

November 26th, 2023
at 10:00 a.m.

The Booklet

The Reign of Christ
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

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
If 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
Les 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 seeds
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 seeds

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

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.

Destitute king,

one with the hungry, the naked, and the scorned: may our faith be proved not in dogma and piety but in serving you in the last and the least;

through Jesus Christ, the stranger's Lord. **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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;

serve the Lord with gladness and come into the divine presence with a song.

Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God; the One made us and to whom we belong; we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving; go into these courts with praise; give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Same Love | Paul Baloché and Michael Rossback

You choose the humble and raise them high

You choose the weak and make them strong

You heal our brokenness inside and give us life

Chorus: The same love that set the captives free

The same love that opened eyes to see

Is calling us all by name

You are calling us all by name

The same God that spread the heavens wide

The same God that was crucified

Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name

You take the faithless one aside
And speak the words, "You are mine"
You call the cynic and the proud, come to me now

Chorus

You're calling, You're calling You're calling us to the cross x2

Chorus

The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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 donation box at the by the soundboard – envelopes can be found there as well. You can also donate electronically 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

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

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

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)

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

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God,
in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our

offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love.
This we ask 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.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;

we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you
an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of
holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth
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, Creator, 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 God, 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

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.*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,

My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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

Great are You Lord | David Leonard

You give life, you are love, you bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore, ev'ry heart that is broken
Great are you lord

It's your breath, in out lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's your breath, in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to you only

You give life, you are love, you bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore, ev'ry heart that is broken
Great are you lord

It's your breath, in out lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's your breath, in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to you only

And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are you lord
X2

It's your breath, in out lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's your breath, in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to you only

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

St. Albans Carol Service – It is back! Nothing says Advent like singing Christmas Carols. On December 2nd at 7pm we will gather, hopefully before students are inundated with exams, and the rest of us with the stress of the season, and enjoy an evening of singing together. We will be raising funds for Centre 454. If you would like to participate in the Choir – Practice will be Friday December 1st in the evening, and right before the service on the 2nd.

Advent/Christmas Services – St. Albans has three special services over the Advent/Christmas season:

Blue Christmas – On December 17th at 730pm we will be holding a Blue Christmas service. Blue Christmas is a service that opens space for the shadow side of Christmas and gives space to our grief, loneliness, or other emotions that are not part of “typical” Christmas, but embedded and present in the Christmas story nonetheless.

Christmas Eve – Our annual Christmas eve service will be lead by Liturgy Club and be at 4pm. Regular Sunday service (Advent 4) will also take place at 10am.

Christmas Day – We will gather on Christmas Day to sing carols and celebrate the birth of Jesus at 10am.

St. Albans Staff

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Office Hours - on campus Déjà Vu 232B - 11am-1pm; open for connecting Wednesdays 9am-12noon. Available at other times by appointment.

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