

January 17, 2021
at 10am and 7pm

Worship Booklet

Second Sunday after Epiphany
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!

Coffee Time on Zoom

Pour yourself a mug of joe and join us after the service:

<https://zoom.us/j/99559252904?pwd=ZDRRWmprZG5xY3BqSWxIOtBsOStOUT09>

If prompted for a meeting ID or password, here is what you need:

Meeting ID: 995 5925 2904, Passcode: 761951,

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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>

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!

Welcome/Bienvenue

Acknowledgement

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

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.

Not In A Hurry, Lord I Need You – *Will Regan, Matt Maher*

Lord I don't want to rush on ahead
In my own strength
When You're right here

Lord I don't want to rush on ahead
In my own strength
When You're right here

I'm not in a hurry
When it comes to Your spirit
When it comes to Your presence
When it comes to Your voice
I'm learning to listen
Just to rest in Your nearness
I'm starting to notice
You are speaking

Lord I want to love like You
I want to feel what You feel
I want to see what You see
Lord I want to love like You
I want to feel what You feel
I want to see what You see

I'm not in a hurry
When it comes to Your spirit
When it comes to Your presence
When it comes to Your voice
I'm learning to listen
Just to rest in Your nearness
I'm starting to notice
You are speaking

Open my eyes, I want to see You in all things
Open my ears, I want to hear You speak
Tell us your thoughts what's on Your mind

I'll be your friend, I want to see through your eyes
I want to see through Your eyes
(chorus)

Lord, I need You
Oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defence
My righteousness
Oh God how I need 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.

O God of Jacob,
**you speak in the light of day and in the dark of night
when our sleeping is filled
with dreams of heaven and earth;
may we be open and watchful
to your presence in our midst;
through Jesus Christ, your dream made flesh. 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: 1 Sam 3.1-10

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

Psalm 139.1-18

Lord, you have searched me out
and known me.

**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

Where can I go then from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
**If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
**even there your hand will lead me
and your mighty hand hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night."
**Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
**I will thank you because I am marvellously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;**

they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

**How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!**

If I were to count them,
they would be more in number than the sand;
**to count them all,
my life span would need to be like yours.**

The Second Reading: 1 Cor 6.12-20

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

Invitation – *Sunia Gibbs*

All are welcomed

All are received

All are invited

All are believed

Come in your body

Come and be present

Come with your stories

Come and be curious

In love there is no pretense

In love there is no fear

We can see our difference

Still we belong here

At this table
Everyone is seated
For reimagination
Everyone is needed

With our voices
We are awakening
Make no mistake about it
These barriers are breaking

In love there is no pretense
In love there is no fear
We can see our difference
Still we belong here

All you children
Come, don't be shy
God our maker
Is on your side

The Gospel — John 1.43-51

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

And also with you.

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

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.

Pilgrim – John Mark McMillan

There is a heavenly city
That I'm compelled to find
Oh I love the flowers and trees
And, the smell of the grinding seed
And all the, beautiful things here in life

I, I'm a pilgrim here
On this side of the great divide
I'm a pilgrim here
But I walk with you for awhile

Nobody's ever quite ready
But they all take the ride
Many have died, for the promise inside
They never got, to see it in their time

I, I'm a pilgrim here
On this side of the great divide
I'm a pilgrim here
But I walk with you for a while

Walk with you for awhile
I'll love you here for awhile
I'll hold you, for awhile
I'll love you

I'll love you here for (a while)

I'll love you

I'll love you here for (a while)

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, include your name and address. Thank you!

Peace Train – Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens)

Now I've been happy lately
Thinking about the good things to come
And I believe it could be
Something good has begun

Oh, I've been smiling lately
Dreaming about the world as one
And I believe it could be
Someday it's going to come

'Cause I'm on the edge of darkness
There ride the Peace Train
Oh, Peace Train take this country
Come take me home again

Now I've been smiling lately,
Thinkin' about the good things to come
And I believe it could be
Something good has begun

Oh Peace Train sounding louder
Glide on the Peace Train

Come on Peace Train
Yes, Peace Train holy roller

Everyone jump upon the Peace Train
Come on now, Peace Train

Get your bags together,
Go bring your good friends, too
'Cause it's getting nearer
It soon will be with you

Now come and join the living
It's not so far from you
And it's getting nearer
Soon it will all be true

Oh Peace Train sounding louder
Glide on the Peace Train
Come on now Peace Train
Peace Train

Now I've been crying lately
Thinkin' about the world as it is
Why must we go on hating,
Why can't we live in bliss?

'Cause out on the edge of darkness,
There rides a Peace Train

Oh Peace Train take this country
Come take me home again

Prayer over the Gifts

Living God,
you have revealed your Son as the Messiah.
May we hear his word and follow it,
and live as children of light.
We ask this 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

Amazing Grace – *John Newton, These Bodies*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That called someone like me;
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was bound, but now I'm free.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

You gave us these bodies
And you called them good
You gave us these bodies
And you called them good

May we love them as you do
Let us love them as you do
Inside outside, through and through
Let us love them as you do

Sending

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

Announcements

Multi-Church Book Study

Registration is now open for our **Multi-Church Book Study**, which will be reading [The Universal Christ](#) by [Richard Rohr](#). The Study will be on Thursdays at 7pm for six weeks beginning on February 4. To register and get the Zoom link, or to get more information, please email Robyn Sulkko, rsulk027@uottawa.ca. There will be eight or more churches participating from across our diocese, so this is a great way to connect.

Online Homework Club – *A message from Scott*

Hello! My name is Scott Hopkin. I am the new coordinator for the St Albans and St Bernard Online Homework Club (OHC). I have been a passionate teacher and tutor for years and have enjoyed teaching children of all ages in various places, such as Canada, France and most recently, Korea. I am very excited to be working with St Albans and St Bernard for this worthy organization.

The OHC is a club for elementary and high school students to get help with homework, especially during these Covid times, when extra help is needed. It is also a way the parishes can get to know neighbours and strengthen community ties.

We are looking for passionate volunteer tutors within our community to supply online homework help through an online educational platform, such as Zoom. If anyone is interested in tutoring, please email me at scott@stalbanschurch.ca.

Participants who are interested in the program, please contact me as well so we can set you up with a tutor! We are looking forward to hearing from you!

St. Albans Annual Vestry Meeting, Zoom Edition

St. Albans Zoom Vestry will take place on Sunday, February 28.

We will review our 2020 financial statements, approve a budget for 2021, elect and appoint people to various roles in church leadership, and discuss a variety of matters as we set a course for our community over the next year. It is important that our meeting is well attended. All are welcome, hope you can join us.

2021 Vestry Report

We also need to prepare our 2021 Vestry Report. If you are responsible for one of our ministries and would like to submit a brief written report or some photos, please provide this as a Microsoft Word document to Annie, office@stalbanschurch.ca, by February 18.

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.