November 1, 2026

THE BOOKLET

All Saints Day
A Celebration of Holy Eucharist

ALL ARE WELCOME. ALL ARE LOVED. ALL BELONG.

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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

SINE NOMINE

William W. How, Ralph Vaughan Williams

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their refuge, and their might:
You, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,
Live as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And share with them a glorious crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.
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: 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 all people,
from every tribe and language; you called true witnesses who sang your praise, lived your grace and worked for peace. May we share their faith and live by their example, so that we might be a blessing to the hunger of your world; through Jesus Christ, whose body we are.

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: REVELATION 7:9-17

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10,22

I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt the name of God together.
I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon God and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear God and will deliver them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God!
Fear the Lord, you holy ones of God, for those who fear God lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and none will be punished who trust in you.

THE SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-3

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: Thanks be to God.

AZMON

Carl Gläser, Lowell Mason, Miriam Therese Winter

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.

Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

COME AND FIND THE QUIET CENTRE

Shirley Erena Murray, Sacred Harp

Come and find the quiet centre
In the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter,
Find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
Clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter,
Be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
Cools the heat and slows the pace;
God it is who speaks and names us,
Knows our being, face to face,
Making space within our thinking,
Lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking,
Finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
Open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel,
Celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
There's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming
There is always room to spare!

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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; in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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: 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 Father, 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: 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.

ALL BELONG HERE

The Many
When you're not sure who you really are
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wounds than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am

Come and remember you belong here
All belong here

When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes, look all around
You aren't alone, this is your home

Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here

At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace

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

IMPARTIAL, COMPASSIONATE GOD OF ALL LIVES

Welsh hymn, John Roberts, Adrienne Stricker

Impartial, compassionate God of all lives,
In Christ you have shown us your love actualized,
Incarnate and weak in the arms of the poor,
Destroying all systems that keep closed the door.

Unholy, unjustified fear we incite,
When we shun our neighbors yet cling to our rights.
Your children still wander the streets left in pain,
We pass laws against them to prove our disdain.

Creator of beauty, we stand not in pride,
We do not assume you will stay on our side.
For yours is the sacred, untarnished by sin,
A refuge for outcasts that all may come in.

Our hope is your freedom for both great and small,
To strive for perfection and know all means all.
We challenge and question each law without grace,
Affirming the image of Christ on each face.

All honor we give you, O help us to see,
Your children are worthy to claim victory.
And so let our actions flow out of our praise,
To seek transformation, your Kin-dom to raise.

SENDING

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSURE OF CENTRE 454

The closure of Centre 454 is a significant challenge for Belong Ottawa to navigate. It will have far reaching consequences for the care of the most needy in Ottawa. Advocacy for continued funding and preservation of services is beginning. The first collective effort is a letter writing campaign led by Belong Ottawa. Check out the below link and consider adding your voice.
https://belongottawa.ca/blog/centre454advocacy/

SAVE THE DATE – ST ALBANS FALL RETREAT

We will gather again as a community for our Fall Retreat at Galilee Centre in Arnprior on the evening of Friday November 13th and on Saturday November 14th.

This year's Retreat is being organized by Jennifer Parr and Wanda Dillabough. The cost for a single room will be $150.00 and the cost for a shared room is $105.00/ person. This cost covers accommodation and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Subsidies will be available for those who wish to attend but cannot afford the full cost. More details and registration information will follow but if you know you are interested in attending please let Jennifer or Wanda know as we are limited to 30 spots.
For more information send an email to Jennifer (jennifer@leadershipthatmatters.com) or Wanda (wandadillabough@gmail.com)

FED UP – ST ALBANS ON CAMPUS

Our next meal is on Tuesday November 3rd. If you want to get involved please reach out to Rev. Michael. We will be eating in the Terminus space of the Jock Turcott Building at noon. Meals will happen every two weeks until December 1st when we wil have our final lunch of the semester in conjunction with Giving Tuesday and some fund raising activities in partnership with the Alumni Association for campus food security initiatives.

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