

May 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

The Booklet

Fourth Sunday of Easter

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Livestream the service at

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Spirit-Led. Christ-Centred. Contemporary Urban Church

www.stalbanschurch.ca

Welcome/Bienvenue

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

*On Sundays at 10am, St. Albans doors are open for **in-person worship**. Our Covid guidelines have been posted to www.stalbanschurch.ca/in-person.*

*Join us **online** via livestream at www.facebook.com/saintalbans or www.youtube.com/channel/UCdwV9f01mc4ymXD16YdNUBA.*

Our French-language sister community, St-Bernard de Clairvaux, worships at noon on Sundays, in-person and online at www.facebook.com/CommunauteStBernard

A Breastfeeding-Friendly Parish

St. Albans recognizes that breastfeeding is a protected human right and parents in Ontario have the right to breastfeed everywhere. We are committed to providing a respectful and comfortable environment for all breastfeeding parents in the context of church activities.

During the service, you are welcome to breastfeed where you are seated, in the Rev. Simone's office (the "pod" to your right when you first enter the nave), or anywhere else in the church, as you feel comfortable.

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

St. Albans 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 acknowledge-ment is also a statement of our commitment to the ongoing work of reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours.

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.

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.

Joyful, Joyful

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

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee

Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Alleluia

Alleluia

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Mother, Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Alleluia

Alleluia

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began
Creator's love is shining o'er us
Sibling love joins hand in hand
Ever singing, march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us onward
In the triumph song of life

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

Eternal God,
**from whose gentle hands
none can snatch us away:
give us faith to believe
that we are known and loved
with a passion strong enough
to bring the whole world back to you;**

through Jesus Christ, who is one with you,
the Source of life. 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 | Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request,

“Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**You make me lie down in green pastures
and lead me beside still waters.**

You revive my soul and guide me along
right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

**You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;**

you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life, and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord for ever.**

The Second Reading | *Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."

Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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Ancient of Days | *Ron Kenole*

Blessing and Honour

Glory and Power

Be unto the ancient of days
Come every nation
All of creation
Sing unto the ancient of days

Every tongue in heaven and earth
Shall behold Your glory
Every knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship
You will be exalted, oh God
And Your goodness shall not pass away
Oh ancient of days

Oh blessing and Honour
Glory and Power
Be unto the ancient of days
Come every nation
All of creation
Sing unto the ancient of days

Every tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory
Every knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship
You will be exalted oh God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O ancient of days
O ancient of days
Our Lord! Your kingdom

Your justice will reign throughout all the earth
Sing unto the ancient of days
For none can compare to Your matchless
worth
Sing unto the ancient of days

The Gospel | *John 10:22-30*

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.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily | *The Rev. Rob Heard*

The Affirmation of Faith

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

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.

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 in church, 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, or with a secure credit card donation at www.stalbanschurch.ca/connect/donations. 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!

The Maker | *Daniel Lanois*

Oh, oh deep water, black and cold like the
night

I stand with arms wide open,

I've run a twisted line

I'm a stranger in the eyes of the Maker

I could not see for the fog in my eyes

I could not feel for the fear in my life

And from across the great divide, In the
distance I saw a light

Jean Baptiste's walking to me with the
Maker

My body is bent and wounded by long and
dangerous sleep

I can't work the fields of Abraham and turn
my head away

I'm not a stranger in the hands of the
Maker

Brother John, have you seen the homeless
daughters

Standing there with broken wings

I have seen the flaming swords

There over east of Eden

Burning in the eyes of the Maker

Burning in the eyes of the Maker

Burning in the eyes of the Maker

Oh, river rise from your sleep

Prayer over the Gifts

God of loving care,

you spread before us the table of life,

and give us the cup of salvation to drink.

Keep us always in the fold of your Son

Jesus Christ,

our Saviour and our shepherd.

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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

**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 ...**

We give you thanks and praise, loving
Creator, because in sending Jesus, your
Son, to us you showed us how much you
love us. He cares for the poor and the
hungry. He suffers with the sick and the
rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not
strike back but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross he defeated the power of sin
and death. By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love to bring
new life to all your people. Glory to you for
ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me." Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children. Glory to you for ever and ever.

Creator, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Creator, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Glory to you for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please feel free to use the language 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

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 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.

We Meet You O Christ

Fred Kaan, Sunia Gibbs

We meet You, O Christ, in many a guise:
Your image we see in simple and wise.
You live in a palace, exist in a shack.
We see You, the gardener, a tree on Your
back.

In millions alive, away and abroad;
Involved in our life You live down the road.
Imprisoned in systems, You long to be free.
We see You, Lord Jesus, still bearing Your
tree.

We meet you
We meet you

We hear You, O Christ, in agony cry.
For freedom You march, in riots You die.
Your face in the papers we read and we
see.

The tree must be planted by human decree.

You choose to be made at one with the
earth;

The dark of the grave prepares for Your
birth.

Your death is Your rising, creative Your
word:

The tree springs to life and our hope is
restored.

We meet you

We meet you

We Are Sent

Closing Prayer

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

God of steadfast love,
watch over the Church redeemed by the
blood of your Son.

May we who share in these holy mysteries
come safely to your eternal kingdom,
where there is one flock and one shepherd.
We ask this 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

Build My Life | *Pat Barret*

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever
breathe
We live for you

Jesus, the name that loves every other
name

Jesus, the one who came set us free
Worthy of every breath we could ever
breathe

We live for you

Oh, we live for you, Holy

Holy, there is no one like you
There is none besides you
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who you are and fill me
With your heart and lead me
In your love to those around me

Worthy, worthy of every song we could ever
sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever
breathe
We live for you
Oh, we live for you

And Holy, there is no one like you
There is none beside you
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who you are and fill me
With your heart and lead me
In your love to those around me

And I will build my life upon your love, it is a
firm foundation

And I will put my trust in you alone

And I will not be shaken

And Holy, there is no one like you

There is none beside you

Open up my eyes in wonder

And show me who you are and fill me

With your heart and lead me

In your love to those around me

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Announcements

Introducing St. Albans Interim Preacher

Please welcome the Rev. Robert Heard as your new Interim Priest-in-Charge. He can be reached by email at revrob@stalbanschurch.ca. You can also be in touch with wardens Michelle Sorenson (michelle.sorenson@ualberta.ca) or Robyn Sulkko (robynsulkko@hotmail.com) for any questions or concerns during the transition.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

Settle in with the hot beverage of your choice and join in for conversation and reflection on what we heard in this morning's service.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84144050737?pwd=cTVDR2RIS3pKZUdQN2NtOXFWT2w3Zz09> Meeting ID: 841 4405 0737,
Passcode: Coffee

Monthly Resilience Group

The Resilience Group meets next on May 9 at 3pm. To attend, please connect with facilitator Mary-Martha Hale at mmhale65@gmail.com; all are welcome.

New Facebook Group for St. Albans Families!

Child and youth leader El Posthuma has created a Facebook group for St. Albans families. Look for weekly posts on how you can explore faith with the young people in your life as well as updates on any in-person events coming up. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/517753839759365>, or contact El at el@stalbanschurch.ca

Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible Study

From 8:30–9:30am on Wednesdays, all are welcome to read and discuss the week's lectionary readings. To get the Zoom link, connect with Mary-Martha Hale at mmhale65@gmail.com.

Bishop's Gala Silent Auction

Bidding closes May 8 at 7:00pm. Browse the auction catalogue for bargains at <https://www.32auctions.com/BishopsGala2022>

Bishop's Gala – Online, Thursday, May 26

This year, the Bishop's Gala will benefit the Urban Inuit Elders Program at Inuugatigiit.

Tickets with swag bag: \$80-\$170, or watch swagless for free. **Info & Tix:**

<https://bishopsgala2022.eventbrite.ca>

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