

February 11th, 2024
at 10:00 a.m.

The Booklet

Transfiguration 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.

Liturgical Note: In the context of Christian Liturgy, Israel does not refer to the current political state, but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East or, in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

Welcome

Holy, Holy, Holy | Reginald Heber

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crown around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee

Which wert and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee

Though our sinful human gaze Thy glory may not see

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee

Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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.

Almighty God,
on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son,
wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this
world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus
Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **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: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals the divine glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; before whom there is a consuming flame, and round about whom a raging storm.

God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of this people.

“Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

Let the heavens declare the rightness of the divine cause; for God, God alone, is judge.

The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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
When I'm looking through the eyes of love
When I've looking through the eyes of love
When I'm looking through the eyes...

The Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Le Seigneur soit avec vous. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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/>

I Don't Have Much | Taylor Leonhardt

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

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, Lord

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

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

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

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

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God,
receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face 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.

Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you
bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.
When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us.
Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and
saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new
creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory 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

Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name 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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

**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.*

Have Mercy On Me | Sandra McCracken

**Have mercy on me
Have mercy on me
O Lord, have mercy
O Lord, have mercy**

**Lord, help my unbelief
Lord, help my unbelief
O Lord, have mercy
O Lord, have mercy**

We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

Holy God,

we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name. 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

How Great Thou Art | Carl Boberg

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed!

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,

Chorus

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!

Chorus

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Old Palms – Please place your old palms on the altar at the end of church so we can make the ashes for our Ash Wednesday Service.

Shrove Tuesday – The season of Lent quickly approaches! But before that time of fasting and prayer...we eat pancakes! So on February 13th at 630pm we will gather as a parish to eat together. We will provide pancakes in both glutenous and gluten free form. If you are interested in bringing fruit or other accompanying items please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church!

Ash Wednesday Service – Mark the beginning of Lent (and Valentine's day) with our Ash Wednesday service 7pm at the church.

Meal @ Friel –Our next meal is February 29th! We are meeting February 22nd to finalize roles and the plan! Please let Rev Michael or Daniel (Meal Coordinator) know if you would like to get involved!

Coldest Night of the Year – Hope Versluis is leading a CNOY walk in support of Jericho Road & Capital City Mission. The walk date is **Sat Feb 24, 5:00pm**. Our walk location is **Ottawa Lowertown**. There are other walks in Ottawa that day, but we will be part of Lowertown location.

Talk to Hope for more information. Or go to this link

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1009649&langPref=en-CA>

Vestry – Our Annual Vestry meeting is quickly approaching – it will be March 3rd after the service. We will also be having our after church potluck after the service before we meet. 2023 was an amazing year at St. Albans. Come and remember all that we did, and help plan and influence our activity and ministry into the future!

Cleaning Bee – Is there a better way to express the solemnity and self-denial that Lent calls us to than by spending two hours cleaning the church?!? Of course not – March 7th from 7-9pm @ St. Albans.

Church Retreat – Our next church retreat is March 14th from 6:30pm-8:00pm at the National Gallery of Canada. Admission is free on Thursday nights, so we will take advantage of that and seek to mediate, congregation, and experience God in and through the art. Contact Rev. Michael if you are interested!

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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