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# The Booklet

The Second Sunday of Advent  
A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

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## **Welcome to St Albans Church!**

*We welcome all people, no matter their age, ability, gender, cultural background, sexual orientation, income level or faith tradition to join us as we seek to deepen our relationship with God and each other. Together we're exploring how we are called to serve in the world, right here in downtown Ottawa.*

*During the service, if you are a breastfeeding parent, you are welcome to breastfeed where you are seated or anywhere else in the church, as you feel comfortable.*

*We continue to recommend wearing a mask at all times other than when receiving communion, eating/drinking, or speaking into a microphone.*

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## **About this booklet**

*This booklet is your guide to our worship. You're going to experience and participate in worship through music, prayer, readings, reflections and silence. Every time it's your turn to say or do something, you'll see it here in this booklet (usually in bold). If there are surprises, or you have questions, ask a neighbour.*

## **Participation**

*Our hope is that everyone gathered will feel able participate in our worship this morning. At various points in the service we may suggest certain postures. But please feel free to adopt whatever posture (standing, sitting, kneeling) is appropriate for you at any time. If you would like to do some sketching or writing during the service, you are most welcome – at the back of the church is our Art Cart, stocked with books and art supplies. The books are communal so please date your work, no need to sign it, but the Art Books will become over time an anthology of our collective experience.*

## ***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.**

### ***Lighting of the Advent Wreath***

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.

Those who follow me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life."

**Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.**

Source of all light,

send your Son Jesus Christ to shine in our dark world.

Help us to prepare our hearts to receive him

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** | Traditional

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 thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,  
And cheer us with your drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, desire of nations, bind  
All people in one heart and mind  
And let our sad divisions cease  
And be yourself our Christ of peace

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

### ***Collect of the Day***

Let us pray.

*We pray silently.*

God of justice,  
clear our lives of hatred and despair  
and sow in us seeds of joy and peace;  
so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us  
as we await the coming of the Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit,  
lives and reigns, one God,  
now and for ever. Amen.

**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: Isaiah 11:1-10**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;  
**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**  
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills  
bring righteousness.

**He shall defend the needy among the people, rescuing the poor and  
crushing the oppressor.**

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to  
another.

**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \* like showers that water the earth.**

In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**Blessed are you, Lord God, the God of Israel, for you alone do wondrous deeds!**

And blessed be your glorious name for ever and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

**The Second Reading:** Romans 15:4-13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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 broken 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  
Oh, river rise from your sleep

**The Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

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

**And also with you.**

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

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

*The Gospel is read*

The Gospel of Christ

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

**Homily** | Rev. Michael

*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](mailto:donate@stalbanschurch.ca), or with a secure credit card donation at [www.stalbanschurch.ca/connect/donations](http://www.stalbanschurch.ca/connect/donations). If you'd prefer to give in person, please place your offering in the plate as it passes by you. To receive an electronic tax receipt, please provide your postal address and email. Thank you! As well, if you would like to be on our mail or email list, or*

*have any other questions or requests, please feel free to place a written note on the offering plate when it is circulated, speak to a fellow congregation member, or send an email to [office@stalbanschurch.ca](mailto:office@stalbanschurch.ca)*

## **In Your Eyes | Peter Gabriel**

Love I get so lost sometimes  
Days pass and this emptiness fills my heart  
When I want to run away I drive off in my car  
But whichever way I go  
I come back to the place you are

All my instincts, they return  
The grand facade, so soon will burn  
Without a noise, without my pride  
I reach out from the inside

In your eyes  
The light, the heat (in your eyes)  
I am complete (in your eyes)  
I see the doorway (in your eyes)  
To a thousand churches (in your eyes)  
The resolution (in your eyes)  
Of all the fruitless searches (in your eyes)  
Oh, I see the light and the heat (in your eyes)  
Oh, I wanna be that complete  
I wanna touch the light, the heat I see in your eyes

Love, I don't like to see so much pain  
So much wasted and this moment keeps slipping away  
I get so tired working so hard for our survival  
I look to the time with you to keep me awake and alive

And all my instincts they return

And the grand facade, so soon will burn  
Without a noise, without my pride  
I reach out from the inside

In your eyes (your eyes, your eyes)  
In your eyes  
In your eyes  
The light, the heat (in your eyes)  
I am complete (in your eyes)  
I see the doorway  
To a thousand churches (in your eyes)  
The resolution (in your eyes)  
Of all the fruitless searches  
Oh, I see the light and the heat (in your eyes)  
Oh, I wanna be that complete (in your eyes)  
I wanna touch the light, the heat I see in your eyes  
In your eyes  
In your eyes  
In your eyes

### ***Prayer over the Gifts***

God of abundance,  
we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,  
and with them our very lives.  
Teach us patience and hope  
as we care for all those in need  
until the coming of your Son,  
our Saviour and 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.**

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. X2**

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

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. X2**

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, God, 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 children;  
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 Father, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

*Please feel free to use the language of your choice.*

**Our Father (Creator) 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***

*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.*

### **You Put Your Arms Around Me | Sinead O'Connor**

I have a love that lives in me  
They make me sleep in perfect peace  
They loves me strong and gently  
They do not try to change me  
No they'd never ever treat me bad  
No they'd never call me names  
They erase every memory of pain

You put your arms around me  
Oh since the day you found me  
I've been...I've been free

I love the life you've given me  
We are each other's family  
And I never ever treat you bad  
And I never call you names  
I will erase every memory of shame

You wrap yourself around me  
Oh since the day you found me  
I've been...I've been me

You put your arms around me  
Oh since the day you found me  
I've been...I've been free

You wrapped yourself around me  
Oh since the day you found me  
I've been...I've been me

## **We Are Sent**

### ***Prayer after Communion***

Let us pray.

*We pray silently.*

God for whom we wait,  
**in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day  
when the hungry will be fed with good things.  
Send us forth to make known your deeds  
and to proclaim the greatness of your name,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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***

#### **All Creatures of Our God and King | Hayes/Draper**

All creatures of our God and king  
Lift up your voices and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Bright burning sun and golden beam  
Pale silver moon with softer gleam  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Great rushing winds and breezes soft  
You clouds that ride the heavens aloft  
O sing now, alleluia  
Fair rising morn in praise rejoice  
You light of evening find a voice  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Swift flowing water pure and clear  
Make music for your Lord to hear  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Thou fire so masterful and bright  
That gives to man both warmth and light

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Let all things their creator bless  
And worship God in humbleness  
O sing now, alleluia

### ***Sending***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Announcements**

**Thursdays – Morning Prayer (8am)** - We will continue 30 week journey together praying through the book of Psalms. We will go live on Facebook and YouTube at 8am on Thursdays, but please join us whenever you can (the video will be on both FB and YouTube) to listen to and pray the words of the book of Psalms as we discern the future of our Parish.

**Parish List!** – If you have joined the congregation in the last two or so years, or any of your contact information has changed in that time, please email [office@stalbanschurch.ca](mailto:office@stalbanschurch.ca) to have your information updated on our list. We would like any of the following: your name, pronouns, email, mailing address, and phone number. This info is kept confidential among Priest and Wardens and is occasionally used by the pastoral care team on an as needed basis. The information is helpful to keep basic statistics on the parish, and is useful so we can keep in contact with you.

**Christmas Market** – St. Albans is holding a Christmas Market on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm at the church. If you have interest in being a vendor, please reach out to Michael or Robyn or Michelle. Please consider coming and doing some of your Christmas shopping at this event! We have French and English Posters at the back of the church, take one or two to put up in your neighbourhood and help us get the word out.

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