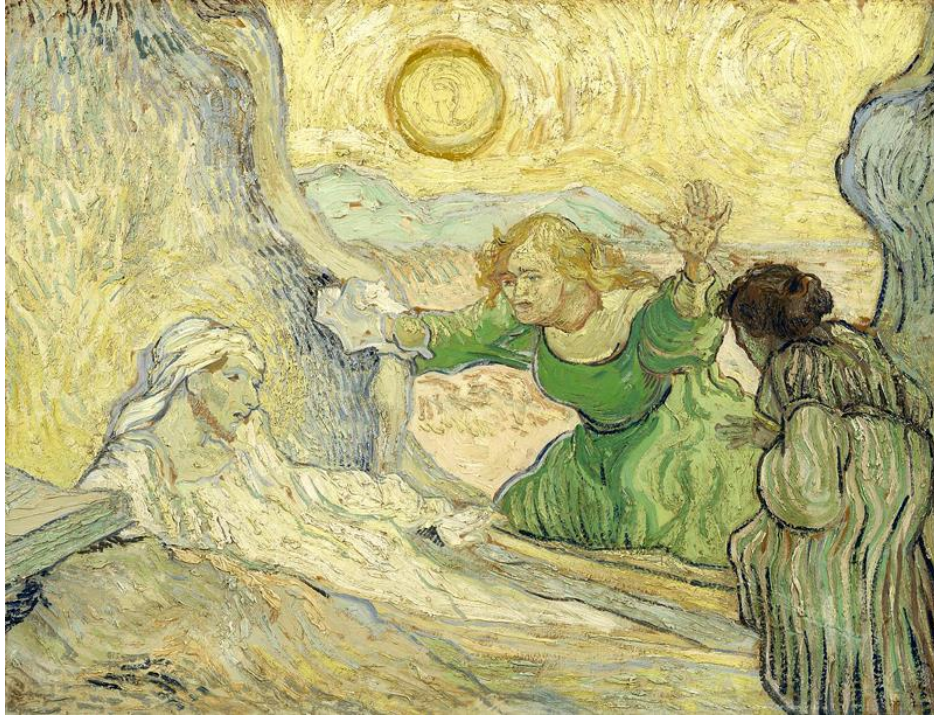




## SAINT JOHN'S MALONE

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Raising of Lazarus, Van Gogh focused on the theme of human suffering and gave Lazarus a red beard like his own.  
1890 Artist: Gogh, Vincent van, 1853-1890 Building: Van Gogh Museum.

## **Fifth Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday**

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 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**

**6:30p.m. Stainer's Crucifixion, The Osborne Singers**

**7:00 p.m. McCracken Memorial, Joint Churches Lenten Service 5/5**

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

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Office Setting	Archer/Darke

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## Collects

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross,  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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 --

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus<sup>\*</sup> was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

7 Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us

go to him.’ <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’

17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ <sup>27</sup>She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,\* the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, ‘The Teacher is here and is calling for you.’ <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’

38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a

loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Father, through your goodness  
we are refreshed through your Son  
in word and sacrament.

May our faith be so strengthened and guarded  
that we may witness to your eternal love  
by our words and in our lives.

Grant this for Jesus' sake, our Lord. **Amen**

### **Services this week Services this week**

**Wednesday 22nd 7.30pm Lent Compline with address and hymns in-person and on YouTube.** Theme for Compline during Lent 'The Lord & His Prayer'

**Thursday 23rd 10.30am Eucharist (1) with intercessions for those in need.**

A cup of coffee is available after this service.

### **Next Sunday Palm Sunday 02/04/23 Lent V**

**9:00am Eucharist; 10.30 a.m. Sunday First & Palm Procession with blessing of Palms.**

### **Notices:**

- **Easter General Vestry** 11:45pm follows the 10:30am service today
- 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 still on sale.
- Copies of the Diocesan magazine Connor Connections are 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:

**Ezekiel 37:1-14:** Ezekiel's prophesy of restoration in which he sees a valley of dry bones, and is called by God to prophesy that the bones come together and be clothed again in flesh, and then that the wind/breath/Spirit blow into them and bring them alive. In this way, he proclaims, God will bring life and restoration to God's exiled people.

**Psalm 130:** A plea for mercy to God, with assurance that God does not keep a record of sins, but forgives, restores and rescues.

**Romans 8:6-11:** God's Spirit, and the spiritual attitude that it nurtures, leads to life, and will enliven us not just in our spirits, but in our bodies as well.

**John 11:1-45:** Jesus, on hearing of Lazarus' illness, returns after a short delay, to Judea, risking his own death, in order to raise Lazarus. After proclaiming himself as "the resurrection and the life" he raises Lazarus, and many people believe in him as a result.

## **REFLECTIONS ON THEME:**

The readings for Lent 5 are a prophecy. As we prepare to move into Holy Week, the transition point this week is a focus on resurrection. God's people are given a vision of resurrection through Ezekiel. The Psalmist recognises God's grace, mercy and rescue, and Paul proclaims that God's Spirit gives us life in our whole being. John's Gospel, also in a prophetic narrative, describes the raising of Lazarus, and demonstrates that Jesus is the one in whom life and resurrection are found. So, as we prepare our hearts for the coming journey through Jesus' passion, we are reminded in advance that death does not have the last word, and that resurrection is promised and experienced in the midst of pain, threat and death. Jesus does not shy away from the threat of death, but offers himself as the one who brings life, even though he will ultimately die. And, yet, there is the hope, proclaimed even by Jesus himself, that he, as the forerunner, will be raised, assuring us that our resurrection is also certain. It's a celebratory theme this week, but also a challenge not to shy away from the forces of death and evil, but to confront them – in ourselves and in our world – in the hope of resurrection.



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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ITEMS REQUIRED AT PRESENT: *Please place in the baskets in the entrance vestibule/porch.*  
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.



## HOLY WEEK IN ST JOHN'S 2.4.23 – 9.4.23

Please note the following new service arrangements and change of time on Easter Day

Palm Sunday 9am	Eucharist;
10:30am	Sunday First with Procession & Blessing of Palms
Monday 10:30am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 10:30am	The Eucharist
Wednesday 10:30am	Holy Communion; 7:30pm <b>Tenebrae</b>
Thursday 7:30pm	Eucharist for Maundy Thursday with stripping of the altars followed by The Watch in the Side Chapel
Good Friday 12noon-3pm	The Three Hours
Easter Day 9am	Eucharist in the Seaver Hall
<b>10am</b>	Festal Eucharist broadcasting live on BBC Radio Ulster (45 mins)



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