



SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Clemens Schmidt liturgical artist (1901-1984)

The First Sunday of Advent

A new church year begins and we're now in Year C of the lectionary, focussing on St Luke's gospel.

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 11am is livestreamed on St John's Malone YouTube channel.

Today: Sunday 28th November 2021

9.00am Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist (pg 201/125 Large Print edition)

6.30pm A Service of Readings and Music to mark the beginning of Advent

10.30am Sung Eucharist ~See service booklet or below for page references in the BCP 2004

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Blessing

Organ Voluntary Wachet auf (Sleepers Wake!) (BMW140) – J S Bach
Members of congregation are welcome to remain in their pews for the duration of the organ voluntary as we mark the start of Advent with this traditional seasonal piece.



Collect One *This collect is said after the Collect of the day until Christmas Eve.*

Almighty God,

Give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness,

and put upon us the armour of light,

now in the time of this mortal life,

in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;

that in the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty
to judge both the quick and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who liveth and reigneth with thee
and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **Amen**

Collect Two

Almighty God,
Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading

*(At the Eucharist) Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke chapter 21 beginning at verse 25 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

25 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

29 Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God our deliverer,

Awaken our hearts

to prepare the way for the advent of your Son,

that, with minds purified by the grace of his coming,

we may serve you faithfully all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS:

Psalm 25:1-10: A prayer for God's compassion and forgiveness, for God to make God's ways known to the Psalmist, and to lead him in God's truth. For God is good and righteousness, guiding the weak to justice and leading those who keep God's covenant in paths of love and faithfulness.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13: The apostle gives thanks for the Thessalonian church, praying to see them and help them grow in faith. He also prays that they may grow in love, and have strong and holy hearts when Jesus comes.

Luke 21:25-36: Jesus teaches the disciples to be watchful for the signs of the coming destruction, using the apocalyptic language of signs in the heavens, dismay among the nations, and unusual behaviour in the natural world. After these signs, people will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud in splendour. So, his disciples must be watchful, ready to read the signs and keep their hearts faithful.

Sacredise blog.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

The coming of God's reign is a central focus of this week's readings. Through Jeremiah God promises a leader like David for God's people. The Psalmist prays for such leadership and guidance. In his prayer for the Thessalonians, Paul asks them to place themselves under God's reign, and to grow in love, able to show how they have lived as Jesus did when he returns. Finally, in Luke's Gospel, Jesus calls for us to be watchful and aware of what is happening around us, and open to the signs of the coming of God's reign in the midst of great turmoil. While it may be tempting to push all of these promises into some future event, the Lectionary calls us to be open to God's coming at all times – including in our lives. And, while it may be tempting to view God's promise as an escape from the world's turmoil, the readings this week call for us to recognise God's presence – God's coming – in the midst of the world's suffering and struggle. The call, then, is to learn to be those who live with a constant sense of God's presence regardless of our circumstances, and who cooperate with God's work of justice, righteousness, goodness, and love.

Services this week

Wednesday 1st December

7.30pm Zoom Compline Mid-week prayer. Passcodes for Zoom can be emailed to parishioners. Please contact the Rector malone@connor.anglican.org.

Thursday 2nd December St Andrew (tr) 10.30am with prayer for those in need
A cup of tea/coffee is now available after this service.

Next Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent 5th December

9.00 a.m. Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sunday First with Nativity Play by members of the Sunday School



Notices:

- Welcome to all our visitors. If you need assistance with anything, please ask one of the churchwardens or stewards
- 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 on an ongoing basis again. Please leave your contributions in the vestibule on the way in. Thank you.

A reminder about some of our in-church worship protocols:

- Please remain in your seat that has been assigned to you unless it's absolutely necessary to move out of it.
- A one way system remains in place in church as does mandatory handwashing at the cleansing stations on entry and exit. Masks are also worn during worship, on entry and exit and during singing. We ask you to continue to play your part in keeping each other safe. Thank you for your continued cooperation especially as the Covid19 rate rises this winter.

- Observe two metres spacing on the way in and out of church. **Inside the nave distancing is 1 metre in the pews. It is 2 metres in the transepts and choir.**
- If you display any of Covid19 related symptoms you should not come to church. Please observe government testing guidelines and isolation requirements. **If you have been at church and then contract Covid-19 please inform the Rector by Tel:028 9066 6644 or by email malone@connor.anglican.org**
- If you're gathering outside please follow government guidance.
- We continue to Track and Trace so please complete the form at the reverse of this sheet. Records are kept for three weeks and thereafter are disposed of.
- Prayers for the sick are offered on Thursday morning at the Eucharist. Please send names for the list to the Rector via email.
- Autumn Online Study Group A 5 week course on Tuesday evenings exploring the life and works of C S Lewis' starting 2nd November from 7:30pm-8:10pm.

Last session is this Tuesday evening. *To register and obtain the Zoom access details email briancrowe@aol.com*

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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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