

April 2, 2023
at 10:00 a.m.

The Booklet

Sunday of the Passion with the Liturgy of the Palms
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

Dear friends, we gather on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

In a spirit of reconciliation, may we always seek to respect the history, spirituality, and culture of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit.

May we do all in our power to support all efforts to establish an equal presence on this land.

The Liturgy of the Palms

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the Highest.

Dear friends in Christ,

during Lent we have been preparing

for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.

On this day our Lord Jesus Christ

entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph.

The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King,

although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms

to the glory of the resurrection

by way of the dark road of suffering and death.

United with him in his suffering on the cross,

may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help,

Lord God of our salvation,

that we may enter with joy

into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Palms Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

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.

Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, almighty God,
for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King,
with palm branches in their hands, crying,
Hosanna in the highest.

May we also, carrying these emblems,
go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Palms are distributed

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

Let us pray

O God of eternal glory,
whose servant, Jesus Christ, bore our sins,
encouraged the weary, and raised up the fallen:
keep before our eyes his passion and resurrection,
so that our lives may be signs of his obedience and victory.
We ask this in the name of Christ, our liberator. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Compassionate God,
your love finds full expression
in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son,
who willingly met betrayal and death

to set us free from sin.

Give us courage to live obediently in these days
until we greet the glory of our risen Saviour. **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 50:4-9A

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Come Thou Fount | Robert Robinson arr. Kings Kaleidoscope

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger

Interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debt
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace now like a fether
Bind my wandering heart to Thee

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave Thy God I love
Here's my heart, O take it, seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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The Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The Gospel is read

This is the Passion of the Lord.

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.

Once we were far off, but now in union with Jesus we have been brought

near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

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

Forgive Us | The Many

We try, we fail

Do too little too late

We wish we could walk away

We hurt. We're hurt

Nothing seems to work.

We don't know what to say

Forgive us. Forgive us.

We know not what we do.

Be with us, be with us.

We don't know what to do.

What's wrong. What's right.
Hard to see without sight.
Blindly we come to you.

We don't know how to pray here,
Stay here.
All we hope is that you're here.
Help us seek justice.
Love mercy.
Walk humbly, here.

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God,
the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son,
makes us pleasing in your sight.
Alone we can do nothing,
but through his sacrifice,
may we receive your love and mercy. **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 for our salvation became obedient unto death.
The tree of defeat became the tree of victory:
where life was lost, life has been restored.
Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus,
we cry out 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, 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

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
**If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

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.*

River | Leon Bridges

Been traveling these wide roads for so long
My heart's been far from you
Ten-thousand miles gone

Oh, I wanna come near and give
Every part of me
But there is blood on my hands
And my lips are unclean

In my darkness I remember
Momma's words reoccur to me
"Surrender to the good Lord
And he'll wipe your slate clean"

Take me to your river
I wanna go
Oh, go on
Take me to your river
I wanna know

Tip me in your smooth water
I go in
As a man with many crimes
Come up for air
As my sins flow down the Jordan

Oh, I wanna come near and give

Every part of me
But there is blood on my hands
And my lips are unclean

Take me to your river
I wanna go
Go on
Take me to your river
I wanna know

I wanna go, wanna go, wanna go
I wanna know, wanna know, wanna know
Wanna go, wanna go, wanna go
Wanna know, wanna know, wanna know
Wanna go, wanna go, wanna go
Wanna know, wanna know, wanna know

Take me to your river
I wanna go
Lord, please let me know
Take me to your river
I wanna know

We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

**God our help and strength,
you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food.
Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son,
we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever. 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

Peace | Paula Best

Broken Conversations, broken people, we're broken, Lord.
Terrified illusions, seeking comfort, we're seeking more.
We need each other more than we need to agree.
Father, Son, Spirit bless us with your love; with your grace and peace.

Peace. Let there be peace
Let there be peace.
Let there be peace.

Let us see and not destroy. Let us listen. Let us listen.
Let us suspend judgment for the sake of love; for the sake of love.
We need each other more than we need to agree.
Father, Son, Spirit bless us with your love; with your grace and peace.

Love. Let there be love.
Let there be love.
Let there be peace.

Sending

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
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.

Website – We are looking to refresh the photos on the St. Albans website, many predate the pandemic. So if you have a high resolution photo that you think would be good on the website, please upload to our google folder. Specifically, we are looking for photos of the people and activity of our Parish.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1B5nFUa50MUVi-5AanzUEwTAEU2_Zf7IZ?usp=sharing

Holy Week @ St. Albans

April 6 @ 630pm –Maundy Thursday Parish Meal

We will gather, in person and recall the last night before Jesus' death while sharing a meal.

April 7 @ 10am – Good Friday Service

We gather as a parish for our Good Friday service, in person and online.

April 8 @ 740pm – Easter Vigil

The Liturgy Club (our youth) will lead us through an Easter Vigil service, beginning on the Daly Ave lawn before moving into the church.

April 9 @ 10am – Easter Sunday!

We gather as a parish in person and online to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! Don't forget to bring back your pieces of pottery.

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