

November 28, 2021  
at 10:00 a.m.

# The Booklet

First Sunday in Advent  
A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

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**ST ALBANS**

*Spirit-Led. Christ-Centred. Contemporary Urban Church*

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## **Welcome/Bienvenue**

*Welcome to St. Albans, worshipping in and livestreaming from beautiful downtown Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.*

*Join us in **person** by registering at [www.stalbanschurch.ca/in-person](http://www.stalbanschurch.ca/in-person); or **online** via livestream at [www.facebook.com/saintalbans](http://www.facebook.com/saintalbans) or YouTube at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwV9f01mc4ymXD16YdNUBA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwV9f01mc4ymXD16YdNUBA).*

*Our French-language sister community worships at noon on Sundays, in person and online at [www.facebook.com/CommunauteStBernard](http://www.facebook.com/CommunauteStBernard).*

## **Welcome**

### **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.**

### **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.

### **Hope: The First Advent Candle**

#### **First Reader**

Today is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is a time of waiting and preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth. It is also a time for us to work

together for peace among the nations, and peace with each other. It is a time for us to walk in the light God gives us.

## **Second Reader**

As part of our Advent waiting, we will light a candle in our Advent wreath to remind us of the hope this season brings. The round shape of the wreath reminds us of the unbroken love of God. The green branches speak of new life. The candles remind us of the light which came into the world with Jesus.

## **First Reader**

Today, we light the first candle. The flickering flame reminds us that our hope is lived out in prayer and action.

*The Second Reader lights the first candle*

## **All**

**Dear God, through your Spirit, you spoke to the prophets of a vision of peace. You spoke to Mary and Joseph of a child who would bring new life to the world. Speak to each of us this day, and fill us with Advent hope as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth. Amen.**

## **Gravity of Love** | *David Gungor, Jon Arndt*

I lift my eyes up to the hills  
This my morning song  
Where my strength comes from

I lift my eyes up to the hills  
This my evening song  
Where my help comes from

This is the gravity of love  
Just as the moon follows the sun  
You're all around me  
You're holding everything

This is the hope of every land  
Just as the universe expands  
Your love is reaching  
You're holding everything

We lift our eyes up to the hills  
When will our help come?  
Lord we cry, "How long?"  
We lift our eyes up to the hills  
Even as we run  
Hope is chasing us

*(chorus)*

I see infinite stars  
One for every human heart  
And with all of these suns  
I know I am not alone

*(chorus)*

### **Collect of the Day**

Let us pray.

*We pray silently.*

God of justice and peace,  
**from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness.**  
**Raise our heads in expectation,**  
**so that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord**  
**and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ,**  
**who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

## **We Proclaim the Word**

*Each Sunday we read from sections of the Bible: 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** | *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 25:1-9**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;  
**let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.  
**Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
**for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**Gracious and upright are you, O Lord;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You guide the humble in doing right  
and teach your way to the lowly.

**O Lord, all your paths are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

### **The Second Reading** | *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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### **O Come Emmanuel** | *Translator J. M. Neale (1851)*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

### **The Gospel** | *Luke 21:25-36*

Le Seigneur soit avec vous. The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable. "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** | *The Rev. Dr. Caroline Ducros*

## **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.*

## **The Affirmation of Faith**

*This week's affirmation of faith comes to us from the Anglican Church in New Zealand.*

**You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

**You are our God. We worship you.**

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Confession and Absolution**

Through our confession, we acknowledge our brokenness before each other and before God, and our need for the forgiveness and reconciliation, which is offered to us by God's grace.

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners  
and invites them to the table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name.**  
**Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **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.**

*Share a sign of peace online or in your home.*

## **We Celebrate the Eucharist**

### **Offering**

*All that we have is a gift from God. Please consider a donation to St. Albans, via e-transfer to [donate@stalbanschurch.ca](mailto:donate@stalbanschurch.ca), or with a secure credit card donation at [www.stalbanschurch.ca/connect/donations](http://www.stalbanschurch.ca/connect/donations) (password StAlbans) If you'd prefer to give in person, please place your offering in the plate located near the pods. To receive an electronic tax receipt, please provide your postal address and email. Thank you!*

### **People Get Ready** | *Curtis Mayfield*

People get ready

There's a train a comin'

You don't need no baggage

You just get on board

All you need is faith  
To hear the diesels hummin'  
You don't need no ticket  
You just thank the Lord

So people get ready  
There's a train to Jordan  
Picking up passengers  
Coast to coast  
Faith is the key  
Open the doors and board them  
There's hope for all  
Among those who hurt the most

So people get ready  
There's a train a comin'  
You don't need no baggage  
You just get on board  
All you need is faith  
To hear the diesels hummin'  
Don't need no ticket  
You just thank the Lord

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

God of love and power,  
**your word stirs within us**  
**the expectation of the coming of your Son.**  
**Accept all we offer you this day,**  
**and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.**  
**We ask this in the name of 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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,  
and opened to us the way of salvation.

Now we watch for the day when he will come again  
in power and great triumph to judge this world,  
that we, without shame or fear,  
may rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

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**Holy, holy, holy, Lord ...**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
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."

Therefore, Creator, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.  
In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Creator,  
now and for ever.

**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**

God of promise,  
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.  
**Happy are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Communion**

*During Communion, Rev. Simone will come to you with the bread,  
followed by a Communion assistant who will bring the wine. 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.**

**00000 Million** | *Vernon/Regan/Lewis*

Must've been forces  
That took me on them wild courses  
Who knows how many poses  
That I've been in  
But them the main closest  
Hark! It gives meaning mine  
I cannot really post this, I flee the signs  
I worry 'bout rain  
And I worry 'bout lightning  
But I watch them off  
To the light of the morning  
Marking the slope  
Slung low in the highlands  
(Where the days have no numbers)  
If it's harmed, it's harmed me, it'll harm, I'll let it in

Oh, the old modus  
Out to be leading live  
Said, comes the old ponens  
Demit to strive  
A worry about Gnosis  
It ain't gonna buy the groceries  
Or middle-out locusts, or weigh to find

I hurry 'bout shame  
And I worry 'bout a worn path  
And I wander off  
Just to come back home  
Turning to waltz  
Hold high in the lowlands  
( 'Cause the days have no numbers)  
It harms me, it harms me, it harms me like a lamb

So I can depose this  
Partial to the bleeding vines  
Suppose you can't hold this  
How high I've been  
What a river don't know is  
To climb out and heed a line  
To slow among roses or stay behind  
I've been to that grove  
Where no matter the source is  
And I walked it off  
How long I'd last  
Soaring to cope  
Whole band on the canyon  
(When the days have no numbers)  
Well it harms me, it harms me, it harms me, I'll let it in

## **We Are Sent**

### **Closing Prayer**

Let us pray.

*We pray silently.*

God for whom we wait,  
**you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.**  
**Keep us ever watchful,**

that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.  
We ask this in the name of 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**

#### **May You Find A Light** | *Josh Garrells*

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

### **Sending**

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

*When the service ends, please join us for coffee hour to catch up with folks. We know it's tempting to hug and get close, but please continue to wear a mask and maintain distancing when chatting with others.*

## **Announcements**

### **Today – St. Albans Liturgy Club Offers Advent Gifts**

Before church from 9:30 am, and after church around 11 am, our Liturgy Club will help your Advent practice with gifts of calendars, prayer books, and wreaths. After the service, you can make your own Advent wreath at the Liturgy Club's special workshop. Thank you to these amazing young folks for their love and care of us.

### **PWRDF Response to B.C. Flooding**

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is now accepting donations towards an emergency response in British Columbia. Visit PWRDF's website to see the many different ways you can contribute financially to support these communities. [www.pwrdf.org/pwrdf-accepting-donations-for-b-c/](http://www.pwrdf.org/pwrdf-accepting-donations-for-b-c/)

### **Thursdays: Morning Prayer/Bible Study**

The study group meets on Zoom each Thursday at 9 am. Join us to pray and to study Gospel and Psalm readings for the upcoming Sunday; a lovely way to start the day. The Zoom link – <https://bit.ly/3k7yekT> – is the same each week. Meeting ID: 821 0277 5595 Passcode: 574469

## **Christmas Carol Sing-Along and Fundraiser**

Take some comfort and joy in the season of Advent by joining us for our annual Christmas Carol Sing-Along on **Sunday, December 19** at 4 pm. Lift your voices on Zoom, [Facebook Live](#), or in-person; a freewill offering will benefit Centre 454.

**Zoom:** Email [info@stalbanschurch.ca](mailto:info@stalbanschurch.ca) for a link

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/saintalbans>

**In-Person Registration:** details soon!

## **Three Thursdays in Advent: God and the Pandemic**

Join The Rev. Dr. Caz Ducros in an Advent series of discussions on the book *God in the Pandemic: A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus* by N.T. Wright. Please email [Rev. Caz](#) if you have questions or wish to participate.

## **Giving Tuesday for Centre 454**

Between now and **Tuesday, November 30**, participate in Giving Tuesday right here in our church by donating unused and unopened clothing and toiletry items: Socks, underwear, toothbrush and/or toothpaste, deodorant, razors, and toilet paper.

Lorraine has prepared a donation box which will be available in the church on Sunday mornings. If you have items to donate but can't make it to church, email [Rev. Simone](#) and we'll find a way to collect them.

## **Rev. Caz to be Ordained Dec. 4**

Along with Mark Lewis, Cynthia MacLachlan, and Robert Sicar, The Rev. Dr. **Caroline Ducros** will be ordained to the priesthood in Christ Church Cathedral on **Saturday, Dec. 4** at 11am. Show your support in person—masks and proof of vaccination required—or livestream the service via the Cathedral's YouTube channel. Come out if you can to witness this wonderful celebration of God's work among us.

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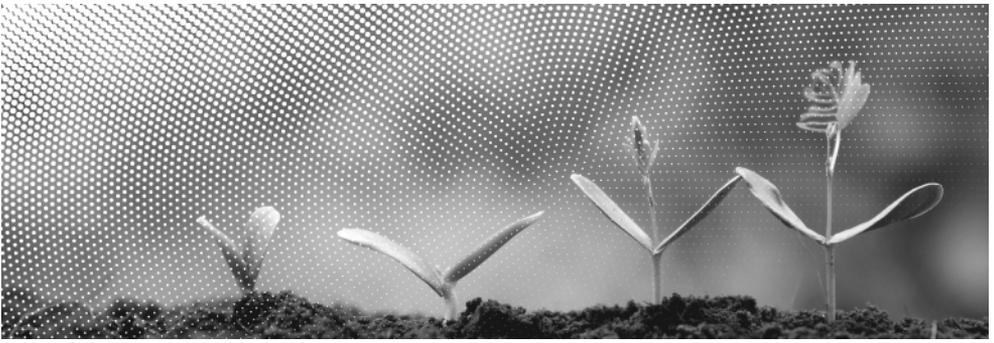


**Michelle Good**

is author of the novel *Five Little Indians*, which won the 2020 Governor-General's Award for Literature. She will deliver the first lecture of a series commemorating the 125th anniversary of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

**Monday, December 6 at 7:30pm**

visit <https://tinyurl.com/3w4j369r> for details



## **2021 Pledge Campaign: We need you**

Once a year, we ask that our community members and supporters prayerfully consider their contribution to our mission over the coming year. Please be a part of our 2021 pledge campaign!

1. **Complete our online Pledge Form** at <https://bit.ly/3raNUIH>
  - a) Make a financial pledge for the coming year; and
  - b) Let us know about ministries and activities in which you would like to be further involved.
2. Go to <https://bit.ly/3CUel7K> to **watch this awesome video** that Nick put together for us.
3. **Read the 2022 Financial Enclosure** at <https://bit.ly/3pa5R7I> for further information on how your financial donations are used.

Now is the time to re-commit ourselves to St Albans mission, to be a Christ-centred, Spirit-led community in the heart of the city. So that we can adapt to changing circumstances. So we can face the future in faith and confidence.

### **Questions?**

Please feel free to contact any member of our **Giving Team**:

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