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# The Booklet

The First Sunday of Advent  
A Celebration of New Ministry

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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.

### *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.

*At this service we are delighted to welcome the Venerable Linda Hill, our Executive Archdeacon, to preside over the service. And the Venerable Rhonda Waters, Archdeacon of Ottawa East, who will be preaching.*

## ***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.**

### ***Introduction***

My brothers, sisters and siblings in Christ, *Michael Garner* has been chosen to be pastor of this parish of *St Albans*.

After prayerful consideration, and according to the practice of this diocese, the bishop has appointed *Michael* to this position of leadership in our common ministry.

This ministry continues the good work done through the years in this community, and is part of the work and witness of the whole church. It is a new beginning because *Michael* brings particular gifts to our ministry together.

As we stand in God's presence  
let us pray that grace will be given to *Michael*,  
and to all of us in this ministry,  
that we may fulfil the responsibilities which are ours.

### ***Collect***

Let us pray.

*We pray silently.*

Almighty God,  
by your grace alone we are accepted and called to your service.  
Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Give Me Strength** | Dido (arr. Over the Rhine)

Sitting in the rain alone  
Looking at a place that's gone  
Boarded up my memories  
But something's drawn me here again and I  
I cannot leave the past alone

Hoped that I would never find  
All the things I left behind  
Now I find the child in me is going to remind me that I  
I can't forget my past for long

So take a look outside yourself  
And tell me what you see  
I can't believe  
That you won't see the change in me

Give me strength to find the road that's lost in me  
Give me time to heal and build myself a dream  
Give me eyes to see the world surrounding me  
Give me strength to be only me

I don't want to hear the things  
You say you know all you've redeemed

'Cause I can't change what's come before  
Build myself some better dreams  
And cast off the fear that holds me here

So take a look outside yourself  
And tell me what you see  
I can't believe  
That you won't see the change in me

Give me strength to find the road that's lost in me  
Give me time to heal and build myself a dream  
Give me eyes to see the world surrounding me  
Give me strength to be only me

### ***The Proclamation of the Word***

**The First Reading:** Jeremiah 6:10-16 (Ron Chaplin)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 40** (Michelle Sorenson)

I waited patiently upon the Lord  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**God lifted me out of the desolate pit,  
out of the mire and clay, and set my feet on a high cliff  
and made my footing sure.**

God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

**Happy are they who trust in the Lord!**

**they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

Great things are they that you have done,

O Lord my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us!

There is none who can be compared with you.

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them,  
but they are more than I can count.

**In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you have given me ears to hear you); burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

And so I said, “Behold, I come. In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:

**‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within my heart.’”**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.

**Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.**

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

**For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me;  
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see;  
they are more in number than the hairs of my head,  
and my heart fails me.**

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

**Let them be ashamed and altogether dismayed who seek after my life to destroy it; let them draw back and be disgraced who take pleasure in my misfortune.**

Let those who say “Aha!” and gloat over me be confounded,  
because they are ashamed.

**Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad;  
let those who love your salvation continually say, “Great is the Lord!”**

Though I am poor and afflicted, the Lord will have regard for me.

You are my helper and my deliverer; do not tarry, O my God.

**The Second Reading:** Romans 12:1-18 (Mary-Martha Hale)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Revolution | Heartless Bastards**

Where you going, my friend?

Have you forgotten when

There was a time filled with hope instead of fear that's in your heart

There was a time when life was simple and innocent to start

Do you remember? Do you remember?

Where you going, my friend?

Have you forgotten when

There was a time when false information wasn't so rampant in the sphere

There was a time when you weren't questioning everything you hear

Do you remember? Do you remember?

Constantly being advertised, your life commercialized and disguised

As happiness in pills and potions, fancy threads and cars in motion

Hypnotized by gilded lies to line the pockets of so few

While hungry politicians feed bullshit to the masses

To ensure their statuses and further divide the classes

And you were born with a voice so open up and speak your mind

Raise consciousness and elevate how we all relate don't hesitate

No need to be better or smarter than anybody else

Leave judgement at the door for others and yourself

The revolution is in your mind x 4

Big Brother's watching you and trying to sell you something new

And I just want to take away take away the blues

Big Brother's watching you and trying to sell you something new

And I just want to take away take away the blues

The revolution is in your mind x 4

Revolution x 4

When I get up, oh, I get up in the morning  
All I really want is the truth  
Oh, when I open my eyes and I get up in the morning  
All I really need is the truth

You were born with a voice so open up and speak your mind  
Raise consciousness and elevate how we all relate don't hesitate  
No need to be better or smarter than anybody else  
Leave judgement at the door for others and yourself

The revolution is in your mind x 4

**The Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-14 (Moirá Davis)

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.**

The Gospel of Christ

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

**Homily** | Ven. Rhonda Waters

***Covenant in Ministry***

*The wardens*

We certify

that the required oaths and declarations have been made,  
and the letters of appointment and licence have been read in my (our)  
presence.

*Question of the new Minister*

Do you, in the presence of this congregation,  
commit yourself to the responsibility entrusted to you?

I do



*Question of the people of the Parish*

Do you, the people of the parish of *St. Albans*, commit yourselves to share with *Michael* in the ministry of this parish?

**We do.**

*Questions of the Visitors*

As siblings in the body of Christ, will you support *Michael* and the parish of *St. Albans* in their ministry together?

**We will.**

Let us affirm the ministry of our baptism.

**We are the household of God.**

**We confess the faith of Christ crucified, we  
proclaim his resurrection,  
we share in his eternal priesthood.**

**Something Beautiful** | Sinéad O'Connor

I wanna make  
Something beautiful  
For you and from you  
To show you  
To show you  
I adore you  
Oh you

And your journey  
Towards me  
Which I see  
And I see  
All you push through  
Mad for you  
And because of you

I couldn't thank you in ten thousand years  
If I cried ten thousand rivers of tears  
Ah, but you know the soul  
And you know what makes it gold  
You give life through blood  
Blood, blood  
Blood, blood  
Oh, blood, blood

Oh I wanna make something so lovely for you  
'Cause I promised that's what I'd do for you  
With the Bible, I stole  
I know you forgave my soul because  
Such was my need on a chronic Christmas Eve  
And I think we're agreed  
That it should have been free  
And you sang to me

They dress the wounds of my poor people  
As though they're nothing  
Saying, "Peace, peace"  
When there's no peace  
They dress the wounds of my poor people  
As though they're nothing  
Saying, "Peace, peace, peace"  
When there's no peace

Days without number  
Now can a bride forget her jewels?  
Or a maid her ornaments?  
Yet, my people forgotten me

Days without number  
Days without number

And in their want  
Who'll dress their wounds?  
Who'll dress their wounds?

**Prayers of the People** (Leah Seabrook)

Sisters and brothers and Siblings in Christ,  
we are called to proclaim  
the story of God's love and mercy  
and, above all, the Gospel of our Saviour Christ:  
I ask your prayers for *Michael* who has come among us  
to preach the word of God and to teach the faith.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We are called to be a sign and witness  
of God's purpose for all the human family:  
I ask your prayers for *Michael* who has come among us  
to share our joys and sorrows,  
to counsel, reconcile, and comfort;  
to nurture this community of faith.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the committees and organizations  
of our church and community,  
and for *Michael*, that in wisdom and humility,  
in discernment and good humour

he may join with us  
in working for the building up of Christ's Church.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for us all,  
that together we may learn the ways of the kingdom,  
patterned in worship and practised in love.  
Together may we welcome strangers,  
stand with outcasts,  
and support those who are broken,  
in the pattern of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God,  
you have given us grace at this time  
with one accord to make our common supplications to you,  
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son  
that when two or three are gathered together  
you will hear their requests.

Fulfil now our desires and petitions,  
as may be best for us,  
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,  
and in the age to come eternal life;  
for you are good and loving,

and we glorify you  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

La paix du Seigneur soit toujours avec vous.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **Blessing**

#### **Glory of Jah | Sinéad O'Connor**

There is no holy one like you  
You install kings and take them down  
Truly there is no one beside you  
You made all of creation with wisdom

May the glory of Jah endure forever  
The boughs of the mighty are broken  
And the weak are clothed with strength

There was the sea, vast and wide  
With all its creatures beyond number  
There go the ships, they all look to you  
You lift up the poor into a place of honour

May the glory of Jah endure forever  
The boughs of the mighty are broken  
And the weak are clothed with strength

The Lord makes poor and he makes rich  
The pillars of the earth belong to him  
And he has set his world upon them  
To raise us up from the dunghill

May the glory of Jah endure forever  
The boughs of the mighty are broken  
And the weak are clothed with strength

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### **Sending**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



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