

January 31, 2021

10am and 7pm

Worship Booklet

Fourth 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=ZDRRWmprZG5xY3BqSWxIOtBsOSt0UT09>

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

Meeting ID: 995 5925 2904, **Passcode:** 761951,

Dial in: 1 647 558 0588

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.

Open Up – *David Gungor, Jon Arndt*

You heard the cry of our hearts
And you came down
Freely you gave us your love
Showing us how

*Make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred let me show love
Where there's injustice let me show up*

May your love cause us to open up
Cause us to open up our hearts
May your light cause us to shine so bright
That we bring hope into the dark
All that we do without love
It means nothing
Grant us the courage to give
As you're calling

*Make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred let me show love
Where there's injustice let me speak up*

May your love cause us to open up
Cause us to open our hearts
May your light cause us to shine so bright
That we bring hope into the

Hope for the hopeless, your love is
Strength in our weakness, your love is
May we love, as you love

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.

God of liberation,
**who comes not to destroy
but to set us free,
bring wholeness to all that is broken
and speak truth to us in our confusion;
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: Deut 18.15-20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright,
in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord!

They are studied by all who delight in them.

O Lord, your work is full of majesty and splendour,
and your righteousness endures for ever.

**You make your marvellous works to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

You give food to those who fear you;
you are ever mindful of your covenant.

**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all your commandments are sure.

**They stand fast for ever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

You send redemption to your people;
you commanded your covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is your name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
the praise of the Lord endures for ever.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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

We're Not Ok – *Chad Cecil*

Can we stop just for a moment
and consider we're in this together
We've all played a part
In the way things have become

And I regret to inform You
That I am one of them
Whose made a deal with wealth and power
And never having quite enough

Ooo, we're not ok
Ooo, love make a way

Please forgive my disengagement
From what I do not know
For burying my head into the sand
While my sibling fought alone

You see I'm the kind of person
Who stares up at the stars
Praying to someone up above
While there's a power at work within us

But I won't give up
Can't give up
On the world
And I won't give up
Can't give up
On you

The Gospel – Mark 1:21-28

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

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

Little Things With Great Love – *Assad, Wardell, Cunningham*

In the garden of our Saviour, no flower grows unseen
His kindness rains like water on every humble seed
No simple act of mercy escapes his watchful eye
For there is one who loves me
His hand is over mine

In the circle of creation, no suffering is unknown
Each tear that falls is holy, each breaking heart a throne
There is a song of beauty in every weeping eye
For there is one who loves all
Her heart, it breaks with thine

O the deeds forgotten, o the works unseen
Every drink of water flowing graciously
Every tender mercy you're making glorious
This you have asked of us
Do little things with great love
Little things with great love

At the table of our Saviour, no mouth will go unfed
And all children in the shadows stream in and raise their heads
O give us ears to hear them, and give us eyes that see
For there is one who loves them, I am his hands and feet

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

Broken Conversations (sung confession)

Broken conversations, broken people, broken Lord,
Terrified illusions seeking comfort, seeking more.
We need each other more than we need to agree
Father, Son, Spirit, bless us with your love, with your grace and
peace.

Peace. Let there be peace. Let there be peace. Let there be peace.

Let us see and not destroy, let us listen, let us listen
Let us suspend judgment for the sake of love, for the sake of love
We need each other more than we need to agree,
Father, Son, Spirit, bless us with your love, with your grace and
peace.

Love, let there be love, let there be love.

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
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Justice Will Roll Down, Free – *Sandra McCracken, William Matthews*

Oh my love, you have grown so cold
To the world outside, to the house next door
She who has been loved much, has so much to give
Mercy is the fragrance, of the broken

Justice will roll down, oh justice will roll down
From high upon those mountains with a mighty river sound
It will roll down
It will roll down

Oh my child, I will be your light
In your secret pain, in the dark of night
No enemy, no conqueror, will steal your life from me
I am your salvation and your victory

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

So we lay our hate down
To wash their feet
When we see each other
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 all be free

Prayer over the Gifts

God of steadfast love,
may our offering this day,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
renew us for your service.

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

Pride (In the Name of Love)

Adam Clayton, David Evans, Paul Hewson, Laurence Mullen

One man come in the name of love
One man, he come and go
One man comes he to justify
One man to overthrow

*In the name of love
What more in the name of love
In the name of love
What more in the name of love*

Early evening, April four
A shot rings out in the Memphis sky
Free at last, they took your life
They could not take your pride

In the name of love
In the name of love
In the name of love
In the name of love

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 – Appeal for Volunteers

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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