



SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Prophet Hosea :Panel from the Maesta Altarpiece of Siena 1308-1311 Duccio, di Buoninsegna, -1319?

First Sunday after Trinity. *Proper 5*

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 11th June 2023

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

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

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Office Setting	Little Organ Mass - Haydn



Collect

God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you:
Mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

First Reading **Hosea 5: 15 - 6: 6**

¹⁵ I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favour:

⁶ 'Come, let us return to the Lord;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³ Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.'

⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my* judgement goes forth as the light.

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm

Second Reading **Romans 4: 13-25**

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ ²³Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him.

10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting* with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’ ¹²But when he heard this, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue* came in and knelt before him, saying, ‘My daughter has just died; but

come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts.
May our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**Amen**

NOTICES this week

Tuesday Parents & Toddlers Toddler Café 10am-11:30am;

Thursday 15th June 10.30am Eucharist with intercessions for those in need. A cup of coffee is available after this service.

Next Sunday: Trinity II

9:00 Eucharist; 10:30am Family Service of the Word & Gift Day followed by BBQ for young families.

Notices:

- Samples of **Bible Reading Fellowship BRF Notes** are available each quarter for the year. Please consider taking some. Please speak to or email to Rev. Brian Cadden if you are interested in having the quarterly BRF Notes.
- Copies of the Diocesan magazine Connor Connections are available.

- **Welcome** to all our visitors whether you're joining us in the building or online. 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.
- **Welcome** if you are disabled, unwell, have experiences of cognitive or mental health issues. There is a hearing loop installed in the church for those who need it. Step-free access to church is available through the north porch door and to the halls via the Seaver Hall main door.
- **Welcome** to babies, children and young people. We understand that young children make noise. If your baby becomes upset during the service, you are welcome to go to the back of the church if you need to settle – or to Sunday School in the halls where there is lots of space. Our toilets have baby change facilities. A confirmation class will also meet during the year.
- **Welcome** to all experiences of race, colour or language. At the Lord's Prayer all are invited to bring the gift of your first language to our worship. You are also welcome if you are LGBTQIA+
- **Welcome** if you are unsure about faith, **Welcome** if you are exploring, **Welcome** if you are here for someone else. We run study courses through the year. These are notified here, in the parish magazine or on Facebook or on our parish website.
- If you need to reach out to our **Safeguarding** team please contact Stephen, Patricia or Tony malone@connor.anglican.org (Rector's email) or see the info posters in the halls.
- We are collecting for South Belfast Food Bank again. Please leave your contributions in the vestibule on the way in.
- 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 or add the name(s) on the list in the side chapel.
- 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:

Hosea 5:15-6:6: The prophet calls the people to return to God with the assurance that God will raise them up. But God speaks through the prophet, grieving the fickle love of God's people and declaring that God desires love and not sacrifice.

Psalm 50:7-15: God speaks to God's people telling them that God does not need their sacrifices because the world and everything in it belong to God, and they must rather offer God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, fulfil their promises and cry out to God when they are in trouble.

Romans 4:13-25: God's promise to Abraham did not come through the Law but through righteousness and faith. In faith, Abraham trusted in the promise and held on to hope and God credited him as righteous. In the same way when we have faith in the Risen Christ, it will be credited to us too.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26: Jesus calls Matthew to follow him and shares a meal in Matthew's home with many tax collectors and sinners. When the Pharisees questioned this, Jesus responded that he had not come to call the righteous but sinners. Then he heals a woman who had been suffering for twelve years with bleeding and raises a ruler's daughter from death.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

As we move into Ordinary Time again, the related readings focus on faith and righteousness. And then the epistle to the Romans celebrates Abraham's faith and calls the believers to follow his example of faith. There are semi-continuous readings as well which are an option. Today we read the related ones.

In the related readings Hosea focusses on the way God's people have strayed from their faith and calls them back to God. And Psalm 50 reminds the people that God does need their sacrifices but rather their faithfulness, gratitude and trust.

While it usual to choose one or the other of these streams of readings in Ordinary Time, they are not contradictory. The Gospel reading brings them together by highlighting, in the first section, the faithlessness of the Pharisees who question Jesus' friendship with sinners. To them Jesus repeats the words of Hosea 6:6 that God wants mercy and not sacrifice. And then in the second section, we see Jesus' faithfulness in healing and raising up those who call on him for help, fulfilling the words of Hosea and the Psalms and demonstrating the healing and restoration that faith can bring.

Essentially, the heart of this week's theme is that God does not require extravagant, legalistic religious observance, but faith and faithfulness in following the way of Jesus and sharing God's love, grace, and mercy wherever we can.



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

PLEASE NOTE ITEMS NEEDED AT PRESENT: *Please place in the baskets in the entrance vestibule/porch.*

Toilet roll, Jars Of coffee, Household Cleaning Items, Long life fruit juice, UHT milk



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