

January 24, 2021

10am and 7pm

Worship Booklet

Third Sunday after Epiphany

A Liturgy of the Word

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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=YW9PK25OMENsOHA3eDFjZFhqN2RyUT09>

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.

Night Has Passed – *David Gungor, Jon Arndt*

Night has passed and the day lies open
Night has passed and the day lies open
Before us

Let us pray with one heart and mind
Let us pray with one heart and mind

We rejoice, we rejoice
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day

Morning comes
With the light of Your presence
Morning comes
With the light of Your presence
Upon us

Let us pray with one heart and mind
Let us pray with one heart and mind

We rejoice, we rejoice
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day

Morning has broken
Like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird

Praise for the singing
Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the word

In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day

We rejoice, we rejoice
We rejoice, we rejoice

In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day

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.

Lord Jesus Christ,
with those you called by the lakeside,
may we follow you,
proclaiming the reign of God,
and sharing your mission
to bring good news to all;
for you live and reign
with the Father 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: Jonah 3.1-10

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

Psalm 62.5-14;

For God alone my soul in silence waits;
truly, my hope is in God.

**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not
be shaken.**

In God is my safety and my honour,
my strong rock and my refuge.

**Put your trust in God always,
O people, pour out your hearts
before the One who is your refuge.**

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

**On the scales they are lighter than a breath,
all of them together.**

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though
wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

**God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.**

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.

**Lord, you have searched me out
and known me.**

The Second Reading: 1 Cor 7.29-31

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

It Is Well, God With Us – *Horatio Gates Spafford*

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Our Deliverer
And Creator
In Your presence all find their strength
Within everything
Our redemption
God with us
You are God with us

The Gospel — Mark 1.14-20

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 what we have heard and to prepare for the prayers that follow. Please feel free to comment with any reflections, discuss at home, or simply rest in what was shared. If you would like to offer prayers as part of our prayers of the people, please use the comments to do so.

Times Like These – Foo Fighters

I, I'm a one-way motorway
I'm the one that drives away
Then follows you back home
I, I'm a street light shining
I'm a wild light blinding bright
Burning off and on
Ah-ah-ahh

It's times like these you learn to live again
It's times like these you give and give again
It's times like these you learn to love again
It's times like these time and time again

I, I'm a new day rising
I'm a brand new sky
To hang the stars upon tonight
I am a little divided
Do I stay or run away
And leave it all behind?
Ah-ah-ahh

It's times like these you learn to live again
It's times like these you give and give again
It's times like these you learn to love again
It's times like these time and time again

It's times like these you learn to live again
It's times like these you give and give again
It's times like these you learn to love again
It's times like these time and time again

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

Confession and Absolution

Through our confession, we acknowledge our brokenness before each other and before God, and our need for the forgiveness and reconciliation, which is offered to us by God's grace.

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners
and invites them to the table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

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

Loving God,
**before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you
this day, and strengthen us in that calling.**
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

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou our Creator; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor one's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Thy One of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

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

We are gearing up to launch the OHC and are thrilled with the response that we are getting from you! For those that are interested in volunteering as a tutor and for students who need help with their homework, please contact me at scott@stalbanschurch.ca. Looking forward to hearing from you! – Scott

St. Albans Annual Vestry

St. Albans Annual Vestry will convene Feb. 28 at 11am on Zoom.

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, so 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.

To participate in our mid-week activities – morning and evening prayer, bible study, coffee hours, yoga and more – please email rev.mark@stalbanschurch.ca to get connected.

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