

April 3, 2021
at 11:00 a.m.

Holy Saturday

Liturgy for Holy Saturday
A Service of the Word

Join our livestream
on **Zoom** or on
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saintalbans



ST ALBANS

Welcome to St. Albans

Preparing for Worship

We invite you to have a candle ready to be lit, and a drawing, branch, flower or other offering such as one might leave at a grave site.

Joining the Service

You are invited to join us by **Zoom** using this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/839062540?pwd=Sk1wO TZJMG9rUFRDV0VpR0JMeVBhUT09>.

You can also join our **livestream** at www.facebook.com/saintalbens

Land Acknowledgment

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

Welcome and Introduction

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Today is a day of stillness,
A day of waiting,
A Sabbath day of rest.

We are in-between.

The cross has been taken down,
The stone not yet rolled away.

Christ has descended to the dead.

We are at the tomb, or behind locked
doors,

Disoriented, as is our wont in the face of
death.

What shall we offer here?

Flowers or spice, a drawing, a poem,
Memories and words left unsaid.
Broken tears of regret,
Silent hope for resurrection.

God's Highway- Sandra McCracken

My feet are strong, my eyes are clear
I cannot see the way from here
But on we go, He knows the way
And in Your arms, He keeps me safe.

Fear not, keep on, watch and pray
Walk in the light of God's highway
The shadows flee, The valley is deep
But evil cannot conquer me
Your rod and staff, They protect me
You give me rest, You give me peace

Fear not, keep on, watch and pray
Walk in the light of God's highway

I see the shore, from troubled seas
This tiny ship that carries me
It is not yet, But it will be
So heaven come, It's you we need

Fear not, keep on, watch and pray
Walk in the light of God's highway

I'm holding onto you, Lord
You're holding onto me...

I'm holding onto you, Love
You're holding onto me...

Let us pray

We pray in silence

O God,
creator of heaven and earth,
as the crucified body of your dear Son

was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so may we await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Job 14.1-14

Psalm 31.1-4,15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.”

The Gospel

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (19.38-42)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel is proclaimed

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection

A Time of Prayer

You are invited to light your candle and make it visible to all as we enter a time of silent prayer and reflection

Holy Saturday. Everything is Still

Malcolm Guite

Here at the centre everything is still
Before the stir and movement of our grief
Which bears it's pain with rhythm, ritual,
Beautiful useless gestures of relief.
So they anoint the skin that cannot feel
Soothing his ruined flesh with tender care,
Kissing the wounds they know they cannot
 heal,
With incense scenting only empty air.
He blesses every love that weeps and
 grieves

And makes our grief the pangs of a new
birth.

The love that's poured in silence at old
graves

Renewing flowers, tending the bare earth,
Is never lost. In him all love is found
And sown with him, a seed in the rich
ground.

*Courtesy of Malcolm Guite, 'Sounding the
Seasons; seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year,
Canterbury Press 2012'*

*[https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2017/04/
15/holy-saturday-everything-is-still/](https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2017/04/15/holy-saturday-everything-is-still/)*

Were You There? *African American Spiritual*
*During the singing of the song, please make
visible an offering such as you would bring to
the tomb: flowers, branches from Palm Sunday,
a drawing, etc.*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? / Oh were you there when they crucified my Lord? / Ohh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble / Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Please feel free to use the language and words of your choice.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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.

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

Easter Day at St. Albans

Tomorrow morning, join us on Facebook for a liturgy celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord:

**Easter Sunday, April 4, 10am [Livestream](#),
Holy Eucharist**

St. Alban's Worship

St. Albans worships via Livestream every Sunday, with a 10am morning service at 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.

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, (via CanadaHelps) at
stalbanschurch.ca/connect/donations

To receive an electronic tax receipt, please include your email, name, and address.

Thank you!