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# The Booklet

Second Sunday after Epiphany  
A Celebration of Holy Eucharist



ALL ARE WELCOME. ALL ARE LOVED. ALL BELONG.

**ST ALBANS**

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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.*

*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 in the black box by the sound board, speak to a fellow congregation member, Michael our priest [revmichael@stalbanschurch.ca](mailto:revmichael@stalbanschurch.ca) or send an email to our office [office@stalbanschurch.ca](mailto: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 service. You're invited to participate 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 to 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. If you have a prayer request, please feel free to put it on an index card located at the back and put it into the basket, only indicate person's first name, and we will pray for them (or you) during the Prayers of the People.*

## ***Welcome***

### **Be Thou My Vision | Eleanor Hull**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day and by night;  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my great Parent, I thy dear child;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'ns Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Wisdom of all.

### ***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.*

Lord of the wedding feast,

take our hearts of stone and flood them with new wine, so that we may savour the daily miracles that reveal your Son in our midst, Jesus the Christ.

**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:** Isaiah 62:1-5

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 36:5-10**

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save both man and beast, O Lord.

**We feast on the riches of your house, O Lord.**

How priceless is your love, O God! your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings. They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**We feast on the riches of your house, O Lord.**

For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

**We feast on the riches of your house, O Lord.**

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favour to those who are true of heart.

**We feast on the riches of your house, O Lord.**

**The Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Your Love, Oh Lord** | Brad Avery, David Carr

Your love oh Lord

Reaches to the heavens

Your faithfulness

Stretches to the sky

Your righteousness

Is like the mighty mountains

Your justice flows

Like the ocean's tide

I will lift my voice

To worship You my King

I will find my strength  
In the shadow of Your wings

Your love O Lord  
Reaches to the heavens  
Your faithfulness  
Stretches to the sky

**The Gospel:** John 2:1-11

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 – Leah Seabrook**

*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 us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,

and keep us 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.*

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***



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*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](mailto:donate@stalbanschurch.ca), or through Canada Helps or Paypal through the St. Albans Website - <https://stalbanschurch.ca/give/>*

### **Come Thou Fount | Robinson**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;



hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

### ***Prayer over the Gifts***

Living God,  
you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and  
follow it, and live as children of light.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**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.*

## **Communion Song | Fernando Ortega**

Oh, I need Thee every hour  
Most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like Thine  
Can peace afford

*I need Thee, O I need Thee  
Every hour I need Thee  
O bless me now, my Savior  
I come to Thee*

I need Thee every hour  
Stay Thou nearby  
Temptations lose their power  
When Thou art nigh

*Refrain*

I need Thee every hour  
In joy or pain  
Come quickly and abide  
Or life is vain

*Refrain*

Just as I am  
Without one plea  
But that thy blood  
Was shed for me

*Refrain*

And that Thou bids me  
Come to Thee  
Oh, Lamb of God  
I come, I come

*Refrain*

**We Are Sent**

***Prayer after Communion***

Let us pray.

*We pray silently.*

**God of glory,  
you nourish us with bread from heaven.  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,  
that through us your light may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us evermore

**Amen**

## **May You Find A Light | Josh Garrels**

Lost and weary traveler  
Searching for the way to go  
Stranger, heavy-hearted  
Longing for someone to know

May you find a light  
May you find a light  
May you find a light to guide you home

There are weary travelers  
Searching everywhere you go  
Strangers who are searching  
Longing deeply to be known  
May you find a light  
May you find a light  
May you find a light to guide you home

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## ***Sending***

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## Announcements

**Meal @ Friel** – Our next meal at Friel is January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up for future meals and let's continue to make a difference in the lives of students! The remainder of the meals are: February 12, February 26, March 12, March 26.

**Parish Retreat** – Our process of discernment for our parish continues on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 12noon at the church. We will have a time of guided contemplation and then discussion. It will be a great morning please consider coming!

**Coldest Night of the Year** - is a winterrific family-friendly fundraising walk in support of local charities. **St. Albans** has registered our team "**Walking With Hope**" as part of Ottawa Lowertown Location Walk in support of 2 local charities: Jericho Road & Capital City Mission. **We Walk February 22, 2025!** Click on this link to join our team, walk, fundraise or encourage our St. Albans walkers with a team donation.

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1026271>

To find out more about CNOY check out this video

[https://cnoy.org/video\\_changethetune](https://cnoy.org/video_changethetune)

**Community Compassion: Strategies to Support Vulnerable Individuals** - February 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> 630-9pm we are partnering with Centre 454 to offer this important training, all are invited and will benefit. Please talk to Rev. Michael for more information.

**Vestry** – St. Albans annual meeting will be after church (about 11:45am) on March 2. More details to follow.

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