

March 21, 2021  
at 10:00 a.m.

# Worship Booklet

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
A Liturgy of the Word

*livestream on*  
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**ST ALBANS**

## **Welcome/Bienvenue**

*Welcome to St. Albans 10am Morning Worship Livestream!*

*Our service is livestreamed on [www.facebook.com/saintalbens](http://www.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!*

## **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@stalbenschurch.ca](mailto:donate@stalbenschurch.ca) (use 'StAlbens' as the answer to the security question); or Credit card, at [stalbenschurch.ca/connect/donations](http://stalbenschurch.ca/connect/donations) (via CanadaHelps).*

*To receive an electronic tax receipt, please include your email, name, and address. Thank you!*

## **Welcome/Bienvenue**

### **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.**

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I waited patiently for the Lord  
He inclined and heard my cry  
He lifts me up out of the pits  
Out of the miry clay

I will sing, sing a new song  
I will sing, sing a new song

How long to sing this song?  
How long to sing this song?

How long, how long, how long  
How long to sing this song?  
He set my feet upon a rock  
And made my footsteps firm

Many will see  
Many will see and hear

I will sing, sing a new song  
I will sing, sing a new song

How long to sing this song?  
How long to sing this song?  
How long, how long, how long  
How long to sing this song?

## **Collect**

Let us pray.

*We pray silently.*

God of suffering and glory,  
**in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of life  
through the path of obedience.**

**Write your law on our hearts,  
so that we may not stray from you,  
but be your people. 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 119.9-16** *(The psalm is read responsively)*

How shall the young cleanse their way?

By keeping to your words.

**With my whole heart I seek you;**

**let me not stray from your commandments.**

I treasure your promise in my heart,  
that I may not sin against you.

**Blessed are you, O Lord;**

**instruct me in your statutes.**

With my lips will I recite  
all the judgements of your mouth.

**I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees  
than in all manner of riches.**

I will meditate on your commandments  
and give attention to your ways.

**My delight is in your statutes;**

**I will not forget your word.**

### **The Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God.**

**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)  
*repeat x 4*

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

## **The Gospel – John 12:20-33**

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. Jonathan Askwith*

### **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.*

**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



## **Chorus**

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

All you children  
Come, don't be shy  
Our Creator  
Is on your side

## **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 an electronic tax receipt, please include your email, name, and address.*

**E-transfer** (use 'StAlbans' as the answer to the security question) to [donate@stalbanschurch.ca](mailto:donate@stalbanschurch.ca)

**Credit card:** [stalbanschurch.ca/connect/donations](https://stalbanschurch.ca/connect/donations) (via Canada Helps)

## **Won't Back Down** | Tom Petty

Well, I won't back down  
No, I won't back down  
You can stand me up at the gates of hell  
But I won't back down

No, I'll stand my ground  
Won't be turned around  
And I'll keep this world from draggin' me down  
Gonna stand my ground

And I won't back down  
(I won't back down)  
Hey, baby, there ain't no easy way out  
(I won't back down)  
Hey, I will stand my ground  
And I won't back down

Well I know what's right  
I got just one life  
In a world that keeps on pushin' me around  
But I'll stand my ground  
And I won't back down  
(I won't back down)x

Hey, baby, there ain't no easy way out  
(I won't back down)  
Hey, I will stand my ground  
And I won't back down

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Eternal God,  
**your only Son suffered death upon the cross  
to bring the world salvation.**

**Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day,  
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**

**Until These Tears Are Gone** | Young Oceans  
Flood this heart with assurance of Your mercy  
Fill this mind with knowledge of Your love  
Hold me fast through the deep and steady current  
How long, how long 'till these tears are gone?

Every hour, awake me to Your presence  
Shine Your light, brighter than the dawn  
Send Your joy, illuminate the darkness  
How long, how long 'till these tears are gone?  
How long, how long 'till these tears are gone?

I'll fix my eyes on eternity above  
Where every lie, is uncovered by Your love  
I'll fix my eyes on eternity above  
Where every lie, every shadow is uncovered by Your love

Lord You hear, the pleading of creation  
I search for You, you hide not Your face  
Here I drift, a shell among the ruins

How long, how long 'till these tears are gone?  
How long, how long 'till these tears are gone?  
How long, how long 'till these tears are gone?  
How long, how long 'till these tears are gone?

## **Sending**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **St. Albans Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule**

**Palm Sunday**, March 28th, 10am Livestream, Holy Eucharist

**Maundy Thursday**, April 1, 8pm Zoom and Livestream, Holy Eucharist  
(Bilingual with St-Bernard)

**Good Friday**, April 2, 11am, Livestream

**Holy Saturday**, April 3, 11am, Zoom and Livestream

**Easter Sunday**, April 4, 10am Livestream, Holy Eucharist

All of our Holy Week services will be online. Worship booklets will be posted on our website before each service. Due to the ongoing pandemic in-person worship will not be possible. We will however be offering drive-by/walk-by communion outside of the Daly Avenue doors of St. Albans Church immediately following our 10am worship on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday for those who wish to receive communion in-person.

For a complete listing of our mid-week gatherings and worship schedules and links, please visit our website,  
[www.stalbanschurch.ca](http://www.stalbanschurch.ca)

## **St. Albans Mental Health Initiative**

**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](mailto:mmhale65@gmail.com). Zoom link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2725135700?pwd=eXB0b3FvMzR5Z2Y3QIRUUDM0a096UT09#success>  
Meeting ID: 272 513 5700, Passcode: 794243

## **The 'Unglamorous Panel'**

Folks are invited to attend an 'Unglamorous Panel' conversation on Race, Equity from a Christian perspective from 7-8:30 this Sunday March 21. Please contact Chad for more info. Here is the link:

<https://esgunited.org/event/unglamorous-panel-conversation>

## **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](http://www.stalbanschurch.ca/community)

## **St. Albans Governance 2021-22**

**Rector's Warden:** Michelle Sorenson

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## **St. Alban's Worship**

*St. Albans worships via Livestream every Sunday, with a 10am morning service at [www.facebook.com/saintalbans](http://www.facebook.com/saintalbans).*

*We also have a **French-language service** every Sunday at 12h00 at [www.facebook.com/CommunauteStBernard](http://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](mailto:rev.mark@stalbanschurch.ca) to get connected.*

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