

September 26, 2021
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The Booklet

Pentecost 18

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

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Welcome/Bienvenue

Welcome to St. Albans, livestreaming from beautiful downtown Ottawa on www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwV9f01mc4ymXD16YdNUBA or at www.facebook.com/saintalbans.

If you are joining us online, your full participation is welcome: Please let us know you are with us by 'liking' the stream or sharing some comments!

Sunday Worship Online

St. Albans worships via Livestream every Sunday, with a 10am morning service at www.facebook.com/saintalbans.

Our French-language service livestreams Sundays at 12h00 on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CommunauteStBernard.

Join us In-Person

Welcome back to in-person worship, albeit in a limited capacity. Learn how to register for in-person services at St. Albans website, www.stalbanschurch.ca/in-person

Land Acknowledgement

St Alban's gathers on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. We remember the Indigenous peoples on whose land we are gathered, wherever we are. Our acknowledgement is also a statement of our commitment to the ongoing work of reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours.

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.

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee | *Henry Van Dyke*

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 wrong and sadness;
Drive the dark of hate away;
Giver of unending gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and sky reflect Your rays,
Stars and spirits 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!

Alleluia Alleluia

Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Maker, Christ our Brother,

Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Alleluia Alleluia

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

Collect

O God,
our guide and help in strange lands:
strengthen us by the faith and courage of Esther,
so that we may confront the oppressor
with the justice and unity of your reign,
freeing the oppressed
and proclaiming your glorious liberty;
in the name of Christ, our freedom.
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 | *Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22;*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;

**if the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;**

then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;

**then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;**

then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

**Blessed be the Lord who has not given us over
to be a prey for their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

The Second Reading | *James 5:13-20*

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Thanks be to God.

Blowin' In The Wind | Bob Dylan

How many roads must a man walk down
Before you call him a man?

How many seas must a white dove sail
Before she sleeps in the sand?

Yes, and how many times must the cannonballs fly
Before they're forever banned?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

Yes, and how many years must a mountain exist
Before it is washed to the sea?

And how many years can some people exist
Before they're allowed to be free?

Yes, and how many times can a man turn his head
And pretend that he just doesn't see?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

Yes, and how many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky?

And how many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people cry?

Yes, and how many deaths will it take 'til he knows
That too many people have died?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

The Gospel | Mark 9:38-50

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 | *The Rev. Simone Hurkmans*

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 are attending in person, you are invited to discuss with others at a distance by remaining in your seat. 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 another (Matt 5:23-24). We are also reminded that it is in meeting others that we meet Christ.

When exchanging the Peace with fellow parishioners (if you are attending in person), please remember that physical contact with those outside your bubble group is sadly not permitted during this Yellow phase. Share a sign of peace with others around you by other means such as bowing or waving. If you are online, share a sign of peace online or in your home.

La paix du Seigneur soit toujours avec vous
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We Celebrate the Eucharist

Offering

All that we have is a gift from God. Please consider supporting St. Albans financially with an e-transfer to donate@stalbanschurch.ca or a secure credit card donation at stalbanschurch.ca/connect/donations (StAlbans is the answer to the security question). If we have your email, name, and postal address, we'll provide an electronic tax receipt with pleasure. If you'd prefer to give in person, please place your offering in the plate located near the pods. We won't be passing the plate in order to keep safe distances. Thank you!

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

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God,

in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.

**Receive the offering of your people gathered before you,
and open our hearts and mouths
to praise your great salvation,
the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord 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 right to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be:

the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements

you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth of your glory are full
Hosanna, hosanna, 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, Lord ...**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:

this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
and said, “Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”
Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

During Communion, Rev. Simone will come to you with the bread. At this time we are offering the bread only. Please leave your mask on as you receive the bread, and remove it to consume the host once Simone has moved on. If you are unable to receive the wheat wafer, a rice wafer is also available. Please let Simone know.

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.

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

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
God our maker
Is on your side*

We Are Sent

Prayer After Communion

Creator,
**strengthen the unity of your Church,
so that we who have been fed with holy things
may fulfil your will in the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We pray silently.

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

May You Find A Light | David Gungor, Jon Arndt

Lost and weary traveler,
Searching for the way to go
Stranger, heavy-hearted,
Longing for someone to know

May you find a light
May you find a light
May you find a light to guide you home.

There are weary travelers,
Searching everywhere you go
Strangers who are searching,
Longing deeply to be known

May you find a light
May you find a light
May you find a light to guide you home.

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

When the service ends, please leave through the Daly Ave. doors while maintaining safe distances. Join us for coffee on the Daly Ave. lawn. We know it's tempting to hug and get close, but please continue to wear a mask and maintain distancing when chatting with others.

The Return of Morning Prayer, but not this week!

Join us on Zoom every Thursday at 9am to pray and to study the upcoming Sunday's Gospel and Psalm readings. **There will be no Morning Prayer this week, September 30**, because Rev. Simone will be participating in the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (see below).

The Zoom link is the same each week: <https://bit.ly/3ljRmMi>
Meeting ID: 821 0277 5595 **Passcode:** 574469

Welcome Back Students BBQ

On **Sunday, Sept. 26**, St Albans will be hosting a welcome back bbq for all incoming and returning undergrad and graduate students! Our friends at Centre 454 are kindly opening up their space following their drop-in hours. To spread out the numbers, we will be promoting it as more of an Open House from 5-7pm. If you'd like to attend, RSVP at <https://bit.ly/3kEKCJZ>.

September 30

Remember Me: A National Day of Remembrance

We encourage folks to join us in attending this special day on **Thursday, September 30** at Parliament Hill. Remember Me is a national gathering to remember Indigenous children and families affected by the residential school system and all Indigenous child apprehension programs.

We'll meet at 9:40 a.m. at the Terry Fox statue across from Parliament Hill (90 Wellington St.). Folks from St James Manotick will also be joining us. We'll walk over to the Hill for the Opening Ceremony at 10:00 a.m., and join the Spirit Walk to Confederation Park (approx. 500 meters) at 12:00 p.m. Stay as long as you would like (the day ends at 5:00 p.m. officially).

Please bring your mask, something to sit on, water and food for yourself (if you wish).

RSVP: If you'd like to attend, please email Juliana Skarecky Colwell at julianaskareckycolwell@gmail.com, with the subject line "Remember Me Event."

Resilience Group Resumes October 4

The Resilience Check-In Group resumes after a summer hiatus on Monday, October 4 at 3:00 pm. Please reply to this email if you'd like to be connected with our facilitator, Mary-Martha Hale.

Episcopal Visit - Sunday, November 14

Bishop Shane Parker will be with us for worship on Sunday, November 14. I know that a small group of you had prepared for confirmation prior to the pandemic, and I have connected with some but not all of you. Please be in touch with me if a) you were part of this group; b) you are interested in being confirmed at this service; or c) you would like to know more about confirmation in general.

Diocese-Wide Collaborative Book Study

Starting September 22, join Diocesan siblings on Zoom for a six-week study of Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World*. The group will meet Wednesday evenings at 7pm. To participate in the study, obtain a copy of the book, or ask a question, please contact Robyn at robysulkko@hotmail.com.

Connect with Mid-Week Activities

St Albans offers a variety of mid-week activities such as morning and evening prayer, bible study, coffee hours, and yoga. These change with the seasons, so to find out what's currently on and to get connected, email revsimone@stalbanschurch.ca.

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