

September 11, 2022
at 10:00 a.m.

The Booklet

The Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost
A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

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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. You'll find our Covid guidelines at 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 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 rector'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 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, the love of God and the communion 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.**

Night has Passed | The Brilliance

Night has passed and the day lies open

Night has passed and the day lies open

Before us

Let us pray with one heart and mind

Let us pray with one heart and mind

We rejoice, we rejoice

In the gift of this day

In the gift of this day

Morning comes

With the light of Your presence

Morning comes

With the light of Your presence

Upon us

Let us pray with one heart and mind

Let us pray with one heart and mind

We rejoice, we rejoice
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day

Morning has broken
Like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird
Praise for the singing
Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the word

In the gift of this day
We rejoice, we rejoice
We rejoice, we rejoice
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day
In the gift of this day

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

Almighty God,
**you call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for 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 4:11-12, 22-28

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 14

1 Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is any who is wise, if there is anyone who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?

5 See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of this people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

The Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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Thanks be to God.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee | Henry van Dyke, Ludwig v. Beethoven

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening 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!

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God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening 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 heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery 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,
well-spring 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 Alleluia

Mortals join the happy chorus,
which the morning stars began;
Mother love is reigning o'er us,
brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward
in the triumph song of life.
Joyful music leads us onward
in the triumph song of life.

The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

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.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily | The Rev. Michael Garner

*We say the Apostles Creed to affirm our faith using
words of the ancient church*

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

In our time of confession we recognize our need for reconciliation with God and with each other. In response to our need God embraces us and calls us beloved.

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

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!

Rainbow | Kacey Musgraves

When it rains, it pours

But you didn't even notice it ain't rainin' anymore

It's hard to breathe when all you know is

The struggle of stayin' above the risin' water line

Well, the sky has finally opened

The rain and wind stopped blowin'

But you're stuck out in the same ol' storm again

You hold tight to your umbrella

Well, darlin', I'm just tryin' to tell ya

That there's always been a rainbow hangin' over your head

If you could see what I see, you'd be blinded by the colors

Yellow, red, and orange, and green, and at least a million others

So tie up the bow, take off your coat, and take a look around

'Cause the sky has finally opened

The rain and wind stopped blowin'

But you're stuck out in the same ol' storm again

You hold tight to your umbrella

Well, darlin', I'm just tryin' to tell ya

That there's always been a rainbow hangin' over your head

Oh, tie up the bow, take off your coat, and take a look around

Everything is alright now

'Cause the sky has finally opened
The rain and wind stopped blowin'
But you're stuck out in the same ol' storm again
Let go of your umbrella
'Cause, darlin', I'm just trying to tell ya
That there's always been a rainbow hangin' over your head
Yeah, there's always been a rainbow hangin' over your head
Mm, mm, mm
It'll all be alright

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God,
accept all we offer you this day.
May we who are reconciled at this table
bring wholeness to our broken world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

May God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for 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

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 gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion

*At St Albans, all are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.
Communion is received in a series of semi-circles at the front of the church.
Please cross your arms over your chest if you would prefer to receive a
blessing instead of the bread and/or wine. Please also indicate if you would
prefer to receive a rice wafer instead of a wheat wafer.*

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.**

Where Joy and Sorrow Meet | Avalon

There's a place of quiet stillness between the light and shadows reach
Where the hurting and the hopeless seek everlasting peace
Words of men and songs of angels whisper comfort bittersweet
Mending grief and life eternal where joy and sorrow meet

*There is a place where hope remains
In crowns of thorns and crimson stains
And tears that fall on Jesus' feet
Where joy and sorrow meet*

There's a place the lost surrender and the weary will retreat
Full of grace and mercy tender in times of unbelief

For the wounded there is healing, strength is given to the weak
Broken hearts find love redeeming where joy and sorrow meet
Refrain

There's a place of thirst and hunger where the roots of faith grow deep
And there is rain and rolling thunder when the road is rough and steep
There is hope in desperation there is victory in defeat
At the cross of restoration where joy and sorrow meet

We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

God of peace,

**in this eucharist we have been reconciled
to you and to our neighbours.**

**May we who have been nourished by holy things
always have the courage to forgive.**

We ask this 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.

Community Announcements

Blessing

Thank You for the sun
Thank You for the moon
Thank You for the stars at night and the darkness too
Bless You for Your peace
Bless You for Your grace
Bless You for Your perfect love and Your perfect ways

And all shall be well
All shall be well
All manner of things shall be well
And all shall be well
All shall be well
All manner of things shall be well

Use me as You will
Remove my selfish pride
Create in me a servant heart to bless Your holy bride
And when my work is done and the seeds are sown
Please receive my spirit Lord and welcome me home

And all shall be well
All shall be well
All manner of things shall be well
And all shall be well
All shall be well
All manner of things shall be well

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Weekly/Semi-regular Events at St. Albans

Resilience Group - meets on zoom monthly on the second Monday from 3 to 4 pm. Please contact Mary-Martha Hale (mmhale65@gmail.com) for more information.

Bible study - meets each Wednesday morning on zoom at 8:30 to read and discuss the weekly readings and to pray for each other. Please contact Mary-Martha Hale (mmhale65@gmail.com) for more information.

Read Pray Talk - is an eclectic group that meets weekly or biweekly on Zoom to discuss books of interest and encourage and support one another as we grow in Christ and seek to build His kingdom. We are currently reading *Returning from the Abyss - Pivotal Moments in the Book of Jeremiah* by Walter Brueggeman. All are invited to join. Our next meeting is this Thursday, September 15 at 7:25pm. Contact Leah Seabrook (leah.seabrook@gmail.com) or Robert Logie (roblogie@me.com) for more information or to get the Zoom log in information.

Liturgy Club – gathers in person every second Friday night. Our next event is on September 16th 6-8pm at the Church. All youth aged 8-16 are welcome. Contact Rosaline Hill for more information (rosaline.j.hill@gmail.com).

Upcoming Events at St. Albans

Saturday Sept 17 - *uOttawa Church Crawl (beginning at 530pm)* - The church crawl is our amazing opportunity to share what sort of community St. Albans is to new and returning students. Our Thursday night group is leading this event, but we would love some other parishioners to come out and bring some energy into the building for when students show up. If you can bring that energy, please come for 515pm or reach out to Leah Seabrook (leah.seabrook@gmail.com) or Rev. Michael.

Sunday Sept 18 - *welcome back BBQ* - a long standing St. Albans tradition -

Join us after the 10am service for food and drink and a chance to get to know both new and returning St. Albanites. If you can help with this event please reach out to Michelle or Rev. Michael. On Sunday there will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church.

Thursday Sept 22 - *St. Albans Town Hall (7:30-8:30 pm on Zoom)* - a short town hall to update the parish about various projects in progress around the church, plans for the fall, and a chance to ask Rev. Michael and the Wardens any questions you might have.

October 2nd - *Volunteer fair (after the 10am service)* - come and find out all the ways that you can be involved at St. Albans! Our work as a parish is achieved through the volunteer activities of our community.

In October date tbd - *Parish Retreat* - We will take a saturday morning to gather and consider the last few years, and where St. Albans hopes to go.

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