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The Booklet

National Indigenous Day of Prayer
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.

Welcome

O Siem | Susan Aglukark

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

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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

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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.

Our Diocese of Ottawa was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe
Algonquin.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Honouring the Four Directions

The congregation is invited to turn in the four directions as indicated below.

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

We face East: To your symbol colour red, the hue of revelation; To your
animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing; To your lessons calling us to

the balance of your Spirit in harmony with others; To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages,
We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face South: To your symbol colour gold for the morning star; To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly; To your lessons calling us to balance of mind in the spirit of humility; To invoke your spirit of illumination and far sighted vision; help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul,
We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face West: To your symbol colour black, still and quiet; To your animal symbol the Thunderbird; To your symbol the thunder mighty and purposeful; To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of gentleness and honesty; To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within; Give us your strength and the courage to endure,
We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to face North: To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness; To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things; To your lessons calling us to balance of our body in the spirit of a good sense of humor; To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love; Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing,
We pray: **Come to us, Great Spirit.**

We turn to complete the circle and to look: To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain; To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action,
Come to us, Great Spirit.

Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **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: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often they offend? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight; O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

For the Beauty of the Earth | James Pierpont

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Creator, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light

Creator, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Creator, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Creator, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

The Gospel: John 1:1-18

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.

Note: the names in brackets are normally not said when reading aloud.

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same.

Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create. Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out.

Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of this world.

He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honor him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born in a new way, not from a human father's plans or desires, but born from above—by the Great Spirit.

Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father—full of his great kindness and truth.

Gift of Goodwill (John) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice, "The one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater—my elder! He has more honor, for even though he is thought to be younger, he existed before I was born."

From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (Moses) gave us our tribal laws, but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the Chosen One.

No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like.

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

Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, make us walk in beauty and balance, make us open our hearts and minds, make us speak the truth.

We pray first for your community, the Church, the Body of Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all creation; for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers. In peace, we pray to you, Lord God,

We call upon the earth, our Mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask it to:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with wild flowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask that they:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask that they:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple, we ask them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish. We ask them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them to:

Teach us and show us the way.

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our hearts soar, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers.

Amen.

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.

Confession lets us set down the heavy things we carry with us, putting us in right relationship with God and with one another.

Silence

For all that separates our hearts from God and all that closes our eyes to God's love:

Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Silence

For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf:

Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Silence

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven:

Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

The Lord enrich you with grace, and nourish you with many blessings; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **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.

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/>

Selections from Floral Emblems | Beverley McKiver

Prayer over the Gifts

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

God the Creator is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God the Creator

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer our thanks and praise.

God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ.

With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the saints, and all our ancestors as we sing (say):

**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**

O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at your creation.

You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction. Sharing our living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator. Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take 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 thanks, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Remembering, we make our offering.

By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food and drink. Make us holy, so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other. Surrounded now by saints and angels, with the heavenly community which gives you worship forever, may we also live in unity and live as relatives to all.

United in Christ with all who stand before you on earth and heaven, we worship you, God the Creator, our Great Spirit, in songs and dance of infinite praise. Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, 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

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger

and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

So, come to the table,
you who have much faith,
and you who would like to have more.
You who have been to this table often,
and you who have not been for a long time.
You who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed. Come.
It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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.*

Called by the Earth and Sky | Mayberry/Stubbington

*Refrain: Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high
This is our sacred living trust treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.*

Precious these waters endless seas,
deep ocean's dream
Waters of healing, rivers of rain.
The wash of love again.

Refrain

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.

Refrain

Precious these mountains,
ancient sands; vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening,
rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.

Refrain

Precious the fire that lights the way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one.

Refrain

We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We pray silently.

**Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven.
Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds,
strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit.
We ask this in Christ's 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

We Are One | The Faithful Project
Let us draw near to each other
We are one, we are one
We are all sisters and brothers
Telling stories of our Father's love

You've got a place at the table
A family where you belong
So, open your arms if you're able
Welcome home! Welcome home!

Let us draw near to each other
We are one, we are one
We are all sisters and brothers
At the feast of our Mother's love

We can come weary and burdened
With the weight of the world on our backs
We can hand it all over to Jesus
Find our rest, find our rest

So, let us draw near to each other
We are one, we are one
We are all siblings together

Living free in our Father's love

Travelers, misfits, and exiles
Don't grow cold in the dark of night
Gather for hope and for comfort
In His light, in His light

Let us draw near to each other
We are one, we are one
We are all sisters and brothers
Warming hands by the fire of His love

Shaped by the hands of the potter
No two pieces alike
But when we build a shelter together
We will shine, we will shine

Let us draw near to each other
We are one, we are one
We are all siblings
Telling stories of our Mother's love

Let us draw near to each other
We are one, we are one
We are all sisters and brothers
Telling stories of our Father's love

We'll tell the stories of our Mother's love
We'll tell the stories of our each other's love

Sending

Go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Planning for Pride – Join us at 11:30am on June 23, after service, to do some initial planning for St. Albans participation in the Ottawa Pride Parade on August 25th.

Spring Gathering – Join us on Friday June 21st @ 7pm at the church for an evening of food, games, just being together. More details to follow.

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