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at 10am and 7pm

Worship Booklet

The Baptism of the Lord
A Liturgy of the Word

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

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.

All Creatures

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Oh praise God! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O, praise Him! O, praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
Oh praise God! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Oh praise Her! Oh praise Her!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship in great humbleness,
O praise God! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Oh praise God! Oh praise God!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

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.

O God the creator of all,
**at his baptism you proclaimed Jesus your beloved
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Make us faithful to our calling to be your children,
and empower us with your Spirit,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
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: Genesis 1.1-5

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name; worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,
**and makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.

**And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.

**The Lord shall give strength to this people; the Lord shall give this
people the blessing of peace.**

The Second Reading: Acts 19.1-7

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Thanks be to God.

Your Peace Will Make Us One – *Audrey Assad*

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!
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The Gospel – Mark 1.4-12

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

And also with you.

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

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.

River – *Leon Bridges*

Been traveling these wide roads for so long
My heart's been far from you
Ten-thousand miles gone

Oh, I wanna come near and give ya
Every part of me
But there is blood on my hands
And my lips aren't clean

In my darkness I remember
Momma's words reoccur to me
"Surrender to the good Lord
And he'll wipe your slate clean"

Take me to your river
I wanna go
Oh, go on
Take me to your river
I wanna know

Dip me in your smooth waters
I go in
As a man with many crimes
Come up for air
As my sins flow down the Jordan

Oh, I wanna come near and give ya
Every part of me
But there is blood on my hands
And my lips aren't clean

Take me to your river
I wanna go
Go on,
Take me to your river
I wanna know

I wanna go, wanna go, wanna go
I wanna know, wanna know, wanna know
Wanna go, wanna go, wanna go
Wanna know, wanna know, wanna know
Wanna go, wanna go, wanna go
Wanna know, wanna know, wanna know

Take me to your river
I wanna go
Lord, please let me know
Take me to your river
I wanna know
Refrain

Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

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.

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:

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

Credit card at stalbanschurch.ca/connect/donations

(via Canada Helps)

To receive a tax receipt, please include your name and address.

Thank you!

The Medicine – Dee Wilson

There's a sickness here that threatens to divide us
And we're all afraid to say its name out loud
But, Lord, I know that you can heal us of this virus
So, we need you, we need you right now

There's a darkness here that's dangerous and aggressive
It getting harder every day to shake its power
But, Lord, I know that you can free us from oppression
So, we need you, we need you right now

Cause we don't know what to do
So, we turn our eyes to you
We've run out of words to say
But if you come and have your way
You can save us from ourselves
Before our hurts hurt someone else
We need you now

What does it mean to have compassion for another?
How can I claim to love a God that I can't see?
If I can find the will to harm and kill my brother
Cause he neglected to look like me

I can speak the words of men and songs of angels
I can give all my possessions to the poor
But if your love can't move the mountain of my hatred
Somehow, I missed you, and I need you so much more

We need you now
We need you now
We need you now
We need you now

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.

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.

We Are Sent

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.

Announcements

Blessing

Free – *William Matthews*

There's a world at war
Caught in suffering
Silent casualties
Oh God, grant us peace

In these sleepless nights
I can hardly breath
Despite the brutality
I know that we'll be free
I know that we'll be free

Let the light in
Keep it shining
Let it break into the darkness
All the love dares us to see
We'll all be free

In these desperate times
Love will hold us here
Love will join our hands
Teach us to have no fear
So we lay our hate down
To wash their feet
When we see our neighbour
Oh, we'll all be free
Yes, we'll all be free

Let the light in
Keep it shining
Let it break into the darkness
All the love dares us to see

We'll be free
We'll all be free
We'll be free, free
We'll all be free

Sending

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

Announcements

Homework Club Has Coordinator

Scott Hopkin has been hired as the coordinator of our St. Albans Online Homework Club. Scott has recently returned to Ottawa-Gatineau from Korea where he taught English and developed online curricula. Our Homework Club is a pandemic response to provide mentoring and homework assistance to children (and their parents) who need a little help with their schooling. We will be looking for volunteers to work with children online – Scott will have more to say about this soon.

Pre-Authorized Remittances

A number of people indicated in their recent pledges that they would be setting up or modifying their Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR) for 2021.

If you already belong to PAR and would like modify your monthly remittance, just email your adjustments to Annie at office@stalbanschurch.ca

To join the PAR plan, please download the authorization form from <https://bit.ly/2MK2cOJ>, then complete, scan and return it by email to Annie at office@stalbanschurch.ca.

Please contact Annie if you have any questions.

Multi-Church Book Study

Some of us participated in the fall Multi-Church Book Study which looked at *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McLaren. You'll be pleased to know that we're launching a follow-up book study in February, *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr, on Thursdays at 7pm for 8 weeks, beginning on February 4. Registration details will follow.

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.