

May 3, 2026

THE BOOKLET

Fifth Sunday of Easter
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

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: Risen Christ,
give us grace to love one another, to search for truth
and to walk in the ways of justice and peace,
so that we may abide in Your love always.

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 7:55-60

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.”

THE SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:2-10

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE CALL

Ralph Vaughan Williams, George Herbert

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a way as gives us breath,

Such a truth as ends all strife,

Such a life as conquers death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a light as shows a feast,

Such a feast as mends in length,

Such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a joy as none can move,

Such a love as none can part,

Such a heart as joys in love.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-14

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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.

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



HAVE MERCY

Sandra McCracken

Have mercy on me

Have mercy on me

O Lord, have mercy

O Lord, have mercy

Oh, help my unbelief

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

One: God of all creation,
all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts, so that we might for the world
signs of your gracious presence in 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: 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:

The Sanctus

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.

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One: 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:

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

One: 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.

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

KING'S WESTON

Ralph Vaughan Williams, John A. Dalles

Come to tend God's garden, seeds of hope to sow,
Planting fields of justice, watching mercy grow,
In an arid wasteland, spread a verdant health,
In a land of tumult, cultivate God's peace.

As we tend God's garden, from its furrows rise
Stems of fresh beginnings, stretching toward the skies,
Graciousness our meadow, joyfulness our root,
Unity our foliage, righteousness our fruit.

May God's garden flourish, may our toil succeed,
May God bless our actions, every word and deed,
Serving Christ each season, with God's diagram,
Charted by the Spirit, for the task at hand.

SENDING

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

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWCOMERS DINNER

Plans are being made for a Newcomer Dinner on June 9th. So if you are new and want to learn more about St. Albans please let Rev Michael or Jennifer Parr (jennifer@leadershipthatmatters.com) know and we will save a place at the table!

ROOM ENOUGH

Building Belonging Beyond Campus

St. Albans is preparing to launch a new initiative called *Room Enough*, a pilot project running from September 2026 to May 2027 that responds to one of the most pressing realities facing students today: loneliness and social isolation.

This initiative represents a natural next step in our growing presence on the University of Ottawa campus. In partnership with UOSU, the project will connect a small cohort of students—particularly those who are far from home or experiencing isolation—with local families for shared meals, conversation, and ongoing relationship. More information about how to participate, either as a student or a family, will be shared in the coming months.

ST. ALBANS REFUGEE COMMITTEE UPDATE

In 2016, St. Albans sponsored two refugee families who are now all now Canadians. One family, the Omars, are co-sponsoring, with St. Albans, members of their extended family who are currently living as refugees in Lebanon. If you are able, please consider supporting this sponsorship.

One way to support this sponsorship is to pray for the Omar family in Lebanon and their family here in Canada during this very lengthy process. There will also be practical support required as we get closer to the family's arrival in Canada.

There are two ways to make a donation to the refugee sponsorship fund. The funds will be held by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa in trust for the family's first year.

The fund's title is: **CM_RMO_Sponsor – St. Albans Refugee Committee**

1. Mail a cheque made out to **The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa at 71 Bronson Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1R 6G6 c/o Ishita Ghose** writing the fund's title in the subject line. You will receive a tax receipt in February of 2027 if you contribute this way.
2. Donate online through the website for the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa via either of the links below – click on the donate button and you will be taken to the Canada Helps website. You will find the fund in the drop-down menu. Please note there is a fee deducted from your contribution for processing by Canada Helps. Canada Helps will send you a tax receipt via email immediately after making your donation.

<https://ottawa.anglican.ca/donate>

<https://ottawa.anglican.ca/what-we-do/community-ministries/refugee-ministry-office>

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) know.

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