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# THE BOOKLET

Easter Sunday

A Celebration of Holy Eucharist



ALL ARE WELCOME. ALL ARE LOVED. ALL BELONG.

**ST ALBANS**



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## YOU'RE WELCOME HERE. WE MEAN IT.

At St. Albans, we welcome everyone, all ages, abilities, genders, cultural backgrounds, sexual orientations, income levels and faith traditions to join us as we seek to deepen our relationship with God and each other.

If you are a breastfeeding parent, you are welcome to breastfeed in your seat or anywhere else in the church, as you feel comfortable.

If you'd like to stay informed about what's happening in our community, please fill out a contact card located at the back of the church and drop it in the donation box. If you'd like to connect with Rev. Michael, his email is: [revmichael@stalbanschurch.ca](mailto:revmichael@stalbanschurch.ca)

## ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

This booklet is your companion during the service. In it you will find song lyrics, prayers, scripture readings, reflections, and more. If you have any questions, don't be afraid to ask someone. We're all in this together.

## PARTICIPATION

Our hope is that everyone gathered will feel able to participate in singing, prayers, reading scripture, reflections, and silence. Every time it's your turn to say or do something, you'll usually see it **highlighted in bold**.

At times we may suggest certain postures (standing, sitting, kneeling). You are welcome to adopt whatever posture is appropriate for you at any time.

If you have a prayer request, you can write it on a card located at the back of the church and put it in the basket (first names only please), and we will pray for them (or you) during the service.

For the creatives, we have a communal art cart located at the back of the church stocked with supplies. These art books become an anthology of our collective experience. No need to sign your creation (unless you want to), but please date your work.

# WELCOME

## O FILII ET FILIAE

*Jean Tisserand, John Mason Neale*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing  
The flower of heaven, alive as spring,  
O'er death today rose triumphing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

That Easter morn at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sat and spoke unto the three,  
"Christ waits for you in Galilee."  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
He counted what they said absurd,  
But seeing Christ his faith was stirred:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blessed are they who have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been;  
For they eternal life shall win,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days,  
Our heart and voices, Christ, we raise  
To you in jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Responsive prayers are back-and-forth between the leader and the congregation: Unbolded text is read aloud by the leader. Bolded text is read aloud by the congregation.*

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**All:** We respectfully acknowledge the First Nation, Metis and Inuit who are the original inhabitants and caretakers of this land, Turtle Island. The city of Ottawa, where we live, play, pray, work, and be, is on the unceded traditional territory of Algonquin Anishinaabe who have lived here for millennia. Their culture and presence have nurtured and continue to nurture this land. We commit ourselves to walk alongside First Nation, Metis and Inuit in a continued journey towards reconciliation.

## GREETING

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

One: May his grace and peace be with you.

**All:** May he fill our hearts with joy.

## THE OPENING PRAYER

One: O God,

**All:** 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

One: Let us pray.

*(We pray silently)*

One: 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.

**All: 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**

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 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: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES**

*John M. C. Crum, medieval French carol*

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain;  
Wheat that in dark earth for many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.

In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,  
Thinking that their Love would never wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.

Christ came forth at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus, who for three days in the grave had lain,  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.

## THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-18

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(The Gospel is read)*

One: The Gospel of Christ

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

### HOMILY – REV. MICHAEL

### THE APOSTLES CREED

One: We say the Apostles Creed to affirm our faith using words of the ancient church:

All: **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.*

One: 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.

**All: 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.**

One: 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.

**All: Amen.**

# THE PEACE

*In the sharing of the Peace we celebrate our reconciliation with God, and extend the gift of peace to one another (Matthew 5:23-24). We are also reminded that it is in meeting others that we meet Christ. Some may smile, wave, offer to shake hands or even hug during this time. Please express yourself however you feel comfortable and remember to ask for consent before touching others.*

One: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(We share a sign of peace with others in church, online, or in your home.)*

# WE CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST

## THE OFFERING

Thank you for supporting the ministry of St. Albans!  
You may make an offering via the donation box at the back of the church. Envelopes can be found there as well. If you wish to donate by e-transfer, Canada Helps, or Paypal, scan this QR code or visit: [stalbanschurch.ca/give](http://stalbanschurch.ca/give)



## 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  
Let us pray with one heart and mind

As we rejoice, as we rejoice  
In the gift of this day, in the gift of this day

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  
Let us pray with one heart and mind

As we rejoice, as we rejoice  
As we rejoice, as we rejoice

In the gift of this day, in the gift of this day  
In the gift of this day, in the gift of this day

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

One: 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.

All: **Amen.**

# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

One: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: 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.

## The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who  
Comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest

One: 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,

**All: we remember his death,we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

One: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Please feel free to use the language of your choice.*

**All: 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

One: Lord, we died with you on the cross

**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

One: We were buried in your tomb

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

One: Live in us, that we may live in you.

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Communion is received in a series of semi-circles at the front of the church. Indicate to the server if you would prefer to receive a rice wafer instead of wheat. To receive a blessing instead of the communion elements, please cross your arms over your chest. Additionally, to receive, during most services at the front left there will be two individuals who can pray for/with you.*

# SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART

*Trad. Irish Melody, Ruth Duck*

*Refrain*

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.*

*As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,*

*Spirit, open my heart.*

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.

All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

*Refrain*

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.

In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

*Refrain*

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.

In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

*Refrain*

# WE ARE SENT

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Let us pray.

*(We pray silently)*

**All: 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.**

One: Glory to God,

**All: 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

### DIADEMATA

*George Job Elvey, Curtis Beach*

Praise to the living God, the God of love and light,  
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns and set the worlds in flight;

Whose infinite design, which we but dimly see,  
Pervades all nature, making all a cosmic unity.

Praise to the living God, from whom all things derive,  
Whose Spirit formed upon this sphere the first faint seeds of life;  
Who caused them to evolve, unwitting towards God's goal,

Till humankind stood on the earth, as living, thinking souls.

Praise to the living God, who knows our joy and pain,  
Who shares with us our common life, the sacred and profane.  
God toils where'er we toil, in home and mart and mill;  
And deep within the human heart God leads us forward still.

Praise to the living God, around, within, above,  
Beyond the grasp of human mind, but whom we know as love.  
In these tumultuous days, so full of hope and strife,  
May we bear witness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

## **SENDING**

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **DINNER ON MAIN CAMPUS**

Our March 12<sup>th</sup> lunch was a great success, cooking with 3 students and serving lunch for more than 200. Thanks to everyone who has worked to build this partnership with University of Ottawa Student Union. Our last event of this academic year will be a dinner on April 15<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) starting at 6pm. If you can volunteer to help serve or cook for the meal the sign up sheet can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dX6cqFMeSXWS-jYlu1A1frOkPFwuPCiSm18w9otAIOs/edit?usp=sharing>

If you can't help cook or serve but would like to come and just eat dinner with students, and express our care for them as the Parish of St. Albans, that would be great as well. More details to follow. We are aiming to cook for 300+ students.

## **MUSIC PARTICIPATION**

We're hoping to expand the vision of music at St. Alban's. If you are interested in participating on the music team in any capacity, please let Charlie Edholm ([charlieedholm@gmail.com](mailto:charlieedholm@gmail.com)) know.

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