drive-by Communion

*If you would like to receive communion in-person, join us at the Daly
Ave. entrance right after our worship livestream.*

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Acknowledgment

*St. Albans gathers on the unceded territory of the Algonquin
Anishnaabeg people.*

Welcome/Bienvenue

The First Reading: Isaiah 9.2-7

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God.

Your Peace Will Make Us One, O Come All Ye Faithful

Audrey Assad, Public Domain

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
You are speaking truth to power, you are laying down our swords
Replanting every vineyard 'til a brand new wine is poured
Your peace will make us one

I've seen you in our home fires burning with a quiet light
You are parenting and feeding in the wee hours of the night
Your gentle love is patient; you will never fade or tire
Your peace will make us one

Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Your peace will make us one

In the beauty of the lilies, you were born across the sea
With a glory in your bosom that is still transfiguring
Dismantling our empires 'til each one of us is free
Your peace will make us one

Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Your peace will make us one

O come, all ye faithful, joyful, and expectant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
Come and behold now! Let us sing with angels!

Refrain: O come, ye heavy-laden, O come, ye worn and outcast
O come and greet the holy, Christ, our Love!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

The Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray.

we pray silently

Eternal God,
this holy night is radiant
with the brilliance of your one true light.
As we have known
the revelation of that light on earth,
bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

We Proclaim the Word

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Reading: Hebrews 1.1-4

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Wesley, Mendelssohn;

Amended lyrics by Tallessyn Zawn Grenfell-Lee

Hark! The herald angels sing, hear the heavenly anthems ring:
“Peace on Earth, and mercy mild; all the Earth is reconciled!”
Joyful, all Creation rise, join the anthems of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim: “Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing: songs of Hope to us they bring!

Christ, by Earth and heav’n adored; Christ, the healing, Holy Word;
Throughout time, behold Love come, offspring of an Earthly womb.
Veiled in flesh, divinity; hail incarnate Deity,
Love is born in us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing: songs of Peace to us they bring!

Hail the heav’nly reign of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all now bring, ris’n with healing in thy wings!
Now we find thy presence come, death and war and hate be gone!
Love has come to all the Earth, Love has brought a second birth!
Hark! The herald angels sing: songs of Joy to us they bring!

The Gospel: John 1.1-14

Le Seigneur soit avec vous. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

the Gospel is proclaimed

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.**

**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 People

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
**God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners
and invites them to the table
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.**

silence is kept

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

La paix du Seigneur soit toujours avec vous
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace, online or in your home.w

We Celebrate the Eucharist

Offering

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O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam; amended lyrics by Gillian Wallace, Chad Cecil

Oh holy night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth!
Long lay the world in fear and failure pining
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Fall on your knees
Oh hear the angel voices
Oh night divine
Oh night when Christ was born
Oh night divine
Oh night divine

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand.
God's holy child lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials, he was born to be our friend.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise the wondrous name.
He knows our need
to our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your Friend!
To him you are beloved!
Behold your Friend!
To him you are beloved!

His birth taught us to love one another,
His law is Love and His good news is Peace;
Chains shall he break, for each person is beloved,
And in his name all oppression shall cease,
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful Chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise his holy name!

Fall on your knees
Oh hear the angel voices
Oh night divine
Oh night when Christ was born
Oh night divine
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Prayer over the Gifts

Source of light and gladness,
accept all we offer on this joyful feast.
May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours;
for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Que Dieu soit avec vous. May God be with you.
And also with you

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you ... to proclaim the glory of your name.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you ...
... Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory

and we offer our sacrifice ...
... almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
And that life is the light of the world.
God here among us,
Light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Communion

Please Be Patient – *Feist*

To the tune of Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels soaring through the air, as they did in Bethlehem
Angels answer every prayer, once they get around to them

Please ...
be patient
An angel will be with thee shortly

Due to increased prayer amounts, seraphim will have delays
Servicing thy prayer accounts, for the next five million days

Please ...
be patient
An angel will be with thee shortly

Please continue thee to hold, all thy ills shall be relieved
Every human grieve consoled, in the order 'twas received

Please ...
be patient
An authorized prayer technician will be with thee shortly

Please ...
Be patient
Or to save thee time,
Wait for the chime.

We Are Sent

Let us pray.

we pray silently

Father and Mother of all,

**tonight you have united earth and heaven
in sending your Son to take our human nature.**

**May we who have tasted heavenly things
share in the life of his eternal kingdom.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God,

whose power,

**working in us can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God, from generation to generation
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen**

Blessing

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.

Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia,

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light.

With the angels praises bring, Alleluia! Joyfully sing!

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, child of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face. With the dawn of redeeming
grace,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

St. Alban's Worship

St. Albans worships via Livestream every Sunday, with a morning service at 10am and an evening service at 7pm on www.facebook.com/saintalbans.

*We also have a **French-language service** every Sunday at 12h00 at www.facebook.com/CommunauteStBernard.*

If you would like to join in our mid-week activities, morning and evening prayer, bible study, coffee hours, yoga and more, please email rev.mark@stalbanschurch.ca for a schedule with all the links you need.

CHRISTMAS

at St. Albans Church

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

10am on Zoom

First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 27

10am on Facebook Live

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 3

10am on Facebook Live



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