

January 10, 2021
at 10am

Worship Booklet

Baptism of the Lord
A Liturgy of the Word

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Welcome to St. Albans 10am Morning Worship Livestream!

Our service is livestreamed on 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!

Donations

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

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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=ZDRRWmprZG5xY3BqSWxIOTBsOSt0UT09>

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>

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

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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
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! / Glory! Glory!
Hallelujah! / Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! /
Your peace will make us one

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

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

La paix du Seigneur soit toujours avec vous.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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).

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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

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
breathe / 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/2MK2c0J>, 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. On Sundays at 4pm, a service of Holy Eucharist is held at the church.

We also have a French-language service, livestreamed every Sunday at 12h00 on facebook.com/CommunauteStBernard.

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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