

St John's Malone. The Sunday before Advent

The Kingship of Christ

Sunday 22nd November 2020 at 10.30am ~ Worship Sheet



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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.

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to
worship at his feet, 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

Ephesians 1: 15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love* towards all the saints, and for this reason 16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20God* put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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.

1 Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will

separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, ^{*} you did it to me.” ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

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.

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

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that plenteously bearing the fruit of good works
they may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Ephesians 1:15-23: Paul gives thanks for the Ephesian Christians and prays that they may know God, God's call which is their hope, and God's power which raised Christ from the dead and made him head over all things, and which works in them.

Matthew 25:31-46: Jesus tells a parable about judging the nations as a shepherd who separates sheep from goats, rejecting those who have failed to serve and love their neighbours, but embracing and welcoming those who have.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

This week, as Year A comes to a close, we are faced with images and Scripture passages that are so well known that our familiarity can cause us to lose the power of this closing to the year's journey. But, the images of sheep and shepherd, and the parables of judgement which accompany them, are not comfortable, however well we may know them. The hinge point, of course, is the Gospel, which portrays the nature of Christ's rulership. The shocking invitation which we are given is to recognise the King in those who are anything but royalty – the sick, the naked, the hungry and thirsty, the homeless and imprisoned. And our ability to be welcomed into the realm of this Shepherd-King is not so much about how Jesus decides to treat us, but about how we choose to treat one another. If we are able to make the shift to seeing Christ in all others, we discover that we are citizens of this new realm that Jesus preached – because suddenly God's reign is visible everywhere and can be experienced and enjoyed in every moment, every place and every interaction. When we fail to see Christ in all others, we have chosen to close our eyes to the miracle of God's reign which infiltrates every life and every circumstance, with the result that we find ourselves – by our own choice – outside of the experience of God's reign. Finally, Paul celebrates Jesus as the one who has been placed over all, especially of the Church which is Christ's body – the vehicle through which Christ interacts with the world now – and prays that God's people may know God's

resurrection power and the hope we have in Christ, both of which are sorely needed for us to be the agents of Christ's grace and compassion that we are called to be. The reign of Christ, then, is not about seeing Jesus as some dominating despot, or conquering military victor. Rather, we are invited to see Christ's reign as the gift of God's grace, service and compassion that is available to all, and that we share with one another as we live as the body (the physical presence) of Christ in the world today

Notices:

- 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.
- 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**, Advent Sunday, 10:30 am Sunday First and 11:30 am Holy Communion, in the L'Estrange Hall
- **Wednesday 25th** 7:30pm Compline (1st Wednesday on Zoom, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays live streamed on Facebook).
- **Thursday 26th** 10.30am Eucharist with prayer for the sick. Please email names for the prayer list to the Rector at malone@connor.anglican.org

ST JOHN'S SOCIAL MEDIA / WEB

- St John's Twitter page is @malonestjohns
- 'St John's Malone' on Facebook
- Instagram: worthy_communicant
- Website: www.malone.connor.anglican.org
- Wordpress: www.stjohnsmalone.wordpress.com
- Rector: malone@connor.anglican.org
- Office: secstjohns@btconnect.com *for admin matters*



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.

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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.