

St John's Malone. The Third Sunday before Advent (Proper 27)

Sunday 8th November 2020 at 10.30am ~ Worship Sheet



**The Order for THE EUCHARIST OR HOLY COMMUNION 2
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The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you And also with you.

Welcome by the Rector. *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.

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the king of all:
Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who 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 4: 13-18

13 But 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. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.^{*} ¹⁵For 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.* 16For 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. 17Then 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 for ever. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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.

Hymn 537 O God Our Help (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 13

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 25: 1-13

25'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids* took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.* 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." 7Then all those bridesmaids* got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." 9But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." 10And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11Later the other bridesmaids* came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." 12But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." 13Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Act of Remembrance:

Minister: Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping, those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind.

The Wreath of poppies is laid at the parish's war memorial.

Binyon's Ode:

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

We will remember them.

Last Post *may be sounded*
The Silence

Reveille *may be sounded*

National Anthem [first verse]

Kohima Epitaph

When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say,
For Your Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today.

The minister says

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;

fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them,
to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service:
Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

Merciful God, we offer to you
the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love:
may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and
live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer. **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.



Hymn 618 Lord of All Hopefulness (Choir only)

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 / Anthem: For the Fallen Music: Elgar

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

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
Look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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: Nimrod Music: Elgar

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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:

Thessalonians 4:13-18: A word of encouragement to remind the believers that death is not the end, but that believers, both dead and alive, will enjoy life eternal in union with Christ, which is our Christian hope.

Matthew 25:1-13: Jesus tells a story about bridesmaids who are waiting for the arrival of the bridegroom at a wedding. Some have extra oil and are able to wait for as long as it takes, while others, who do not have extra, have to leave to find more and so miss the groom's arrival. Then, when they return, they are shut out and not allowed in. Then Jesus encourages his hearers to be alert.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

As we begin to move closer to the end of this year and the start of the Advent season, the Lectionary offers a set of readings that make a good preparation. In the Gospel Jesus' parable of the bridesmaids is a reminder that God is always coming to us, and that we need to be alert and watchful so that we don't miss

God's presence and activity in our lives. In the letter to the Thessalonians, this reminder extends to death and to the end of time when our hope in Christ is fulfilled. The connection, though, of course, is that we need to live this hope now in each day of our lives. As we hope and trust in God's coming and God's activity in our lives and our world – past, present and future – we are inspired and challenged to live out this faith and hope by being alert, mindful and wise. Our hope in Christ, then, forms the basis for wise and abundant living.

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.
- Wednesday: Compline online 7.30pm; Thursday: Eucharist with prayer for the sick 10.30am in the church
- **Next Sunday**, 2nd Sunday before Advent 15th 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** – next 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.
- Today's Flowers in memoriam of the late Shelagh Adams from the Lowden family

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.