

March 7, 2021

10am and 7pm

Worship Booklet

Third Sunday in Lent

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=ZDRRWmprZG5xY3BqSWxlOTBsOSt0UT09>

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

This morning, we warmly welcome Paul Mugarura at guest speaker.

Land 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.

Bless our God, who forgives all our sins
God's mercy endures forever.

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.**

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

Confession and Absolution

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.**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (new words by Latifah Phillips)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies we see
Amidst the pain of this world you breathe with us
Unfailing faithfulness dwelling so near

Dwelling so near

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and the same for tomorrow
Blessings for all, Christ within us resound

Resound

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies we see
Amidst the pain of this world you breathe with us
Unfailing faithfulness dwelling so near

Dwelling so near

Collect

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

God of mercy,
alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we
are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our
pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you 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: Exodus 20.1-17

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

Psalm 19 *(The psalm is read responsively)*

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord.

**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
**their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
**Who can tell how often they offend?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations
of my heart be acceptable in your sight;
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Reading: 1 Cor 1.18-25

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

All Belong Here (The Many)

When you're not sure who you really are
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wounds than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here

When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here

At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace.

Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here

The Gospel — John 2.13-22

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 – Paul Mugarura

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.

Hymn for the 81% (Daniel Deitrich)

I grew up in your churches
Sunday morning, evening service
Knelt in tears at the foot of the rugged cross
You taught me every life is sacred
feed the hungry, clothe the naked
I learned from you the highest law is Love

I believed you when you said
that I should trust the words in red
To guide my steps through a wicked world
I assumed you'd do the same
so imagine my dismay
When I watched you lead the sheep to the wolves

You said to love the lost
So I'm loving you now
You said to speak the truth
So I'm calling you out
Why don't you live the words
That you put in my mouth
May love overcome and justice roll down

They started putting kids in cages
Ripping mothers from their babies
And I looked to you to speak on their behalf
But all I heard was silence
Or worse you justify it
Singing glory hallelujah raise the flag

Your fear had turned to hatred
But you baptized it with language
torn from the pages of the good book
You weaponized religion
And you wonder why I'm leaving
To find Jesus on the wrong side of your walls

You said to love the lost
So I'm loving you now
You said to speak the truth
So I'm calling you out
Why don't you live the words
That you put in my mouth
May love overcome and justice roll down

Come home
Come home

You said to love the lost
I'm trying to love you now
You said to speak the truth
So I'm calling you out
Why don't you live the words
That you put in my mouth
May love overcome and justice roll down

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
I trust in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I trust in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I trust in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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). To receive a tax receipt, include your name and address. Thank you!

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Gravity/Higher Love (John Mayer, Steve Winwood)

Gravity is working against me
And gravity wants to bring me down
Oh, I'll never know what makes this man
With all the love that his heart can stand
Dream of ways to throw it all away

Whoa, gravity is working against me
And gravity wants to bring me down
Oh, twice as much ain't twice as good
And can't sustain like one half could
It's wanting more that's gonna send me to my knees

Whoa, gravity, stay the hell away from me
Whoa, gravity has taken better men than me
Now how can that be?

Keep me where the light is
Keep me where the light is
Keep me where the light is

Bring me a higher love
Bring me a higher love
Where's that higher love
I keep thinking of

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God,
we know your power to triumph over weakness.
May we who ask forgiveness
be ready to forgive one another,
in the name of Jesus 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)

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

Sending

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

St. Albans Welcomes Rev. Jonathan Askwith

We extend a warm welcome to Jonathan, who returns to St. Albans as part-time Pastoral Associate.

2020 Charitable Tax Receipts

2020 Charitable Tax Receipts are in the mail. If you'd like to get your tax receipt by email, contact Annie at office@stalbanschurch.ca.

St. Albans Mental Health Initiative

Navigating Low Mood – A second workshop and final workshop with psychotherapist Brittony Osler. Join us on Zoom **Tuesday, March 9**, 7-8.30pm. Register with Mark or Gillian to receive the Zoom link.

Weekly Meditation Sessions – Michelle leads a half hour of meditation every Wednesday at 5.15pm. All are welcome on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82297002031?pwd=aFo1NkIKamFPRIBoMVVEbFBXODJQUT09>

Monthly Resilience Check-in – Check in with Mary-Martha Hale at 3pm on the second Monday of each month (next on March 8). Contact Mary-Martha at mmhale65@gmail.com. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2725135700?pwd=eXB0b3FvMzR5Z2Y3QIRUUDM0a096UT09#success>
Meeting ID: 272 513 5700, Passcode: 794243

St. Albans Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Team is continuing with our every member check-in by phone and/or email, so please take the time to let them know how you're doing. (And if you're not contacted, please let me know so that we can update our list.)

For a complete list of our mid-week gatherings, please visit www.stalbanschurch.ca/community

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/saintalban.

*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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