

St John's Malone. The Second Sunday before Advent (Proper 28)

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The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you And also with you.

Welcome *A sentence of scripture may be read (see pages 78-82), and the presiding minister may introduce the liturgy of the day.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom 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.

PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.

You shall love your neighbour as yourself

On these two commandments depend all the law
and the prophets.

Matthew 22: 37-39

**Lord, have mercy on us,
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

The Confession is introduced with appropriate words, such as:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from
our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Silence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.**

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 walk in newness of life

to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest pronounces the Absolution:

Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on 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. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The presiding minister introduces the Collect, allowing a short space for silence, and the people respond to the Collect with their Amen.

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

5Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,^{*} you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour

pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved,^{*} are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

At the end the reader may say

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

A canticle, psalm, hymn, anthem or acclamation may be sung.

Gradual Hymn (Choir and congregation)

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel Reading is introduced by the following words:

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to Matthew chapter 25 beginning at verse 14

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘the kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents,^{*} to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” ²¹His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you

in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.”²³ His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.”²⁶ But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

**was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy: or Lord, hear us:
hear our prayer. **Lord, Graciously hear us.** Or another
versicle or response is used.

At the end of the Intercessions the following may be used when appropriate:

Merciful Father, accept these our prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

or other suitable words

[If the Penitence comes at this point of the service it may be followed by:

[THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord,

whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.]

THE PEACE

The presiding minister introduces the Peace with suitable words:

followed by: Those watching the recorded service from home are invited to share the Peace with those next to them.

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near. *Ephesians 2: 19,17*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



Celebrating at the Lord's Table

The table may be prepared by a deacon or lay people.

The gifts of money may be left on the alms dish on the table when leaving the building at the north door.

AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The bread and wine shall be placed on the table for the communion if this has not already been done and a prayer may be said

Prayer of Preparation

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Stand

The bishop or priest who presides takes the bread and wine and may say

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer 1

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise:

And so with all your people,
with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

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

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,

a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister says

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**Our Father, who art in heaven:
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The presiding minister (who may be assisted by the deacon) breaks the consecrated bread in preparation for the Communion

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

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

The following anthem may be said or sung after the Breaking of the Bread or during the Communion

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Words of Invitation

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to eternal life.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to eternal life.

*Holy Communion will be administered in one kind in your pew. You may sit to receive. Please leave your mask on until the priest has moved away.
Holy Communion will be administered in the nave first, followed by those in the north transept and side chapel.*

Choir: Communion Motet

THE COMMUNION FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT AT THIS TIME THE FOLLOWING MAY BE SAID PRIVATELY

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen. *~after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going Out as God's People

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope.
Bring us at the last to that pure life for which we long,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

All say

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out [*Strengthen us*] in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

DISMISSAL

The presiding minister says the seasonal blessing,
...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ, Amen.

Organ Voluntary:

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*Please wait in your pew until directed to leave by the stewards. The exit is via the north porch in the one way system. **The alms dish and worship sheet deposit box are on the way out on the table in the north transept.***

READINGS:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11: A reminder that Christ's coming will be like a thief in the night, and an encouragement for God's people to stay alert and live sober lives protected by love, salvation and faithfulness, in union with Christ.

Matthew 25:14-30: Jesus tells a story about a wealthy man who entrusts some of his wealth to his servants. Two of them increase the money, while one simply buries the money & gives it back when the master returns. The master is angry and rejects the third servant, giving his small amount of money to the servant who made the most.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

This week we are still reflecting on the coming of God's reign through Christ. In the letter to the Thessalonians, the believers are encouraged to stay alert and live Christ-like lives in order to know union with God both now and in eternity. In the Gospel, the parable of the talents is a difficult challenge for us to reflect on how we are making a contribution to the coming of God's reign into the world. The word to us this week, then, is for us to use our resources – time, talents and treasures – mindfully in service of God's purpose in order to share in the coming of God's reign into our world. In addition, we are to recognise that whatever wealth or influence we may have does not "protect" us from the confrontation of God's new order, but rather must be used in service of God's reign.

Notices:

- Toilets are available for use. Follow the one way system to use them. Please leave them as you'd wish to find them and take the necessary hand hygiene seriously, remembering to turn off the tap with a paper towel. The disinfectant spray supplied should be used on the toilet seat and flush handle after use.
- Under GDPR guidance we need to tell you that we will be recording the service and/or livestreaming. The camera will point towards the nave altar and pulpit and not towards the congregation although those coming to and from the side areas will be in the camera view for a short time.
- Thank you for your compliance and co-operation as we adjust to the new ways of worshipping together and service pattern which will be with us for some time to come.,
- A service of Compline is livestreamed on 'St John's Malone' Facebook every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. if you do not have a Prayer Book at home, ask the churchwardens and they will supply you with one from church. BCP pg.154. Alternatively you'll find it on the Church of Ireland website Worship section BCP 2004 texts.
- A service of Compline will be streamed via Zoom on the first Wednesday every month and a link for that will be sent mid-week via email.
- Access to the suite of church halls is still strictly limited. Contact the Rector before entering the halls or church and follow the necessary hygiene and cleansing precautions. For the purposes of tracking and tracing complete the register in the white files provided in each hall thank you.
- **Next Sunday**, The Kingship of Christ Sunday next before Advent 22nd November: 10.30am Holy Eucharist
- **Thursday 12th** 10.30am Eucharist with prayer for the sick. Please email names for the prayer list to the Rector at malone@connor.anglican.org
- **Operation Christmas Child Boxes** – this Sunday 15th November will be the last opportunity to make a donation and if you have a box, please leave it at the base of the font.
- **Parish Bakeoff.** This has been extended to 22 November to receive entries.
- **Magazine deadline.** Please send your contributions to magstjohns@gmail.com for the winter edition Dec/Jan/Feb by Tuesday 17th November.

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL MEDIA / WEB

- St John's has a Twitter page on **@malonestjohns** which carries up to date information on parish life and other religious and secular matters.
- 'St John's Malone' on **Facebook**
- Instagram: **worthy_communicant**
- Website: www.malone.connor.anglican.org
- **Wordpress:** www.stjohnsmalone.wordpress.com
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS FOR AUTUMN

Autumn Study Group



Parish Zoom Study Group: 'What does it mean to be Church of Ireland?'

What does it mean to be Church of Ireland? This is what will be exploring in a short 5 week parish course on Zoom, beginning on 3rd November at 7:30pm. Each session will last no more than 40 minutes and will cover the basic aspects of the identity of the Church of Ireland: what is to be a Church that is Catholic and Reformed, the Prayer Book, being a Church of the Reformation, the role of bishops, and our commitment to Christian unity.

To register for the course, please email the parish office at secstjohns@btconnect.com. This will enable the link to each Zoom session to be shared with you.

A short summary of each week's topic will be sent by email before each session. There will be a 25 minute talk and presentation. This will be followed by a time for any questions.

Facilitator: Rev. Dr Brian Crowe Assistant priest in St John's.

Please PRINT your name and the names of any accompanying you today and supply a phone number to enable tracking and tracing. If you become ill with any symptoms of Covid19 *and are subsequently tested positive*, please contact the Rector as soon as possible and follow government guidelines. Deposit this sheet in the box in the porch on the way out. Thank you.

NAME:

PHONE:

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PEW NUMBER(S) (FOUND AT THE PEW END):

DATE:

Note: Please disperse *directly* from your pew in the church into the churchyard whilst maintaining social distancing of 2 metres.

Please ensure the exit door and churchyard gates are clear outside for those leaving the church and church grounds.