

June 11, 2023
at 10:00 a.m.

The Booklet

Second Sunday after Pentecost
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.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship 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.

Beautiful Things | Michael Gungor

All this pain

I wonder if I'll ever find my way

I wonder if my life could really change, at all

All this earth

Could all that is lost ever be found?

Could a garden come out from this ground, at all?

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

All around,
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found, in you

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

You make me new, You are making me new
You make me new, You are making me new

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

God of grace,
you invite the despised, you touch the unclean,
you lift up those who are brought low: give us that hope for a world
transformed through Jesus Christ, the mercy of God. **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: Genesis 12:1-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:1-12

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; it is good for the just to sing praises.

Praise the Lord with the harp; play to God upon the psaltery and lyre.

Sing for God a new song; sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

For the word of the Lord is right, and all the works of God are sure.

God loves righteousness and justice; the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, by the breath of God's mouth all the heavenly hosts.

God gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin and stores up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of God.

For God spoke, and it came to pass; God commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught, thwarting the designs of the peoples.

But the will of the Lord stands fast for ever, and the designs of God's heart from age to age.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, happy the people chosen to be God's own.

The Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Christ in You | Mike Scott

I'm gonna look twice at you

Until I see the Christ in you

I'm gonna look twice at you

Until I see the Christ in you

When I'm looking through the eyes of love

The Gospel: Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

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

**I trust 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 trust 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;
God welcomes humanity and invites them to this 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

Great is Thy Faithfulness | Thomas Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God Jehovah
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
so that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, 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.

Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship with you and one another
to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.
When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others, you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak,
and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.
Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and singing:

**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**

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile you wept with them
by the river of Babylon and carried them home.
Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.
On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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.”

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ’s death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.**

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Please feel free to use the language of your choice.

Our Creator (Father/Mother) 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.

I Don't Have Much | Mission House

How can I respond

To the love that You have lavished on me?

How can I respond

To the love that You have lavished on me?

I don't have much, I don't have much

But I have a heart that beats for You

I have a heart that beats for You (repeat)

Every part of me

Wants to love You like You've loved me, Lord

Every part of me

Wants to love You like You've loved me, my Lord

I have a heart that beats for You (4x)

I have a life I'll give to You (4x)

We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

**We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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

Let Everything That Has Breath | Matt Redman

Let everything that

Everything that

Everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise You in the morning

Praise You in the evening

Praise You when I'm young and when I'm old

Praise You when I'm laughing

Praise You when I'm grieving

Praise You every season of the soul

If we could see how much You're worth
Your power, Your might, Your endless love
Then surely we would never cease to praise You

Let everything that...

Praise You in the heavens
Joining with the angels
Praising You forever and a day
Praise You on the earth now
Joining with creation
Calling all the nations to Your praise

Sending

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

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Building for the Future - You are invited to join us on June 17th to fundraise for the masonry project and to celebrate all the hard work that has contributed to its success. Doors will open at 4:15, tours of St Albans and Centre 454 will begin at 4:30, and the event will begin at 5. We will hear from speakers about the importance of this masonry project, listen to Sarah and other St Albans musicians, enjoy some food and drinks, and reach our fundraising goal to support the masonry project!

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