

December 25, 2020
at 10am

Worship Booklet

Christmas Day
Celebration of Holy Eucharist

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Welcome/Bienvenue

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Thank you!

Acknowledgement

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

O Come All Ye Faithful

O Come All Ye Faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb,
Very God, begotten not created,
O come, let us adore Him ...

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God, in the highest
O come, let us adore Him ...

See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither, bend our joyful footsteps,
O come, let us adore Him ...

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning,
Jesus to thee be glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing
O come, let us adore Him ...

The Christ Candle—Christmas

The waiting is over.

The dreaming has given birth to a new reality.

The source of our healing has come near.

God's promise has been fulfilled.

The Advent candles are all lit, forming a circle of light that reminds us of God's never-ending love.

Now we light the Christ candle, remembering that Jesus is in our midst, today and always.

The Christ Candle is lit.

Thank you, God, for coming to be with us in the form of Jesus. We rejoice that he lived as one of us, knew our joys and sorrows, our pains and hopes and dreams. As he came to show your love to us, help us to show your love to others all the year through. Amen.

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.

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

O God our Father,
**whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem,
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

We Proclaim the Word

Each Sunday we read four short sections of the Bible, typically from the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament, and the Gospel. These same readings will be proclaimed to over a billion Christians around the world today.

The First Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the Lord,
who has done marvellous things,
whose mighty hand and holy arm have won the victory.
**O Lord, you have made known the victory;
you have openly shown your righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before our sovereign, the Lord.**

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.
**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who is coming to judge the earth.**

In righteousness shall God judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading: Titus 3.4-7

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: Luke 2.1-14

Please stand

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

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel is proclaimed

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

Homily

Prayers of the People

In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying,
'Lord, grant us peace.'

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

The Peace

Share a sign of peace online or in your home.

La paix du Seigneur soit toujours avec vous

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We Celebrate the Eucharist

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What Child is This

Words by William Dix, 1865. Traditional English melody

What child is this, who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King;
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King ...

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him;
The King of Kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Prayer over the Gifts

Generous Creator,
in faith and joy
we celebrate the birth of your Son.
Increase our understanding and our love
of the riches you have revealed in him,
who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

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.
It 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 of your glory are full,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Hosanna, Hosanna, 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

Mary Did You Know *Mark Lowry/Buddy Greene*

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would someday walk on water
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would calm the sea with his hand
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
When you've kissed your little baby
Then you've kissed the face of God
Oh Mary did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary did you know that your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb?
This sleeping child you're holding is the great "I Am"?

We Are Sent

Let us pray.

We pray silently

Source of truth and joy,
may we who have received the gift of divine life
always follow the way of your Son.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 and Sending

Christmas Must Be Tonight *The Band*

Come down to the manger, see the little stranger
Wrapped in swaddling clothes, the prince of peace
the wheels start turning, torches start burning
And the old wise men journey from the East

How a little baby boy bring the people so much joy
Son of a carpenter, Mary carried the light
This must be Christmas, must be tonight
A shepherd on a hillside, where over my flock I bide
On a cold winter night a band of angels sing
In a dream I heard a voice saying "fear not, come rejoice
It's the end of the beginning, praise the new born king"

How a little baby boy bring the people so much joy
Son of a carpenter, Mary carried the light
This must be Christmas, must be tonight
I saw it with my own eyes, written up in the skies

But why a simple herdsman such as I
And then it came to pass, he was born at last
Right below the star that shines on high

How a little baby boy bring the people so much joy
Son of a carpenter, Mary carried the light
This must be Christmas, must be tonight

Son of a carpenter, Mary carried the light
This must be Christmas, must be tonight
Be tonight, be tonight, be tonight.

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, On Sundays at 4pm, a service of Holy Eucharist is held at the church.

*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.



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