

December 27, 2020
at 10am

Worship Booklet

First Sunday after Christmas
Celebration of Holy Eucharist

10am and 7pm
livestream on
[facebook.com/saintalbans](https://www.facebook.com/saintalbans)

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Welcome/Bienvenue

*Welcome to St. Albans 10am Morning Worship Livestream!
We're so glad you've joined us.*

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

Donations

If you would like to make an offering to support St. Albans financially, you can donate by:

***E-transfer** to donate@stalbanschurch.ca (use 'StAlbans' as the answer to the security question); or*

***Credit card**, at stalbanschurch.ca/connect/donations (via CanadaHelps).*

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Thank you!*

Acknowledgement

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

Nota Bene

There will be no 4pm in-person service today, Dec 27.

Welcome/Bienvenue

O Come All Ye Faithful

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!

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal;
Lo, Christ! Alive in the wounded ones!
Thy love has touched our broken, hopeless places.

Sing, choirs of angels! Sing in exultation!
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven and Earth!
Glory to God, all glory in the universe!

Child, for the broken, poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving all so dearly?

Yea, Christ, we greet thee, born one happy morning!
Jesus, revealing our glory within!
Words of Creation, now in us appearing!

Greeting

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

Almighty God,
**you have shed upon us the new light
of your incarnate Word.
May this light, enkindled in our hearts,
shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

We Proclaim the Word

Each Sunday we read several sections of the Bible. These same readings will be proclaimed to over a billion Christians around the world today.

The First Reading: Isaiah 61.10-62.3

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

Psalm 148

**Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.**

**Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord;
for he commanded, and they were created.
**He made them stand fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
**Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
**Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and wingèd birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
**Young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven.
**He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

The Second Reading: Gal 4.4-7

La Parole du Seigneur

Nous rendons grace à Dieu

Christmas Must Be Tonight

The Band

Come down to the manger, see the little stranger
Wrapped in swaddling clothes, the prince of peace
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, while over my flock I bide
Oh 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

The Gospel — Luke 2.22-40

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.

Sermon *Rev. Mark Whittall*

Open Space

This is a time for us to respond in our own way to the words we have heard and to prepare for the prayers and Eucharist to follow. During this time, we are invited to discuss what we've heard and experienced with those around us, to spend time in silence, to pray and to write down prayers on the cards provided, some or all of which will be read during the prayers of the people.

Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As ones of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The loving parent kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to all a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us,
And lightens every load.

Prayers of the People

The Peace

In the sharing of the Peace we celebrate our reconciliation with God and extend the gift of peace to one other (Matt 5:23-24). We are reminded that it is in meeting others that we meet Christ.

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 at home.

We Celebrate the Eucharist

Offering

All that we have is a gift from God. Please make an offering to support the work of St. Albans now (or at any time). You can donate by:

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Prayer over the Gifts

**God of light,
in the birth of your Son we see your glory.
May we who share in this mystery
grow daily in your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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, gracious God ...
... 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 in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God ...
... 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 ...
... now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please feel free to use the language and words of your choice.

**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

What A Wonderful World

Bob Thiele and George Weiss

I see trees of green
Red roses too
I see them bloom
For me and you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue
And clouds of white
The bright blessed day
The dark sacred night
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow
So pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces
Of people going by
I see friends shaking hands
Saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying
"I love you"

I hear babies cry
I watch them grow
They'll learn much more
Than I'll never know
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

Yes, I think to myself
What a wonderful world

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

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! For Love is come: let Earthly praises ring!
Let every heart prepare ye room,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

Joy to the Earth! For justice reigns!
Let all our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

Love fills the world with truth and grace! And all Creation proves
The glories of this righteousness,
And wonders of this love, and wonders of this love,
And wonders, wonders of this love!

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Coffee Time on Zoom

After the service, join us at

<https://zoom.us/j/99559252904?pwd=ZDRRWmprZG5xY3BqSWxlOTBsOSt0UT09>

Online Prayer Room

Following St. Albans Sunday morning worship, join Anna at 11am for individual prayer. Visit the Zoom prayer room at

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73362070549?pwd=YW9PK250MENsOHA3eDFjZFhqN2RyUT09>

Announcements

Year-End Cleanup

Last Date for 2020 Charitable Tax Receipts—To receive a 2020 tax receipt, your offerings by cash, credit card, or e-transfer must be received by December 31. Thank you for your generosity!

Get your Tax Receipt Electronically—If you have been receiving your tax receipt on paper but would be willing to accept it by email, please send a message to envelope secretary Brian Herron at brian.david.herron@gmail.com. That will save us clerical time and postage.

2020 Expenses—Requests for reimbursement of 2020 expenses should be submitted to Annie at office@stalbanschurch.ca as soon as possible, and certainly before December 31.

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.



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