

May 9, 2021
at 10:00 a.m.

Worship Booklet

Sixth 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>

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 www.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.

Great Are You Lord | *Leslie Jordan*

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is hurting
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore (You restore)
Every heart that is hurting
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

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 abiding love,
you dare to call us friends.
**Take our fractured hearts,
command them to love,
and make whole our joy,
which is our life, reborn in Jesus Christ,
who laid down his life for us.**
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 10.44-49

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvellous things,
whose mighty hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O Lord, you have made known the victory; you have openly shown
your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before our sovereign, the Lord.**

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who is coming to
judge the earth.**

In righteousness shall God judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading: 1 John 5.1-6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of unending gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Come and join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;

God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

The Gospel: John 15.9-17

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 to 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.

Not In A Hurry | *Will Regan*

Lord I don't want to rush on ahead
In my own strength
When You're right here

Lord I don't want to rush on ahead
In my own strength
When You're right here

I'm not in a hurry
When it comes to Your spirit
When it comes to Your presence
When it comes to Your voice

I'm learning to listen
Just to rest in Your nearness
I'm starting to notice
You are speaking

Lord I want to love like You
I want to feel what You feel
I want to see what You see

Repeat

I'm not in a hurry
When it comes to Your spirit
When it comes to Your presence
When it comes to Your voice

I'm learning to listen
Just to rest in Your nearness
I'm starting to notice
You are speaking

Open my eyes, I want to see You more clearly
Open my ears, I want to hear You speak
Tell me your thoughts what's on Your mind
I'll be your friend, I want to see through Your eyes
I want to see through Your eyes

Prayer over the Gifts

God of glory,
accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. 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

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.

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

Hey, baby, there ain't no easy way out
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

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

We Are Sent

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

Father,
you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, 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.

Community Announcements

Blessing

Crowded Table | *The Highwomen*

You can hold my hand
When you need to let go
I can be your mountain
When you're feeling valley-low

I can be your streetlight
Showing you the way home
You can hold my hand
When you need to let go

I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness
Let the roots run deep

If it's love that we give
Then it's love that we reap
If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed

Yeah I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

The door is always open
Your picture's on my wall
Everyone's a little broken
And everyone belongs
Yeah, everyone belongs

I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done
And bring us back together when the day is done

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 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 at stalbanschurch.ca/contact/donations.

2021 Spring Bike Ride

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 lunch, by emailing Mary-Martha at mmhale65@gmail.com or Haig McCarrell at haig.mccarrell@gmail.com.

stalbanschurch.ca/community

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

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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