

November 5th, 2023
at 10:00 a.m.

The Booklet

All Saints' Sunday
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

Night Has Passed | The Brilliance

Night has passed and the day lies open

Night has passed and the day lies open before us

Let us pray with one heart and mind x2

We rejoice, we rejoice

In the gift of this day x2

Morning comes with the light of Your presence

Morning comes with the light of Your presence upon us

Let us pray with one heart and mind x2

We rejoice, we rejoice

In the gift of this day x4

Morning has broken

Like the first morning

Blackbird has spoken

Like the first bird

Praise for the singing

Praise for the morning

Praise for them springing

Fresh from the word

In the gift of this day x4

We rejoice, we rejoice

We rejoice, we rejoice

In the gift of this day x4

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.

God of all people,

from every tribe and language; you called true witnesses
who sang your praise, lived your grace and worked for peace.

May we share their faith and live by their example,

so that we might be a blessing to the hunger of your world;

through Jesus Christ, whose body we are. **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: Revelation 7:9-17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt the name of God together.

I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon God and be radiant and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear God and will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God!

Fear the Lord, you holy ones of God, for those who fear God lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and none will be punished who trust in you.

The Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

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Thanks be to God.

10,000 Reasons | Matt Redman

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, I'll worship your holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Chorus

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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/>

Abide with Me | Henry Francis Lyte

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us
with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship,
may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them
receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices 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, 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.*

Constellations | Ellie Holcomb

Once was a season of infinite light
When the distance from heaven was not far behind
I was close to You x2

Carry me back to that moment in time
When the colors and fragments were beautifully bright
How I long for You x2

'Cause out here in the dark Underneath a canopy of stars
Constellations falling from Your heart They tell me that I'm not alone
'Cause honestly, I'm so alone Promise me I'm not alone

How many miles does my soul have to drive
Before love can collide with the mess in my life?
That's not hard for You x2

'Cause You see through spectrums of darkness and light
But I'm losing my way, and I'm losing my mind
I can't see the truth, Help me see the truth

'Cause out here in the dark Underneath a canopy of stars
Constellations falling from Your heart They tell me that I'm not alone
'Cause honestly, I'm so alone
But promise me I'm not alone, oh, Promise me I'm not alone

When I felt the light of the moon on my face
The memory of sun that been shining for days
You've already been in this desolate place
You've already been here, and You've made a way
Pinpricks of glory strung out across the sky
Memories of darkness undone by the light
Reminding me You are right here by my side
You're here by my side You're here by my side

Out here in the dark Underneath a canopy of stars
Constellations falling from Your heart They tell me that I'm not alone
I know that I'm never alone 'Cause You find me and bring me back home

And I'm never alone, never alone Never alone, never alone
Never alone out here in the dark

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

Pilgrim | John Mark MacMillan

There is a heavenly city That I'm compelled to find
Though I love the flowers and trees And the smell of the grinding sea
And all the beautiful things here in life

I, I'm a pilgrim here On this side of the great divide
I'm a pilgrim here But I'll walk with you for a while

Nobody's ever quite ready But they all take the ride
Many have died with a promise inside They never got to see it in there time

I, I'm a pilgrim here On this side of the great divide
I'm a pilgrim here But I'll walk with you for a while
Walk with you for a while

I'll love you here for a while I'll hold you for a while
I'll love you I'll love you here for a while

I, I'm a pilgrim here On this side of the great divide
I'm a pilgrim here But I'll walk with you
(I'll love you) I'll love you here for a while...

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

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. If you have dietary needs please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate!

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 – please stay tuned for more information!

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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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