

May 2, 2021
at 10:00 a.m.

Worship Booklet

Fifth Sunday of Easter
A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Livestream at

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

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>

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

Meeting ID: 995 5925 2904, Passcode: 761951,

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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.

Invitation, River – *Gibbs, Bridges*

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

In love there is no pretense

In love there is no fear

We can see our difference

Still we belong here

All are welcomed

All are received

All are invited

All are believed

With our voices
We are awakening
Make no mistake about it
These barriers are breaking

All you children
Come, don't be shy
God our maker
Is on your side

Take me to your river
I wanna go
Oh, go on
Take me to your river
I wanna know

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 deep soil and luxurious growth,
**you call us from our shallow selves
to find our depth in you:
may we abide in him alone**

who can teach us who we are,
Jesus Christ, the true vine. 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 8.26-40

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:25-31

My praise is of God in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those
who worship the Lord.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise:
“May your heart live for ever!”**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.

For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before God.

**My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God;
they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that God has done.

The Second Reading: *1 John 4.7-21*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

O Lord You're Beautiful – *Keith Green*

Oh Lord, you're beautiful,
Your face is all I seek,
For when your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds to me.

Oh Lord, please light the fire,
That once burned bright and clear.
Replace the lamp of my first love,
That burns with Holy fear.

I want to take your light and shine it all around.
But first help me to just, live it Lord.
And when I'm doing well, help me to never seek some crown.
For my reward is giving glory to you

Oh Lord, you're beautiful,
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The Gospel: John 15.1-8

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 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.

I Need Thee Every Hour – Annie S. Hawks

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O see me now, Creator
I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;

O see me now, Creator
I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy ways;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill.
refrain

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessèd Son.
refrain

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God,
you show us your way
and give us your divine life.
May everything we do
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
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.

Gravity – *John Mayer*

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

Oh, 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
repeat

Oh gravity, stay the hell away from me
Oh gravity has taken better men than me (how can that be?)

Just keep me where the light is (x3)

We Are Sent

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

God of love,

**in this eucharist we have heard your truth
and shared in your life.**

**May we always walk in your way,
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.**

Community Announcements

Blessing

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, You keep 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 body carries me

It is not yet, But it will be
So healing 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...

I'm holding onto you, Lord
You're holding onto me...
Fear not, keep on, watch and pray
Walk in the light of God's highway

Sending

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Coffee Time on Zoom

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Vaccination Support and Pastoral Care

When your turn comes, please go get vaccinated. If you are experiencing any challenges to being vaccinated, whether it's booking an appointment, dealing with the online system, lack of transportation, questions about the vaccines, or whatever it might be, please contact me or any of our Pastoral Care Team and we will get you what you need. And as always, if you are feeling down or worried or you just want to chat, don't hesitate to reach out to Mark or any team member:

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Thanks to the members of our pastoral care team, and please don't hesitate to contact us.

Givings Update to April 30, 2021

Our donations to St. Albans Church this year to **April 30** (33 percent of the year) are \$47,994, or 26 percent of our 2021 Budget of \$185,000 . Thank you for your generosity. This is down 5 percent from the same period in 2020. If you would like to make a [donation to St. Albans Church](#) or sign up for monthly preauthorized donations, you can do so [here](#).

Spring Cycle Tour

In the spirit of “hope, adventure and promise,” our first St. Albans bike ride for the 2021 season is being planned for **May 29 at 10am**. We’ll gather at St. Albans, and lunch at a designated park so others can join in, then return to the church. The event will respect all public health regulations related to Covid-19. Sign up for the bike ride or sign up for lunch, by emailing Mary-Martha at mmhale65@gmail.com or Haig McCarrell at haig.mccarrell@gmail.com.

stalbanschurch.ca/community

Upcoming in 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, May 10 at 3pm on Zoom; the link is <https://bit.ly/3xxjfGi>. For more information, contact Mary-Martha Hale at mmhale65@gmail.com.

Pause-Café St-Bernard

Conversation en français, Tuesdays in 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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