

April 25, 2021
at 10:00 a.m.

Worship Booklet

Fourth Sunday of Easter
A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Livestream at

[facebook.com/saintalbens](https://www.facebook.com/saintalbens)

or ***YouTube***

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Welcome/Bienvenue

Welcome to St. Albans 10am Morning Worship Livestream!

Our service is livestreamed on www.facebook.com/saintalbans, or at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwV9f01mc4ymXD16YdNUBA>.

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>

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

Land Acknowledgement

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

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

The Medicine, Break Every Chain | *Dee Wilson, Hezekiah Walker*

There's a sickness here that threatens to divide us

And we're all afraid to say its name out loud

But, Lord, I know that you can free us from what hurts us

So, we need you, we need you right now

There's a darkness here that's dangerous and aggressive

It getting harder every day to shake its power

But, Lord, I know that you can free us from oppression

So, we need you, we need you right now

Cause we don't know what to do

So, we turn our eyes to you

We've run out of words to say

But if you come and have your way

You can save us from ourselves

Before our wounds hurt someone else

We need you now

What does it mean to have compassion for another?

How can I claim to love a God that I can't see?

If I can find the will to harm and kill my brother

Cause he neglected to look like me

I can speak the words of men and songs of angels
I can give all my possessions to the poor
But if your love can't move the mountain of my hatred
Somehow, I missed you, and I need you so much more

We need you now
We need your healing

There is power in the name of Jesus (x3)
To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain
To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain

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

Shepherd of all,
**by laying down your life for your flock
you reveal your love for all.**
**Lead us from the place of death
to the place of abundant life,
so that, guided by Your love for us,
we may rightly offer our lives
in love for you and our neighbour. Amen.**

We Proclaim the Word

Each Sunday we read several sections of the Bible, typically from the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament and the Gospel. These same readings will be proclaimed to over a billion Christians around the world today.

The First Reading – Acts 4.5-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**You make me lie down in green pastures
and lead me beside still waters.**

You revive my soul
and guide me along right pathways
for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

The Second Reading: 1 John 3.16-24

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Praise to the Lord | *Joachim Neander*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, God our Creator;
O my soul, praise Her, for she is thy health and life giver:
All you who are here
Now to the temple draw nere
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord; over all things she lovingly reigneth:
Borne as on eagle-wings, gently all people she holdeth
Has thou not seen
How all thou needest hath been
Granted in what she ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath breath join now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen"
Sound from all people again

The Gospel: John 10.10b-18

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'd 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 with anyone in your 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.

Hear, O People

Hear, O People,
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

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 also 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.

Share a sign of peace online or in your home.

We Celebrate the Eucharist

Offering

All that we have is a gift from God. You may make an offering to support the work of St. Albans Church by e-transfer to donate@stalbanschurch.ca or by credit card using Paypal or Canada Helps at www.stalbanschurch.ca/contact/donations now (or at any time). If you would like a receipt, please provide your postal address and email.

Open Up | *The Brilliance*

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 is darkness let me shine light and

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 is darkness let me shine light and

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 dark

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

Prayer over the Gifts

God of loving care,
you spread before us the table of life,
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

Que Dieu soit avec vous. May God be with you.
And also with you

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise ...
... to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord
[Holy, Holy...]

Holy God, source of life and goodness ...

... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Recalling his death ... now and forever. **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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

Dear friends, wherever you may be, receive Christ; in communion with the saints and the gathering of God's people, unseen yet present with us now.

We receive you Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you; with our hearts, minds, our souls, and our strength; with the saints we worship you, with the angels we adore you, with your whole Church we proclaim your reign. Come to us, though many, and make us one in you. Amen.

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 sister 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

We Are Sent

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

God of steadfast love,
watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son.
May we who share in these holy mysteries
come safely to your eternal kingdom,
where there is one flock and one shepherd.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

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.

Blessing

Justice Will Roll Down | *Sandra McCracken*

Oh my love, you have grown so cold
To the world outside, to the ones 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 redemption, and your healing.

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

Sending

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

Coffee Time on Zoom

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Pastoral Care Team

When you're weary or feeling small, remember that Mark and the members of St. Albans pastoral care team are on your side:

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Upcoming in April and May

Visit <https://stalbanschurch.ca/community> to find schedules, booklets, and Zoom links for St. Albans worship and mid-week gatherings.

The Resilience Check In

Monday, April 12 and May 10 at 3pm on **Zoom**. For more information contact Mary-Martha Hale at mmhale65@gmail.com.

Pause-Café St-Bernard

Conversation en français, Tuesdays in April and May at 11am.

Evening Prayer led by Anna

Wednesdays at 6pm, readings, prayer, and quiet reflection.

Student and Young Adult Conversation

Every second Wednesdays at 8pm, a facilitated conversation reflecting on the past week's gospel, led by Chad. Email chad@stalbanschurch.ca for the link.

Prayer and Bible Study

Thursdays in April and May at 9am: Morning prayer led by Mark.

St. Alban's Worship

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