

November 27, 2022
at 10:00 a.m.

The Booklet

The First Sunday of Advent
A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

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ST ALBANS

Spirit-Led. Christ-Centred. Contemporary Urban Church

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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.**

Crowded Table | The Highway Women

You can hold my hand
When you need to let go
I can be your mountain
When you're feeling valley-low
I can be your streetlight
Showing you the way home
You can hold my hand
When you need to let go

I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness
Let the roots run deep
If it's love that we give
Then it's love that we reap
If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed

Yeah I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

The door is always open
Your picture's on my wall

Everyone's a little broken
And everyone belongs
Yeah, everyone belongs

I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done
And bring us back together when the day is done

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility,
that on the last day, when he shall come again
in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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: Isaiah 2:1-5

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself.

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

For my kindred and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

The Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Raise Up | Semler

Bring me your weak and weary

Bring me your strange and cold

I come for hope and healing

That you won't feel alone

So, raise up, raise up, raise up

So, raise up, raise up

So, raise up, raise up, raise up

I have told you that

I am the way and the truth and the life

I'm justice, I'm all that is right

Carry on now, carry on

Carry on now

And there's a galaxy behind your eyelids

And there's a war in your house

And there's a meaning that is far beyond us
And there is courage in doubt

So, raise up, raise up, raise up
So, raise up, raise up
So, raise up, raise up, raise up
I have told you that

I am the way and the truth and the life
I'm justice, I'm all that is right
Carry on now, carry on
Carry on now

So, raise up, raise up, raise up (I'm justice, I'm all that is right)
So, raise up, raise up (carry on now, carry on)
So, raise up, raise up, raise up
I have told you that (carry on now)

I am the way and the truth and the life
I'm justice, I'm all that is right
Carry on now, carry on
Carry on now

And I am the way and the truth and the life
I am mystery, the day, and the night
Carry on now, carry on
Carry on now

So, raise up, raise up, raise up
So, raise up, raise up
So, raise up, raise up, raise up
So, raise up, raise up

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

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, 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 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

O Come O Come Emmanuel | Traditional (Arr. The Civil Wars)

O Come, O come Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appears

Rejoice, Rejoice

Emmanuel

Shall come to thee O Israel

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high

Who orderest all things mightily

To us the path of knowledge show

And teach us in her ways to go

Rejoice, Rejoice

Emmanuel

Shall come to thee O Israel

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer

Thy Spirits by thine advent here

And drive away the shades of night

And death's dark shadow put to flight

Rejoice, Rejoice

Emmanuel

Shall come to thee O Israel

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 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.*

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

We'll All Be Free | William Matthews

There's a world at war
Caught in suffering
Silent casualties
Oh God, grant us peace

In these sleepless nights
I can hardly breath
Despite the brutality
I know that we'll be free
I know that we'll be free

Let the light in
Keep it shining
Let it break into the darkness
All the love dares us to see
We'll all be free

In these desperate times

Love will hold us here
Love will join our hands
Teach us to have no fear

So we lay our hate down
To wash their feet
When we see our brother
Oh, we'll all be free
Yes, we'll all be free

Let the light in
Keep it shining
Let it break into the darkness
All the love dares us to see
We'll all be free

Let the light in
Keep it shining
Let it break into the darkness
All the love dares us to see
We'll all be free

We'll be free, free. We'll all be free x4

Let the light in
Keep it shining
Let it break into the darkness
All the love dares us to see
We'll all be free

Let the light in
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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 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.

November 27th – Celebration of New Ministry (7pm) – Join us for an evening service on Sunday November 27th. We will be joined by clergy and persons from across the diocese to celebrate a new phase of ministry at St. Albans. It is a celebration for our whole parish, so your attendance is encouraged!

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