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The Booklet

Easter Sunday
A Celebration of Holy Eucharist



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

Christ the Lord is Risen Today | Artist

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Fol'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Christ, In Christ we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Christ we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!

Hail the Resurrection, thou, 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you. **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

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 glory,

by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death:

fill your church with faith and hope, for a new day has dawned

and the way of life stands before us; through Jesus Christ, our risen Saviour.

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: Acts 10:34-43

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Ps 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord who is good; the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures for ever."

The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed! the mighty hand of the Lord is exalted! the mighty hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; those who are righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me and has become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

In Christ Alone | Keith and Kristine Getty

In Christ alone, my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song

This Cornerstone, this solid ground

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease

My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe

This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save

'Til on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

The Gospel: John 20:1-18

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

And also with you.

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

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 Nicene Creed to affirm our faith using words of the ancient church

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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;
he welcomes humanity
and invites them to his 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/>

We Will Not Forget | Lauren Daigle

Come to the table taste and see Come break the bread of Calvary
All who are thirsty Come drink the cup of grace

Come and behold Christ the Son Come and remember perfect love
Poured out with mercy That washed all our sins away, oh yes

Oh, bless the Savior, crucified Oh, bless the Lamb, who ransomed our lives
We bless You Jesus for paying our debt, and We will not forget
We will not forget

Come to the table, there is peace Receive His promise
Find His strength We're one with Him now
And throughout eternity, oh

Oh, bless the Savior, crucified Oh, bless the Lamb, who ransomed our lives
We bless You Jesus for paying our debt, and We will not forget, oh, no, no
We will not forget, oh, no

Come to the table taste and see Come break the bread of Calvary
All who are thirsty Come drink the cup of grace

Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through 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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise 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, God, 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

Lord, we died with you on the cross. **Now we are raised to new life.**
We were buried in your tomb. **Now we share in your resurrection.**
Live in us, that we may live in you.

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.*

Color| Ellie Holcomb

Who is worthy of laughter of a friend you know?
A garden that you walk through slow

The silence where your soul can go?
Who is worthy of the warmth of an open fire
Celebration of a wedding choir? Who is worthy of?

In the broken sanctuary light
I'm surrendered, I am hypnotized
I can see You even though I'm blind
This world is made of color
In the stained glass church of ordinary life
I'm surrendered, I am baptized
I can hold you like a dandelion
'Cause this world is made of color

Am I worthy of the chances that I'm surrounded with
The shame that I'm drowning in
The salt in my woundedness
Am I worthy of the pain that I buried in the dust
Of a God who I'm scared to trust Tell me am I worthy of it?

In the broken sanctuary light
I'm surrendered, I am hypnotized
I can see You even though I'm blind
This world is made of color
In the stained glass church of ordinary life
I'm surrendered, I am baptized
I can hold you like a dandelion
'Cause this world is made of color, oh-oh-oh
'Cause this world is made of color

And when I go back, I retrace my steps
To those stone cold lonely nights
When my soul was so tired of putting up a fight
Built my house on sand, didn't understand
I thought truth was black and white but you took my hand

And this world is made of color

In the broken sanctuary light

I'm surrendered, I am hypnotized

I can see You even though I'm blind

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'Cause this world is made of color 'Cause this world is made of color

This world is made of color This world is made of color

We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

Life-giving God,

**in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.**

**Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, so that we may show
your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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

O Siem | Susan Agulark

O Siem, we are all family O Siem, we're all the same

O Siem, the fires of freedom Dance in the burning flame

Siem o siyeya, all people rich and poor

Siem o siyeya, those who do and do not know

Siem o siyeya, take the hand of one close by

Siem o siyeya, of those who know because they try

And watch the walls come tumbling down

O Siem, we are all family O Siem, we're all the same

O Siem, the fires of freedom Dance in the burning flame

Siem o siyeya, all people of the world

Siem o siyeya, it's time to make the turn

Siem o siyeya, a chance to share your heart

Siem o siyeya, to make a brand new start

And watch the walls come tumbling down

O Siem, we are all family O Siem, we're all the same

O Siem, the fires of freedom Dance in the burning flame

Fires burn in silence

Hearts in anger bleed

Wheel of change is turning

For the ones who truly need

To see the walls come tumbling down

O Siem, we are all family O Siem, we're all the same

O Siem, the fires of freedom Dance in the burning flame (Repeat)

Sending

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Announcements

Meal @ Friel –Our next meal, and last meal of the Academic year is April 4! We are meeting on March 20th at 6:30pm to finalize roles and the plan! Please let Rev Michael or Daniel (Meal Coordinator) know if you would like to get involved!

Reading/Praying During the Service – If you would like to participate in reading or praying during the service, contact Rochelle Garner (rochelle.garner@gmail.com) and check out the sign up sheet <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sMRVK9L9Yzanegi5GY5QTWgLI9-aUPMSt2YoS-SVPPM/edit?usp=sharing>

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