

October 29th, 2023
at 10:00 a.m.

The Booklet

Twenty-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.

If this is your first time at St. Albans welcome! 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, Michael our priest

revmichael@stalbanschurch.ca or send an email to our office office@stalbanschurch.ca

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.

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

All Creatures of our God and King | Hayes/Draper

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voices, let us sing

Alleluia, alleluia

Thou burning sun and golden beam

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him, O praise Him

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Thou flowing water pure and clear

Make music for your Lord to hear

Alleluia, alleluia

Thou fire so masterful and bright

That givest us both warmth and light

O praise Him, O praise Him

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Let all things their creator bless

And worship God in humbleness

Alleluia, alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, Three in One

O praise Him, O praise Him

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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.

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

Lord of the teasing riddle,

whose questions undo our certainty and set us on a different path:

give us a heart of passion, a searching mind, gentle strength of body

and unseen depths of soul, so that we might love you wholly and our

neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, the law of grace. **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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For | U2

I have climbed highest mountains I have run through the fields

Only to be with you Only to be with you

I have run I have crawled I have scaled these city walls

These city walls Only to be with you

But I still haven't found what I'm looking for x2

I have kissed honey lips Felt the healing in her fingertips
It burned like fire This burning desire

I have spoke with the tongue of angels I have held the hand of a devil
It was warm in the night I was cold as a stone

But I still haven't found what I'm looking for x2

I believe in the kingdom come Then all the colors will bleed into one
Bleed into one But yes I'm still running

You broke the bonds And you loosed the chains
Carried the cross Of my shame Oh my shame
You know I believe it

But I still haven't found what I'm looking for x2

The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

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



Thank you for donating to the ministry of St. Albans! You may also make an offering via the collection plate, by e-transfer to donate@stalbanschurch.ca, or through Canada Helps or Paypal through the St. Albans Website - <https://stalbanschurch.ca/donate/>

Never See The End | Jessica Ray Langdon

Where can we run? Where can we hide That You will not find us?
Deepest of depths, highest of heights Your love, it chases us
No matter where we've been No matter what we've done
We can't escape Your love

Chorus: We will never see the end
We will never see the end
Of Your goodness (repeat)

Though we pass through the fire, or we pass through the flood
You will be with us
Though we walk through the valley, the darkest of night
Your love will be our light
When we are in plenty or we are in want You will always be enough

Chorus

In our darkest hours, on our hardest days We do not have to be afraid
For You will never leave, You will not forsake
The promises that You have made
(And we can say that)

Chorus

Prayer over the Gifts

God of constant love,
you have guided your people in all times and ages.
May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you
lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and
with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

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, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and 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

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.
**So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your
kingdom.**

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.*

Lead Me | Alice Boman

Don't know where I'm going Don't know where I'm going
But I am not alone
Closer, come closer Closer, come closer
You can't know what's to come

Lead me, lead me, lead me

When you look at me When you look at me
I feel all exposed
Sometimes it feels like Sometimes it feels like
You can see right through my soul

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 trust 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

The Love of God | Frederick Lehman

The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell
It goes beyond the highest star And reaches to the lowest hell
The guilty pair bowed down with care God gave His Son to win

His erring child He reconciled And pardoned from their sin

Chorus: O love of God, how rich and pure
How measureless and strong
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song

Could we with ink the ocean fill And were the skies of parchment made
Were every tree on earth a quill And everyone a scribe by trade
To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole Though stretched from sky to sky

Chorus

Sending

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

Thanks be to God.

Thank you for coming to church today – if you have any questions or concerns or comments about the service, we want to hear from you office@stalbanschurch.ca.

Announcements

Join us for our Fall retreat - Overnight retreat at the Galilee Centre, November 10th and 11th in Arnprior. If you are interested we would ask you to speak to Michael or Jennifer Parr (jennifer@leadershipthatmatters.com).

Newcomers Event - Are you new to St. Albans? Do you want to learn more about the history, mission, and how the parish functions? If you say yes to any of those questions please plan to stay after church on November 19th, for some food and some conversation about St. Albans, and a space to ask any questions you might have of the church leadership.

Q3 Financial Update

Operating Account	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	Q3 Actual
Operational Income			
General Donations	\$139,022	\$139,000	\$96,389 (after fees)
Rent	\$855	\$3,500	\$2,315
Diocese Usage (C454)	\$41,655	\$42,000	\$29,582
Other	\$14,100	\$12,148	\$7,924
Total	\$198,422	\$196,648	\$133,895
Operational Expenses	\$204,339	\$184,532	\$121,641
Transfer to Building (\$5K/Quarter)	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$25,917)	(\$7,883)	(\$2,746)

What this means: One of our goals for 2023 was to move towards a balanced budget by limiting expenses and growing donations. We are on track do to this. While Q3 shows a deficit, projections suggest we will do better than budget. This is very good news but has come with some significant changes – not replacing outgoing staff being a major factor.

Masonry Project	
Income	
Grants	\$40,000
Donations to masonry project	\$43,315
Total	\$83,315
Expenses – St. Albans' Portion (50%)	
Paid	\$125,177
Outstanding	\$110,976
Total	\$236,153
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$152,838)

What this means: At the end of the 2022, we had \$139,491 in the building fund and \$85,285 in the operating account. We will use these funds to cover the outstanding \$152,838 in masonry project costs.

To note, in addition to the masonry project, we have taken on several other significant but necessary building projects in 2023 (plastering and painting inside the church, lights on daily lawn exterior wall, fencing the vestry courtyard, etc.). Together these cost an additional \$35,000.

The takeaway: We have enough to cover these costs but will be diving deep into our reserves to do so. This was always the plan, and hopefully means we

don't have too many other significant building projects over the next few years as we build up a bit of a cushion. As is our norm, \$20,000 from the operating account will be moved into the building fund by the end of the 2023.

St. Albans Staff

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