

November 12

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost



A Celebration of Holy Eucharist
Welcome / Bienvenue



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Welcome / Bienvenue

This morning, we welcome Archdeacon
P. J. Hobbs as celebrant.

Altar Care: Mary-Martha Hale

How He Loves (John McMillan)

He is jealous for me, loves like a hurricane I
am a tree,
Bending beneath the weight of His wind and
mercy
When all of a sudden, I am unaware of
These afflictions eclipsed by glory
I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me

[pre chorus]

Oh, how He loves us so, oh, how He loves us
How He loves us so

[verse 1]

Chorus

(Yeah) He loves us, oh, how He loves us
Oh, how He loves us, oh, how He loves

We are His portion and He is our prize
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His
eyes

If grace is an ocean, we're all sinking
So Heaven meets earth like a sloppy wet
kiss

And my heart turns violently inside of my
chest

I don't have time to maintain these regrets

When I think about the way that

[pre chorus], [chorus], [pre chorus]

Children's Talk *Children come up for a
story, followed by Liturgy Club.*

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.

One Let us pray.

We pray silently.

One God of all holiness,

All Brighten your Church, O God, with the promise of your kingdom, and waken our hearts to its light. Bid us hasten with faith undimmed to greet the bridegroom's return and join the wedding feast. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Proclaim the Word

The First Reading: Joshua 24.1–3a, 14–25

Read by Bryan Bondy

Rdr Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78.1–7—*Led by Margaret Romanzas*

One Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a

parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

All That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.

One We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.

All He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, which he commanded them to teach their children;

One That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

All So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments.

The Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4.13–18 (Fr)

Read by Sarah Hognestad

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Rdr La Parole du Seigneur

All Nous rendons grace à Dieu

The Gospel—Matthew 25.1–13

Read by Phil Whittall

Please stand

Rdr Le Seigneur soit avec vous. The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel is proclaimed.

Rdr The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily—Archdeacon P. J. Hobbs

Open Space

The Apostles' Creed

One Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

**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

Led by Leah Seabrook

Confession and Absolution

Broken Conversations

Broken conversations, broken people,
broken Lord,

Terrified illusions seeking comfort, 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 judgment 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.

The Peace

One La paix du Seigneur soit toujours avec
vous

The peace of the Lord be always with
you.

All And also with you.

We share a sign of peace with each other.

We Celebrate the Eucharist

Offering

Days of Elijah (Robin Mark)

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant
Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus:

Behold He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
Lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes
These are the days of Ezekiel

The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days of Your servant
David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in Your world
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord
[chorus]

Prayer over the Gifts

One Gracious God,
**All your word to us is food indeed.
Receive all we offer you this day, and
let your loving-kindness be our
comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ,
your living Word. Amen.**

One Le Seigneur soit avec vous. The Lord
be with you

All And also with you

One Lift up your hearts

All We lift them to the Lord.

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One It is indeed right that we should praise
... to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All 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 he who comes in the name
of the Lord.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.**

One Holy God, source of life and goodness
... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

One Recalling his ... now and forever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**All Our Father 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

Give Me Oil In My Lamp/People Get Ready (Curtis Mayfield)

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning

Keep me burning 'til the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna

Sing hosanna to the King of Kings

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna

Sing hosanna to the King

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray
Give me love my heart, keep me serving
Keep me serving 'til the break of day
[Sing Hosanna...]

People get ready, there's a train a coming;
you don't need no baggage, you just get on
board
All you need is faith to hear the diesels
humming;
don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord

People get ready for the train to Jordan;
it's picking up passengers from coast to
coast
Faith is the key, open the doors and board
'em;
there's hope for all among those loved the
most.

There ain't no room for the hopeless sinner;
who would hurt all mankind just to save his
own

Have pity on those whose chances grow
thinner;

for there's no hiding place against the
Kingdom's throne

So, people get ready, there's a train a
coming;

you don't need no baggage, you just get on
board

All you need is faith to hear the diesels
humming;

don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord

You don't need no ticket, you just thank the
Lord

Sending

One Let us pray.

We pray silently.

One Living God,

All in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise. We ask this in the name 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

Those with community announcements may come to the front.

Till Kingdom Come (Coldplay)

Steal my heart and hold my tongue.

I feel my time, my time has come.

let me in, unlock the door.

I've never felt this way before.

The wheels just keep on turning,

the drummer begins to drum,

I don't know which way I'm going,

I don't know which way I've come.

Hold my head inside your hands,

I need someone who understands.

I need someone, someone who hears,

for you, I've waited all these years.

Chorus

For you, I'd wait 'til kingdom come.
until my day, my day is done.
you say you'll come, and set me free,
just say you'll wait, you'll wait for me.
In your tears and in your blood,
in your fire and in your flood,
I hear you laugh, I heard you sing,
"I wouldn't change a single thing."

The wheels just keep on turning,
the drummer begins to drum,
I don't know which way I'm going,
I don't know which way I've come.
[chorus]

One Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

***After the service, please join us at the back
of the church for coffee and fellowship.***

Announcements

Weekly Events

St. Al's @5—Today at 5pm, Mary-Martha Hale reflects on “Difference and Diversity.”

Young Adult Gathering—Wednesdays at 7pm. Contact Allie McDougall, allie@stalbanschurch.ca

Coffee at Centre 454. Every Sunday morning there is a group led by Haig McCarrell that meets for coffee and conversation downstairs at Centre 454 at about 9:30. Contact Haig, h_mccarrell@yahoo.ca.

Monthly Events

Centre 454 Offering, a special offering of much-needed goods for Centre 454, made on the first Sunday of the month.

The Open Table free community meal for students and young adults, next on

November 26. Doors open 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m.

November 18—Relmagine Book Launch

All are invited to join us for the launch of Rev. Mark's new book, *Relmagine: Preaching in the Present Tense*. The book launch will take place at 7:30 p.m. on **Saturday, November 18** at St. Albans Church.

St. Albans November Stewardship Initiative

We are called as individuals and as congregations and communities into God's mission. We participate by giving the gifts that God has entrusted to us—our time, our skills and talents, our physical and our financial resources. During the month of November we will be talking about stewardship. Everyone will receive an

information package and will be contacted by a member of our stewardship team for a visit. Please help our visitors out by making yourselves available! Our hope is that every member of our community will prayerfully consider, complete and return the pledge form which is part of the stewardship package no later than **November 26, 2017**. This helps us immensely with our planning for the new year. Thank you for your generosity.

Pledge Update—Our goal is to receive at least 60 completed pledge forms by **November 26, 2017**. To date we have received four completed pledges. Thank you! Please help us out by returning your completed pledge form no later than **Sunday, November 26**. There are blank forms and other stewardship information available at the back of the church.

Completed pledges can be placed in the offering plate, given to our greeters or submitted to the church office.

Baptism of Kay Touma—This morning Rev. Mark is at St. James in Kingston for the baptism of Kay Touma, a member of St. Albans now living in Kingston with her husband Naji and son Clarke. Please keep Kay and her family in your prayers.

St. Al's@5 November 12 Meal—All are welcome to join the St. Al's@5 community on **November 12** after the evening service. If you are able, bring your favourite dish to share with others. If you intend to bring something to share, let Allie know so we have enough food for everyone.

Young Adults Post-Church Lunch—Lunch for students and young adults will be hosted

at Allie and Davis's on **November 12** after the 10 am service. RSVP with Allie or Davis, or on Facebook.

Christmas Carol Service Our annual Christmas Carol Service will take place at 7:00 p.m. on **Sunday, December 3**. Please join us for an evening of lessons and carols, contemporary and traditional. We would love to have a Christmas Choir for this service, so please let Mark or Ken know if you can join the choir for Dec 3, or if you can volunteer. There will be no 5:00 p.m. service on December 3.

Look Good, Do Good Shop for new and nearly new upscale clothing, jewellery, and shoes during "Look Good, Do Good" on **Saturday, November 25**, 1–4pm at 'allsaints' (10 Blackburn Ave. in Sandy Hill). All sale proceeds will benefit leadership programs for girls in southern Africa. Any

unsold items will be donated to Dress for Success Ottawa National Capital Region. Your purchases will help do good both locally and internationally. Swag bags presented to the first 100 shoppers!

A Centre 454 Christmas

Count yourself in to Centre 454's Annual Christmas Celebration.

Needful things: Donations of cooked turkeys and hams, baked goods, and desserts; donations of gifts and gift bags; volunteers who can sort gifts, decorate, and help with the Christmas feast.

Learn more: See 454's winter newsletter at the Welcome Table or online at centre454.ca.

Volunteer: Call 613-235-4351 ext. 331, by November 25.

Important Dates:

- **Sunday, December 10**—Receive and sort gifts at Cathedral Hall, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, December 13**—Sort gifts, decorate Santa’s workshop and lounge, and set-up for dinner at Cathedral Hall, 1:00–3:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 14**—Christmas Dinner at Christ Church Cathedral Hall. Volunteers are needed for two sittings: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 a.m., and 12:00–3:00 p.m.

Get Connected with St. Albans Groups

- 1. Coffee at Centre 454.** We meet every Sunday morning at 9:30 for coffee and conversation with the folks at Centre 454, downstairs in St. Albans Church. Contact Haig h_mccarrell@yahoo.ca
- 2. Tuesday night dinner and small group in Westboro.** Join us for dinner and discussion at our small group. It is hosted by Michael and Rochelle Garner in Westboro. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., lectionary-based discussion follows. Contact Rochelle at rochelle.garner@gmail.com or Moira at moiradavis00@gmail.com.
- 3. Wednesday Bible Study, Westboro.** Wednesdays at 8:30-9:30am at Rosaline's office, Churchill Ave. All are welcome. We discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Contact Rosaline, rosaline@rjhill.ca

4. **Wednesdays, 7:00 pm—Young Adults and Students.** This group is for Young Adults & Students to gather regularly, build community, engage questions of life & faith, and serve our neighbourhood. Wednesday nights, 7:00pm, Allie & Davis' home in Sandy Hill. Contact Allie allison.l.mcdougall@gmail.com
5. **Children's Liturgy Club.** Meets during the 10am service to learn about liturgy and plan special liturgical celebrations. Contact Rosaline rosaline@rjhill.ca or Allie allison.l.mcdougall@gmail.com
6. **Breakfast Club.** Fourth Saturday of every month, contact gillianwallace@gmail.com for more info.
7. **The Open Table—**Free community meal for students and young adults; Sundays October 30, November 27, January 29, February 26, March 26. Doors open at

5:30 p.m., meal at 6pm. Contact Ken
ken.grahlman@gmail.com

8. Student Interns Faith Formation & Leadership. Tuesdays at 8:30am at St. Albans.

9. Music Team: Rehearsals Thursday 7pm at St. Albans. Contact Ken
ken.grahlman@gmail.com

10. St. Albans Social Action. Contact Robert roblogie@me.com

11. Baptism Preparation. If you are interested in baptism, please contact Rev. Mark rev.mark@stalbanschurch.ca

12. Want to start something new? Contact Rev. Mark rev.mark@stalbanschurch.ca

Ascension Italian Night, November 17

Advance tickets are recommended for this wonderful evening of fine food and flowers, live music, and authentic Italian cuisine, from Antipasto to *Limoncello* ricotta tart. The entrée is a homemade *pasto al forno*, typical of Northern Italy.

Choose from two seatings, 5:00 or 7:00 p.m.; wine and beer will be available for purchase.

When: Friday, November 17 **Where:** Church of the Ascension, 253 Echo Drive **Tickets:** \$25/adult; \$15/kids under 12; \$10/kids under 5; available online at italian-night.eventbrite.ca. There are options for vegetarian and gluten-free meals.

Sandy Hill's One & Only Arts and Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 18 from 10am to 4pm

Sandy Hill Community Centre, 250 Somerset
St. East

www.ash-acs.ca/oneandonly/

Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Festival

Grab a few friends and expand your Ten Thousand Villages experience with a trip to the 2017 Fair Trade Festival Sale, every Friday and Saturday in November!

Browse a fabulous selection of handcrafted gift items from 27 countries, and enjoy some homemade borscht and desserts in the tearoom every Saturday. Fair Trade shopping is available every Friday and Saturday for the month of November. With a wide variety of Christmas ornaments, home décor and fashion accessories, the Festival Sale offers the opportunity to “shop with a conscience.” Purchases give artisan groups from Asia, Africa and Latin America

the chance to make a livelihood for their families.

Where: Ottawa Mennonite Church, 1830 Kilborn Ave. **When:** Weekends in November - Fridays 3:00-8:00 and Saturdays 10:00-4:00

Exception: Nov. 24 High Tea 12:00-4:00.

Check the complete schedule at www.tenthousandvillages.ca/festival/1868