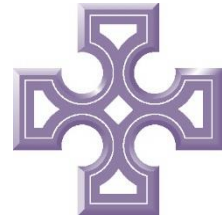




## SAINT JOHN'S MALONE

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Christ and the Samaritan Woman 1980 Lviv, Ukraine

### **Third Sunday in Lent.**

Welcome to Saint John's especially all who are visiting today.

An audio loop system is in operation for those with hearing aids. The order of service is available to download from the website and the 10.30am is livestreamed on St John's Malone YouTube channel. Those baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and are communicant members of their own church are welcome to receive Holy Communion, according to conscience.

**Today: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel said with address**

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**

**7:00 p.m. St Brigid's Derryvolgie Joint Churches Lenten Service 3/5**

**The Eucharist** ~*See service booklet for 10:30am if available or below for page references in the BCP 2004. 9am pg.201: Address-The Rector*

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**Collects**

Merciful Lord,

Grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil

and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### First Reading **Exodus 17: 1-7**

17From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' <sup>5</sup>The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah\* and Meribah,\* because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm 95

### Second Reading **Romans 5: 1-11**

5Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we\* have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access\* to this grace in which we stand; and we\* boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only

that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.\* <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading *Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to John chapter four beginning at verse five. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

**John 4: 5-30**

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a

spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’ <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come back.’ <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’ <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord our God,  
you feed us in this life with bread from heaven,  
the pledge and foreshadowing of future glory.  
Grant that the working of this sacrament within us  
may bear fruit in our daily lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Services this week Services this week

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Lent Compline with address and hymns in-person and on YouTube.** Theme for Compline during Lent 'The Lord & His Prayer'

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Eucharist (1) with intercessions for those in need.**  
A cup of coffee is available after this service.

**Next Sunday 19/03/23 Lent III 9:00am Eucharist; 10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist; 7pm Joint Churches in McCracken**

### Notices:

- Samples of Bible Reading Fellowship BRF Notes are available in the vestibule. Please consider taking some. Lent Notes to follow. Please speak to or email to Rev. Brian Cadden if you are interested in having Lent notes or in having the quarterly BRF Notes.
- Parish Lenten Books are on sale and available there too.
- Copies of the Diocesan magazine Connor Connections are now available.



### Notices:

- Welcome to all our visitors. If you need assistance with anything, please ask one of the Churchwardens.
- Under GDPR guidance we need to tell you that we will be recording the service and/or livestreaming today. The cameras will point towards the nave altar and pulpit and only on occasion, towards the entrance doors. Those coming to and from the side areas and exiting will be in the camera view for a short time.
- **We are collecting for South Belfast Food Bank** again. Please leave your contributions in the vestibule on the way in. Thank you.
- Prayers for the sick and all those in need are offered on Thursday morning at the Eucharist. You can send names for the list to the Rector via his email.
- If you're **new to the parish** please ask the Churchwardens or a member of the clergy about the following: GDPR, Free Will Offering Scheme, Gift Aid Magazine, organisations or wanting to know more about life at St John's. We'd be delighted to help and to get to know you.
- **Coffee/tea** will follow this service and all are welcome.

- **Parents & Toddlers** meets in Seaver Hall Tuesday 10am-11:30am. All are welcome.

### **READINGS:**

Exodus 17:1-7: The people of Israel grumble against Moses because of their thirst and the lack of water, so God commands Moses to strike the rock, and when he does so, water gushes out.

Psalm 95: An invitation for God's people to worship God, and not harden their hearts as Israel did at Meribah, resulting in them not entering God's rest.

Romans 5:1-11: In Christ we have been made right with God, and have the Holy Spirit as assurance of God's love. It was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us, and now we are God's friends.

John 4:5-42: Jesus, while resting at Jacob's well in Samaria, meets a Samaritan woman, speaks to her about living water and reveals himself as the Messiah to her. In delight she returns to her village and brings others to meet Christ, and they too believe.

### **REFLECTIONS ON THEME:**

The image of water is strong this week, primarily in the Gospel and the Old Testament lesson. Moses provides water for the thirsty Israelites in the wilderness – although their grumbling and hardness of hearts remains a problem throughout their wilderness journey. Jesus offers the living water that only he can give to this outcast, Samaritan woman of dubious sexual history. In the light of these two stories, the Lectionary calls us to respond to Christ's offer of life – in the Psalm to reject the Israelites' hardness of heart in favour of faithful, trusting worship, and in Paul's letter to the Romans, to embrace and enjoy God's gift of the Holy Spirit, which is our assurance of God's grace and presence, and which sustains us through whatever hardships life may throw at us. The living water is still given for us, and we still face the choice: to receive it with faith, thanksgiving and worship, trusting in our Messiah and the life he offers, or to complain, grumble and allow our fear, self-interest and hard-heartedness to keep us from enjoying this life.

## **Organising your wedding in St John's**

Weddings are special occasions in the life of any family and of the Church. We'd be delighted to talk to anyone contemplating their wedding in St John's. When considering getting married please check possible dates with the Rector before confirming any other arrangements. It is expected that couples will make a regular commitment to the life of the Church in preparation for marriage.





If you are considering donating any items to the foodbank then we would really appreciate any of the following...

Tinned meat Tinned potatoes/ Smash Long life juice Tinned soup Toiletries Toilet roll Washing up liquid Washing powder You can either pop the items directly into the basket at Tesco Newtownbreda or donate directly to the foodbank.

We are open for donations every Wednesday 1-3pm and every Thursday 10am-12pm.

Our warehouse is Unit 4, 23 Sunwich Street, Belfast, BT6 8HR

Any questions regarding donating please call us on 07743332489 or email us on [info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk)



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Long life juice; Tinned fish; Tinned spaghetti; Tinned fruit; Jars of jam; Tinned rice pudding;  
Tinned potatoes or Smash; Toiletries – soap, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste etc.

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