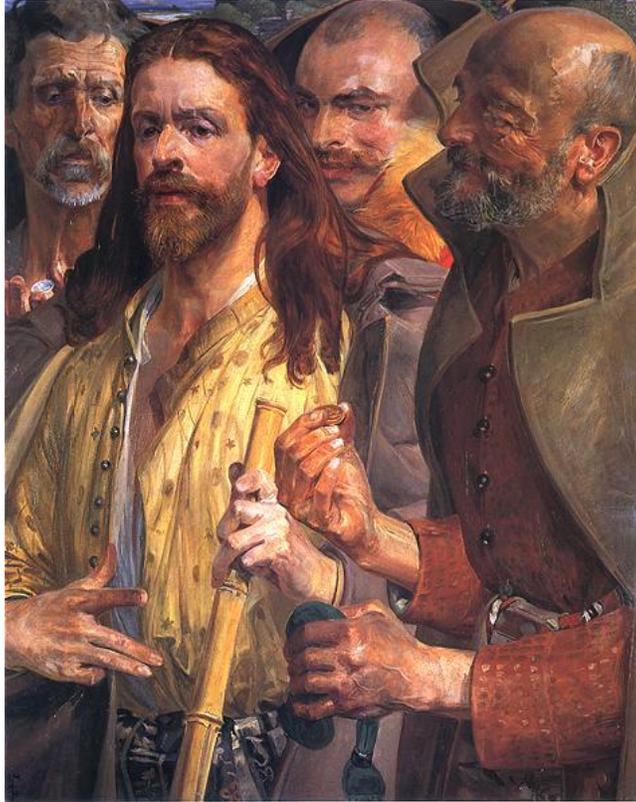




SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



The Tribute Money Notes: One panel of a triptych.
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Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. *Proper 24*

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 22nd October 2023

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

10.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist

6:30p.m. Choral Evensong

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose Holy Spirit equips your Church with a rich variety of gifts:
Grant us so to use them that, living the gospel of Christ
and eager to do your will,
we may share with the whole creation in the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading Isaiah 45: 1-7

45 Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed:

2 I will go before you and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron, 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name. 4 For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name,

I surname you, though you do not know me.

5 I am the Lord, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

6 so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the Lord, and there is no other.

7 I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

I the Lord do all these things.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,

constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour

of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers

and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the

gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and

with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. 6And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, 7so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, 10and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Matthew chapter twenty two beginning at verse fifteen. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

Matthew 22: 15-22

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ 18But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. 20Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ 21They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ 22When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
Let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NOTICES & ACTIVITIES |

Sunday

Monday *Scouts from 6:30pm*

Tuesday *Toddler Café 10am-11:30am*

Laura Walker Ballet Class from 2-6:30pm laurawalker@hotmail.com

Evening: Guiding Organisations from 6:30pm

Wednesday Zoom Compline 7:30pm details in the email Update. Please email the office if you'd like added to the email Update list secstjohns@btconnect.com

Wednesday 9:15am Reader Ministry Prep. - Edward Darling Room.

Scottish Country Dancing: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month 8-10pm Lynn Rankin 90812249

Thursday Ss Simon & Jude (tr) 10.30am Eucharist with intercessions for those in need. A cup of coffee is available after this service.

Laura Walker Ballet Class from 2-6:30pm laurawalker@hotmail.com

Parish Choir: 7:30pm contact Mr Richard Campbell organist.stjohns.malone@gmail.com

Pilates in Seaver Hall 7:30-8:30pm contact Catherine catbutler4@yahoo.com

Friday Tango 7:30-10pm petermacauley@talktalk.net -not meeting until the new year.

Next Sunday: Trinity XXI 29th October

9:00 Eucharist; 10:30am Eucharist for Healing & Wholeness

Notices:

- Bible Reading Fellowship BRF Notes are available each quarter for the year. Please consider taking some. Please speak to or email Rev. Brian Cadden if you are interested in having the quarterly BRF Notes.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Giving and Stewardship** in St Johns' much of our income received is through the Free Will Offering Scheme using either envelopes or increasingly, by Standing Order. Standing order forms are available by asking the Churchwardens or contacting the Office secstjohns@btconnect.com. Alternatively if you wish to make a donation then the account details for St John's are also available from the Wardens. Thank you. Your donations help us maintain our buildings and support ministry and outreach here in St John's and more widely.
- **Coffee/tea** will follow this service and all are welcome.
- **Parents & Toddlers** meets in Seaver Hall Tuesday 10am-11:30am. All are welcome.

READINGS:

Isaiah 45:1-7: A prophecy about Cyrus and how God has prepared his way and given him power and position for the sake of God's people, though he does not know God, and God has strengthened him so that the whole world will know that God is God.

Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13): A call to sing to God and praise God's name, because God is mighty, majestic and beautiful and God deserves to be worshipped, and God is coming to judge the earth justly with righteousness and truth.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10: Paul expresses his joy and gratitude for the Thessalonian church, for their faith, hope and love, and for the way they have witnessed to Christ in their part of the world, spreading the word they received in the Holy Spirit's power, in spite of their suffering.

Matthew 22:15-22: The religious leaders try to trap Jesus by asking him whether it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus responds by asking for a coin, and asking whose inscription is on it. When they reply that it is Caesar's, Jesus tells them to give Caesar what is Caesar's and to give God what is God's.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

One of the most important questions we face as we seek to follow Christ and manifest God's reign in our world in some way, is how we respond to the God we're seeking to serve. All of the readings this week challenge us to keep God in the place in our lives and thoughts that is rightfully God's. Moses asks for God's presence to go with God's people, and for himself to see God's glory, revealing a recognition of his and Israel's need for God to be acknowledged and worshipped and responded to as God. In Isaiah a prophecy of hope for God's exiled people reveals God's sovereignty and God's gracious action, as God, on behalf of God's people. In both Psalms people of all nations are called to honour and worship God as God deserves, and in the epistle, the Thessalonian Christians are celebrated for their faithful worship and service of God and God's purposes which reveals their true acknowledgement of God. In the light of all this, Jesus' response to the attempted entrapment of the religious leaders is a powerful and challenging word. Where they have missed God and God's new, creative work among them, and have fallen into domesticating God to their purposes, Jesus challenges them to put God into the proper place of sovereignty and majesty in their lives. Essentially Jesus turns their question on its head and bypasses the tax question, confronting the leaders with the insignificance of things like taxation in the face of God's greater claim on our worship and our lives. In a faith culture in which it is often popular for God to be reduced to simply a divine friend, or "the man up there", or a "higher" part of ourselves, this call to recognise God's transcendence is important and life-giving.

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