

December 19, 2021
at 4:00 pm

The Booklet

Christmas
Carol Service

Livestream on Facebook

www.facebook.com/saintalbans

Join our Zoom community

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Meeting ID: 506 049 1539 Passcode: Christmas

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Welcome / Bienvenue

Welcome to St. Albans 2021 Christmas Carol Service; we're so glad you've joined us.

We welcome your full participation! Please let us know you are with us by 'liking' the stream or sharing some comments.

The Carol Service is being livestreamed on Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom.

The proceeds of tonight's freewill offerings will go to Centre 454, to support their essential work.

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.

How to Help Centre 454

All donations received this evening will go to Centre 454.

You can donate by

- **e-transfer** to donate@stalbanschurch.ca (use 'Centre454' as the answer to the security question).
- **credit card**, through CanadaHelps, at www.stalbanschurch.ca/connect/donations.

If you would like a tax receipt, please include your name and address. Thank you!

For more information on St. Albans Church, visit www.stalbanschurch.ca. For more information on Centre 454, visit www.centre454.ca.

During the pandemic, Centre 454's day program continues to serve those who are precariously housed or homeless in the Ottawa area, providing safe spaces for showers, laundry, and rest, seven days a week.



Centre 454 is a community ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and is housed at St Albans Church.

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:

“Glory to God, all glory in the highest!” *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

Opening Prayer

Let us pray. *We pray silently.*

Eternal God,

as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,

so we wait for his coming in glory;

bring us through the birth pangs of this present age

to see, with her, our great salvation,

Jesus the Promised One. Amen.

The First Reading: *Genesis 1:1-27*

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Alterer: George Whitefield; Author: Charles Wesley (1739);

Tune: Mendelssohn

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
all creation reconciled!

Joyful, all ye peoples, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King”

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin’s womb:

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Child of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.

Mild lays their glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King”

The Second Reading: *Isaiah 64:1-9*

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Translator: J. M. Neale (1851)

Tune: Veni Emmanuel (Chant)

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

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
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 its ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

The Third Reading: *Isaiah 52:7-10*

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Adapter: John W. Work

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed the Saviour's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

The Fourth Reading: *Isaiah 9:2-7*

Christmas Must Be Tonight

Written by Robbie Robertson

Come down to the manger, see the little stranger
Wrapped in swaddling, oh the prince of peace
The wheels start turning, torches start burning
And the ole wise ones journey from the east

How a little baby boy bring the people so much joy
Son of a carpenter, Mary carried the light
This must be Christmas, must be tonight

A shepherd on the hillside, went over my flock I bide
On a cold winter night, a band of Angels sing
In a dream I heard a voice say,
"Fear not, come rejoice
It's the end of the beginning, praise the new born King

How a little baby boy bring the people so much joy
Son of a carpenter, Mary carried the light
This must be Christmas, must be tonight

I saw it with my own eyes, written up in the skies
Why a simple herdsman such as I
And then it came to pass, he was born at last
Right below the star that shines on high

How a little baby boy bring the people so much joy
Son of a carpenter, Mary carried the light
This must be Christmas, must be tonight

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The Fifth Reading: *Luke 1:26-33, 38*

Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming

Translator: Theodore Baker

Tune: "Es Ist Ein Ros"

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As seers of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to all a Savior
When half-spent was the night.

The Sixth Reading: *Matthew 1:18-23*

May You Find A Light

Written by 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

The Seventh Reading: *Luke 2:1-16*

Angels We Have Heard On High

Tune: "Gloria"

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song. *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come find Love that sets you free,
Let your grateful praises ring. *Refrain*

The Eighth Reading: *Matthew 2:1-11*

Mary Did You Know/What Child Is This?

New lyrics by Jennifer Henry/Author: W. Chatterton Dix

Tune: Greensleeves

Mary did you know, that your ancient words
would still leap off our pages?

Mary did you know, that your spirit song
would echo through the ages?

Did you know that your holy cry
would be subversive word,
that the tyrants would be trembling
when they know your truth is heard?

The truth will teach, the drum will sound,
healing for the pain
The poor will rise, the rich will fall, hope will live again.

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Video: Centre 454

The Christmas Collect

Let us pray. We pray silently.

Eternal God,
**this holy night is radiant
with the brilliance of your one true light.**
**As we have known
the revelation of that light on earth,
bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**
Amen.

The Ninth Reading: *John 1:1-14*

The Blessing

My Sweet Lord

Written by George Harrison

My sweet lord

Hm, my lord

Hm, my lord

I really want to see you

Really want to be with you

Really want to see you lord

But it takes so long, my lord

My sweet lord

Hm, my lord

Hm, my lord

I really want to know you

Really want to go with you

Really want to show you lord

That it won't take long, my lord (hallelujah)

My sweet lord (hallelujah)

Hm, my lord (hallelujah)

My sweet lord (hallelujah)

I really want to see you

Really want to see you

Really want to see you, lord

Really want to see you, lord
But it takes so long, my lord (hallelujah)

My sweet lord (hallelujah)
Hm, my lord (hallelujah)
My, my, my lord (hallelujah)

I really want to know you (hallelujah)
Really want to go with you (hallelujah)
Really want to show you lord (aaah)
That it won't take long, my lord (hallelujah)

My sweet lord (hallelujah)
My, my, lord (hallelujah)

Hm, my lord
My, my, my lord

*Thank you for being with us this afternoon.
Merry Christmas!*

CHRISTMAS

at St. Albans Church

Sunday, December 19

4pm Carol Service and 454 Benefit on Zoom, [Facebook Live](#), and [YouTube](#)

Christmas Eve

16h00 St-Bernard Veille de Noël diffusée en direct sur [Facebook Live](#) et [YouTube](#)

7pm Intergenerational Eucharist on Zoom ([email](#) for the link)

9pm Traditional Service with Eucharist, on [Facebook Live](#) and [YouTube](#)

9am **Christmas Day**
Service of the Word on Zoom ([email](#) for the link)

Christmas I, December 26

10:30am Holy Eucharist Livestream from Christ Church Cathedral, on Youtube and Facebook

Epiphany, January 2

10am Holy Eucharist

12h00 St-Bernard Eucharistie en français

