



SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Parish of Malone

The Church of St John the Evangelist

Harvest Sunday First 2020

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 4th October 2020 at 10.30am

L: The land has yielded its harvest:

P: God our God has blessed us. (Psalm 67:6)

Welcome

THE GREETING

L The grace and the peace of the risen Lord be with you all.

P And also with you.

L Blessed be God, creator of heaven and earth.

P He is the source of love and life for all creation.

L: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it

P: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice

L Let us thank God today for his gracious love
and call upon him to strengthen us within in his will.

P Let us draw near to God in praise and thanksgiving.

PENITENCE

As we bow our heads, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *(Heb. 4:16)*

O God, we have not always treated others as our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we seek your forgiveness and theirs. Through the power of your Holy Spirit lead us now into paths of reconciliation that we may show forth your love in all our relationships. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
+pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE COLLECT

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: Grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



Reading:

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reading:

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving

to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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Thanks be to God

ADDRESS

Rev. Brian Crowe – Assistant priest at St John's

THE RESPONSE

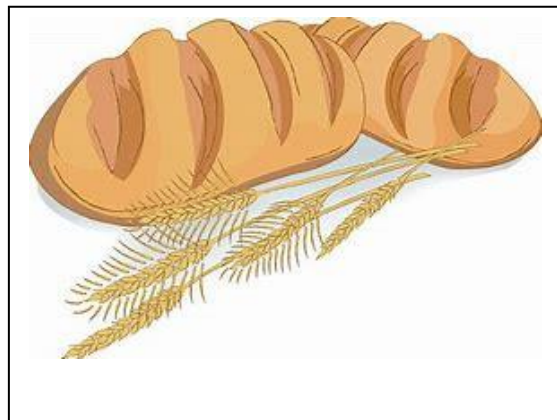
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All: We believe and trust in him.



Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All: We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYERS

Rector: Loving God, we know that You want us to grow to maturity in Your hands. We know that You do forgive us and You will remould as we journey through life to be more like You. So we thank you - and now we pray for those around us and for the world which you, our Creator, have made:

For the sick and the suffering.... we pray for their healing and ask God to bless the work of those in the medical profession and all doing research for vaccines.
Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

For the homeless and the hungry.... that we may respond to their need and that all may receive a just share of God's bounty and for blessing on the Bishops' Appeal,
Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

For the despairing, the depressed and the anxious... that they may have faith and hope
Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

For the lost and the lonely.... that they may reconnect with their families, friends and communities
Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

For those persecuted for the faith... that they may be strong in faith and hope
Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Lord hear our prayers for our friends and our neighbours - for those near at hand and those far away. Those who cannot be here with us today. Bless them and all people and situations that we now hold before you in our hearts and minds we keep silence for a time
Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering up all our petitions to serve the needs of the world we pray as our Saviour Christ has taught us:
Our Father

Hymn 47

Envelopes are available in your pews for Bishops' Appeal at this Harvest time.

We plough the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand:
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

He only is the maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread.
Refrain

We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
And what thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.
Refrain

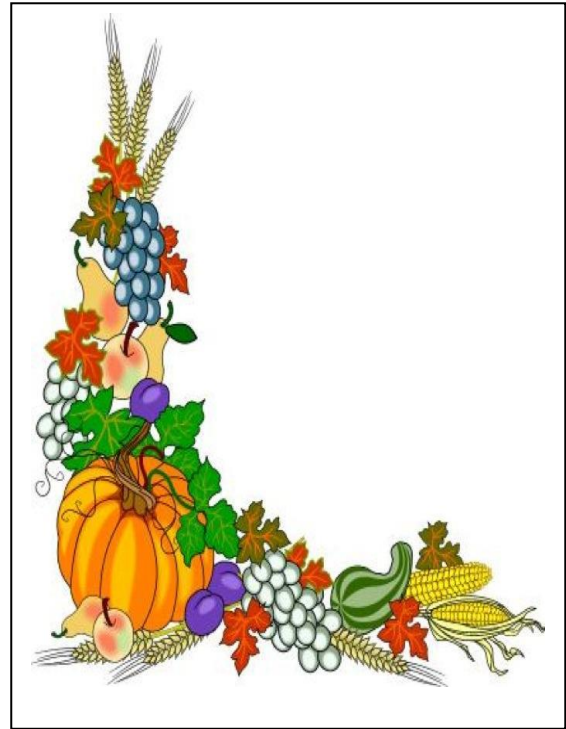
Closing prayer: Let us say together:

**May God make safe to us each step, May God open to us each door,
May God make clear to us each road. May God enfold us in loving arms.
Amen.**

HARVEST BLESSING

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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 (or occasionally recorded for St John's Malone YouTube channel). 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. That's this Wednesday again.
- 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. **Email names to the rector for inclusion on our weekly prayer list.**
- Next Sunday, Trinity 18 Sunday 11th October: 10.30am The Eucharist
- The AGM known as the Easter Vestry will take place immediately after the church service in the church building on Sunday 11th October at 11.15am for the purposes of electing a Select Vestry, Parochial Nominators (triennial) and supplementarlists and Diocesan Synodspersons (triennial)

and supplementarlists. Registered vestrypersons may vote. The presentation of accounts will also take place.

- Harvest Giving. Can we encourage you to give to the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal either with the envelope in your pew or online –details below
- Also if you would like to support something more local do give a thought to the South Belfast Foodbank at harvest-time. Details on this sheet.

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** is the **new** St John's Instagram page and we'd like you to follow us by giving us a 'Like'!
- Rector: malone@connor.anglican.org
- Office: secstjohns@btconnect.com for admin matters
- Website: www.malone.connor.anglican.org
- **NEW!** Wordpress: www.stjohnsmalone.wordpress.com



South Belfast Foodbank~ latest news and how to continue to support South Belfast Foodbank

The foodbank continues on at a pace. We have teams delivering food every week night which has continued to go well. Our numbers decreased in July but things have picked up again. We expect things to further increase once the furlough scheme ends but we are not sure exactly what that will mean for us.

It really has been a privilege to be able to support people during this time but we are sad that we are unable to have face to face contact with our clients as that was an essential and valuable addition to our service over the years.

We have been discussing our future plans and we are looking at what South Belfast Foodbank will look like moving forward. It does seem as if home deliveries will be our method of supporting people for the foreseeable future but we do hope it will not be this way forever. This would be a real point for prayer. Would you pray for us as we discuss and begin to consider any future plans? Please pray that we would have wisdom in knowing how to continue serving people in the best and safest way possible.

The foodbank has continued to greatly restrict what food comes into the warehouse, out of an abundance of caution. At present, we are still only **accepting donations from our trolley at Tesco's Newtownbreda**. If you shop in that store then please feel free to drop any items into the trolleys there. Please note that only items bought in store can be donated here.

We hope to lift the restrictions and reopen the ability to donate food and we will let you know once that happens as we know how valuable the donations have been from churches over the years. We literally could not have functioned if we had not had those donations faithfully given over many years.

If you'd like, instead of making a food donation, you could donate what you were going to give via our online giving platform

at <https://www.goldengiving.com/secure/donation/south-belfast-foodbank>

Or you could use our virtual online store via Bankuet

at <https://www.bankuet.co.uk/southbelfast>

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Bishops' Appeal is Supporting Global Emergency Responses During the Covid-19 Pandemic



In light of the global Covid-19 pandemic, Bishops' Appeal – the Church of Ireland's World Aid and Development Programme – is releasing a total of €50,000 to five key partner mission and development agencies to support their efforts among the world's most vulnerable people.

The five agencies are Christian Aid, Tearfund Ireland, CMS Ireland, USPG, and Motivation. The emergency responses include distributing essential supplies such as food, soap, medicine and information to people whose markets have shut down and who have no access to supplies, people who live in informal settlements and in refugee camps, and people who are living with a disability.

Christian Aid

Christian Aid is using the lessons from the Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus. The agency is already taking action in Rohingya refugee camps where 850,000 people live in cramped conditions. Working together with partners, Christian Aid is informing people about the risks, offering hygiene and handwashing sessions, ensuring that health facilities in camps have triage and isolation spaces in order to receive suspected cases, and providing training to health personnel and key frontline aid workers.

Tearfund Ireland

Tearfund is working in Ethiopia, Cambodia and Uganda and with Syrian refugees in Lebanon who are living in densely packed conditions in makeshift shelters, waiting for peace and the possibility to return home. Whereas people would have previously congregated to receive essential supplies, volunteers now knock on hundreds of doors delivering food and medicines. These are countries with much fewer resources than Ireland to face this pandemic – for example, in Uganda, it is estimated that there are more government ministers than ICU beds.

CMS Ireland

CMS Ireland is working with partner churches which are distributing handwashing supplies in refugee camps in northern Uganda. Diocesan clinics in the region need assistance to upgrade their personal protection equipment and to upgrade their main hospital to be ready as a treatment and isolation centre.

In South Sudan, partner churches are requesting funds for bicycles to help to spread accurate information. The war has ensured that the vast majority of people living in the country have no financial reserves – so being unable to work their gardens or sell at market has left many in need of food and soap. Several dioceses wish to make packs available to the most vulnerable in their communities. The Mothers' Union in Maridi has been busy making masks for the diocesan clinic and they need further supplies.

In eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kindu Diocese is also suffering the devastating impact of local floods at this time and their communities are displaced, already without food and basic supplies.

The Urban Development Programme in Kenya ministers to communities in informal settlements. The programme has identified many elderly residents who are without basic household supplies and would like to provide these for them.

USPG

USPG is launching a new fund in solidarity with churches locally – across South and East Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Oceania, the Middle East and Europe – as they provide care and support for their communities most in need, out of their faithful commitment to God's love. USPG has already sent money to Guinea, in West Africa, for the distribution of sanitation kits, and emergency support to families of agricultural labourers in central Sri Lanka where coronavirus restrictions have severely exacerbated pre-existing difficulties created by unusually dry weather.

Motivation

Motivation is working with disabled people in Africa and South Asia who have lost jobs and income, lack access to food and medicine and are struggling with pain and loss of dignity, due to a lack of urinary and sanitary products, which increases their risk of serious infection. These people are also often excluded from support so a network of communication and support is being utilised to keep them connected and informed.

The Rt Revd Patrick Rooke, Chair of Bishops' Appeal, said: 'Aware of the financial pressures parishes are currently experiencing, the Church of Ireland is not launching its own major appeal but asking dioceses, parishes and individuals to give what they can to the appeals launched by our partner agencies, with Bishops' Appeal acting as a conduit. In the midst of our own sufferings and fears at this time, it is vital that we remember those in countries with fewer resources and expertise.'

Further donations can be sent to Bishops' Appeal through our website at www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give

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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