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at 10am and 7pm

Worship Booklet

Epiphany

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

livestream on

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Welcome/Bienvenue

Welcome to St. Albans 10am Morning Worship Livestream!

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). To receive a tax receipt, please include your name and address. Thank you!*

Acknowledgement

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

Coffee Time on Zoom

After the service, please 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=YW9PK250MENS0HA3eDFjZFhqN2RyUT09>

Welcome/Bienvenue

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

Henry Van Dyke

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of wrong and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day! (repeat)

All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

Alleluia

Alleluia

Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
God our Lover, Christ no other
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Alleluia

Alleuia

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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.

Eternal God,
who by a star
led wise men to the worship of your Son.
Guide by your light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may know your glory;
through Jesus 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 several sections of the Bible. These same readings will be proclaimed to over a billion Christians around the world today.

The First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6;

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

Psalm 72.1-7,10-14

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
**That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall
be no more.

**The rulers of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

All rulers shall bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.

**For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.**

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

**He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

The Second Reading: Ephesians 3.1-12

La Parole du Seigneur

Nous rendons grace à Dieu

Magi, We of Orient Are

Tune: "We Three Kings" John Henry Hopkins Jr.

Magi, we of Orient are; bearing gifts, we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of light, star with holy beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns divinity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising; Spirit, who dwells inside!

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now, Creation arise! Love has heard our anguished cries!
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the Earth and skies!

The Gospel – Matthew 2.1-12

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

And also with you.

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

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.

Here Comes the Sun

George Harrison

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right

Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes

Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear

Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
It's all right
It's all right

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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Credit card at stalbanschurch.ca/connect/donations
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Thank you!*

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

Coventry Carol

Lyrics by Robert Croo, music by Thomas Mawdyke

Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child,
Bye bye, lully, lullay.
Thou little tiny child,
Bye bye, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do
For to preserve this day
This poor youngling for whom we sing,
“Bye bye, lully, lullay?”

Herod the king, in his raging,
Chargèd he hath this day
His men of might in his own sight
All young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child, for thee
And ever mourn and may
For thy parting neither say nor sing,
“Bye bye, lully, lullay.”

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

May You Find A Light

David Gungor, Jon Arndt

Lost and weary traveler,
Searching for the way to go
Stranger, heavy-hearted,
Longing for someone to know

May you find a light (2)
May you find a light to guide you home.

There are weary
Searching everywhere you go
Strangers who are searching,
Longing deeply to be known

Sending

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