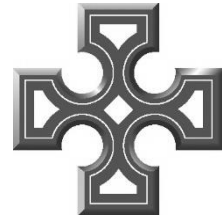




SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



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Second Sunday after Trinity. *Proper 7*

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 25th June 2023
9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel *said*
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
6:30pm Choral Evensong

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Collect

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading **Jeremiah 20: 7-13**

⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughing-stock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'

For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, 'I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name',

then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:

'Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!

All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

'Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.'

¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonour
will never be forgotten.

¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm

Second Reading **Romans 6: 1b-11**

⁶What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

Matthew 10: 24-39

24 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

26 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

34 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

O God,
whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
Give us a glimpse of your glory on earth
but shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

NOTICES this week

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

Thursday 29th June St Peter's Day 10.30am Eucharist with intercessions for those in need. A cup of coffee is available after this service.

Next Sunday: Trinity IV 2nd July

9:00 Eucharist; 10:30am Eucharist with hymns

Notices:

- St John's will be taking part in the next **EHOD European Heritage Open Day Saturday 9th September**. We are seeking volunteers to staff the car park between 10am and 1pm and also for people who would do a little bit of guiding around the church for visitors. Teas and coffee will also be available that morning. Please *contact Dr Rosemary Black* if you are interested in helping out.
- 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:

Jeremiah 20:7-13: Jeremiah cries out in lament because of his suffering for proclaiming God's word. But, when he tries to stop speaking, the word burns in him like a fire. Nevertheless, he trusts that God will rescue and defend him.

Psalms 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18: A song of lament over the insults and persecution the Psalmist has endured because of his passion for God's house, and a request for God's salvation.

Romans 6:1b-11: Followers of Christ have died to sin and been raised to a new life in Jesus. Therefore we are no longer slaves to sin, and death no longer has power over us, but we are alive for God in Christ.

Matthew 10:24-39: Disciples are not greater than their teacher, and so if the teacher is insulted, the disciples will be even more. But, followers of Jesus must not fear those who can destroy only the body. Rather we must be willing to acknowledge Jesus, proclaim his message publicly and not seek to save our lives. When we seek to save our lives we lose them. Jesus did not come to bring peace, but conflict, and we are to love Christ more than our own lives.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

The clear challenge this week is to embrace the Gospel call to self-giving. Jesus' words are some of the toughest to read in the gospels, but they indicate the extent to which we need to be committed to the Gospel if it is to have any impact in our lives and our world. If we are not completely devoted to God's Reign, loving it more than all else, we will be incapable of loving others as they need, or as God

requires. But, if we embrace the way of Jesus in this radical way, we will find ourselves in conflict with the power-that-be, and we will experience persecution. But, if we try to avoid this, saving our lives through silence or compliance with human powers, we will ultimately lose the abundant life that God's Reign brings. This is why Paul speaks about us dying to sin and rising with Christ – it is only as we die to the self-protective life of power-games, pleasure seeking, and excessive accumulation of wealth that we can embrace the abundant life of simplicity, service and sacrifice that Jesus offers. Both Psalms echo the pain of being persecuted for our commitment to God's ways, and are comforting and encouraging in the way they reflect our experiences of suffering for the Gospel's sake. Finally, in the Old Testament readings we encounter two faithful people who were persecuted through no fault of their own. Hagar, who was cast away because of Sarah's jealousy, but who was nevertheless cared for by God, and whose son was blessed, and Jeremiah, the prophet, who was persecuted for speaking the truth, but continued to trust in God's salvation. While it seems like the call to sacrifice and self-giving is the opposite of abundant life, the Scriptures are consistent in their call for us to believe in this counter-intuitive truth, and to have the courage and faith to give our lives for the sake of God's Reign, while trusting in God to sustain us through whatever struggles we may face.



Please take this booklet home with you for the readings, notices and reference during the week and recycle.

You can either pop the items directly into the basket at Tesco Newtownbreda or donate directly to the foodbank. *Or please place in the baskets in the entrance vestibule/porch.* 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:

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



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