

December 25, 2021
at 10:00 am

The Booklet

Christmas Day
A Service of the Word

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Welcome/Bienvenue

*Welcome to St. Albans Christmas
Morning Worship!*

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- **e-transfer** to donate@stalbanschurch.ca (use 'StAlbans' as the answer to the security question); or
- **credit card**, via CanadaHelps, at stalbanschurch.ca/connect/donations

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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.

Hark the Herald | *Whitefield; Wesley*

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
All the earth is reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th’angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain 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. Refrain

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the One of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in your wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. Refrain

The Christ Candle—Christmas

The waiting is over.

**The dreaming has given birth to a new
reality.**

The source of our healing has come near.
God's promise has been fulfilled.

The Advent candles are all lit, forming a circle of light that reminds us of God's never-ending love.

**Now we light the Christ candle,
remembering that Jesus is in our midst,
today and always.**

The Christ Candle is lit.

**Thank you, God, for coming to be with us
in the form of Jesus. We rejoice that he
lived as one of us, knew our joys and
sorrows, our pains and hopes and
dreams. As he came to show your love
to us, help us to show your love to others
all the year through. Amen.**

O God our Creator,
whose Word has come among us

in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

We Proclaim the Word

The First Reading | *Isaiah 52.7-10*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed

Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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: Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in
many and various ways by the prophets,

but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is

forever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” And, “In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: John 1:1-14

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

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He

was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the People

In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying,
'Lord, grant us peace.'

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

The Peace

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.

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.**

We Are Sent

Let us pray.

We pray silently

Source of truth and joy,
may we who have received the gift of
divine life always follow the way of your
**Son. This we ask 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.

Blessing

Happy Christmas (War Is Over)

John Lennon, Yoko Ono, Hoài An

So this is Christmas and what have you
done?

Another year over, a new one just begun.
And so this is Christmas, I hope you have
fun

The near and the dear ones
The old and the young

A very merry Christmas
And a happy new year,
Let's hope it's a good one
Without any fear

And so this is Christmas
For weak and for strong,
The rich and the poor ones
The road is so long.

And so happy Christmas
To the left and the right
For all the bickering online
Let's stop all the fight.

A very merry Christmas
And a happy new year
Let's hope it's a good one
Without any fear

War is over
If you want it
War is over now

And so this is Christmas
For weak and for strong,
The rich and the poor ones
The road is so long.

A very merry Christmas
And a happy new year,
Let's hope it's a good one
Without any fear

Sending

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

*After the service, join us for coffee hour
on Zoom.*

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Christmas*

Christmas at St. Albans

Christmas I, December 26

*10:30am Holy Eucharist Livestream
from Christ Church Cathedral,
on [Youtube](#) and [Facebook](#)*

Epiphany, January 2

10am Worship Service on [Facebook Live](#) and [YouTube](#)

*12h00 St-Bernard Eucharistie en
français Zoom et [Facebook Live](#)*

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St. Alban's Sunday Worship

*On Sundays, our services are
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*www.facebook.com/saintalbans and
<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwV9f01mc4ymXD16YdNUBA>*

*We also have a French-language service
every Sunday at 12h00 at*

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