

June 7, 2026

THE BOOKLET

Second Sunday after Pentecost
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

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.

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: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE OPENING PRAYER

One: Almighty 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 grace,
you invite the despised, you touch the unclean, you lift up those who are brought low: give us that hope for a world transformed through Jesus Christ, the mercy of God.

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: GENESIS 12:1-9

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:1-12

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; it is good for the just to sing praises.

Praise the Lord with the harp; play to God upon the psaltery and lyre.

Sing for God a new song; sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

For the word of the Lord is right, and all the works of God are sure.

God loves righteousness and justice; the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, by the breath of God's mouth all the heavenly hosts.

God gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin and stores up the depths of the sea.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of God.

For God spoke, and it came to pass; God commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught, thwarting the designs of the peoples.

But the will of the Lord stands fast for ever, and the designs of God's heart from age to age.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, happy the people chosen to be God's own.

THE SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:13-25

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

DOVE OF PEACE

Southern Harmony, Austin Lovelace, Ruth Duck

How good it is, what pleasure comes,
When people live as one.

When peace and justice light the way
The will of God is done,
The will of God is done.

True friendship then like fragrant oil
Surrounds us with delight
And blessings shine like morning dew
Upon the mountain height,
Upon the mountain height.

How good it is when walls of fear
Come tumbling to the ground.
When arms are changed to farming tools
The fruits of life abound,
The fruits of life abound.

When quiet joy can bloom and grow,
When people work for peace,
When hands and voices join as one
That hate and war may cease,
That hate and war may cease.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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



PEACE

Church of the Beloved

Broken conversations, broken people, we're broken Lord
Terrified illusions, seeking comfort, we're seeking more
We need each other more than we need to agree
Father, Son, Spirit bless us with your love
With your grace and peace

Peace

Let there be peace

Let there be peace

Let there be peace

Let us see and not destroy, let us listen, let us listen
Let us suspend judgement for the sake of love, for the sake of love
We need each other more than we need to agree
Father, Son, Spirit bless us with your love
With your grace and peace.

Love

Let there be love

Let there be love

Let there be love

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

One: Holy God,
gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and
nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those
who hunger in any way, so that all may know your care; and
prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Let us pray.

(We pray silently)

All: We give you thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you

and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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

MAY YOU FIND A LIGHT

David Gungor, John Arndt

Lost and weary traveler, searching for the way to go
Stranger, heavy-hearted, longing for someone you 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

SENDING

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH @ ST. ALBANS

As June is National Indigenous History Month (NIHM) we are hoping to encourage the congregation to begin to explore a journey of decolonization. St. Albans is at the beginning of this journey, and all are invited to join with activities this month and throughout the coming year. The goals of this engagement are: Education, Listening to Truth, and Action both for ourselves as individuals, as a parish and as a community within the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Ottawa.

Throughout June will use the First Nations Version of the Bible for our New Testament readings. On June 14th after church we will hold a talking circle where we invite people to share where they are on their personal decolonizing journey with others. And on June 21st (National Indigenous Peoples Day) we will use an Indigenous Liturgy, Barr will offer the homily, and after the service we will have Strawberries and Cream.

YOUNG ADULT (18-30) GROUP

There are plans to start a group for young adults at St. Albans to gather informally to discuss life and faith. This will begin in September, but in order to gauge interest and sharpen the focus, a second meeting will take place on Sunday 21 June to which anyone in this age group is invited. Rosaline Hill and Iain Wallace are co-leaders, and the group will gather at Iain's home, 71 Somerset St. W., Unit 302 (a few minutes walk from the uOttawa O-Train station). If you are interested, or you know of someone who might be, please email Iain (iwgeog@gmail.com) for further information.

PRIDE SUNDAY 2026

Pride Sunday in Ottawa is August 30th this year. Plans have not yet started either for the service or St. Albans participation in the parade. We would like to gauge interest and energy to see what we might plan to do. We will meet briefly after the June 28th service for a conversation about what we might plan over the summer for Pride Sunday.

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.



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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