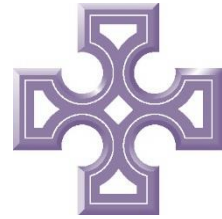




## SAINT JOHN'S MALONE

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## The Third Sunday of Advent

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.

**Today: Sunday 12th December 2021**  
**9:00am** Eucharist  
**10.30am** Sung Eucharist

**The Eucharist ~See service booklet or below for page references in the BCP 2004**

*Setting: Archer / Howells*

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Organ Voluntary	Toccata on Veni Emmanuel - Carter

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**Collect**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:

Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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 **Philippians 4: 4-7**

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 146:4-10 page 761**

Gospel Reading

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke chapter 3 beginning at verse 7 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

Luke 3: 7-18

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to

Abraham. 9 Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

10 And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' 11 In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' 12 Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' 13 He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' 14 Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Father,

we give you thanks for these heavenly gifts.

Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit

that when Christ comes again

we may shine as lights before his face;

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **READINGS:**

**Philippians 4:4-7**: Rejoice, pray and give thanks, and God's peace will fill you, for God is near.

**Luke 3:7-18**: John confronts the people about their corruption and injustice, and challenges them to change their lives. When they ask what they must do, he calls them to generosity, justice and compassion. Then, when the people wonder whether he might be the Messiah, John tells them that he is not, but that one is coming after him who will baptise them with the Holy Spirit.

## **REFLECTIONS ON THEME:**

John's message, which challenges us to live with justice and compassion, is the central focus of this week. In Philippians, the believers are called to a life of rejoicing, prayer and thanksgiving because of God's nearness, and the assurance is offered that this life brings unspeakable peace. Finally, in the Gospel, John makes it clear that God's coming is not just a joyous event in which we are accepted and forgiven with no cost on our part. Rather, God's people are called to change their lives in accordance with God's saving purpose, essentially becoming agents of God's salvation to one another. This is the message we need to hear this week. Yes, God is always coming to us, bringing salvation and life. But, this coming calls for a response from us in which we commit to lives that share grace and salvation, that empower and restore one another through acts of justice and compassion. If we really believe that God's Reign has come in Christ, we cannot help but recognise the need for this to change and direct our lives.



*If you're interested in becoming one of our readers or Intercessors in church then please speak to Canon Stephen or Rev. Brian. We'd be very glad to hear from you.*

## Services this week

### **Wednesday 15th 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 16th December *Lucy, Martyr* 10.30am** with prayer for those in need  
*A cup of tea/coffee is now available after this service.*

### Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent 19<sup>th</sup> December

**9.00 a.m. Eucharist**

**10.30 a.m. A Service of Lessons & Carols for Christmas**



## 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](mailto: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.
- **Parish Advent book** this year. By Robyn Wrigley-Carr it is called **Music of Eternity**. It contains meditations for Advent with the writer and mystic Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941), known for her works on religion and spiritual practice. A short review is given in the next Parish Magazine. Copies for purchase are available in church vestibule at a discounted rate. Thanks to <https://thebookwell.co.uk/>
- **If you're new to the parish please ask the Churchwardens or a member of the clergy about registering (GDPR, Free Will Offering Scheme, 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.**

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The Rector, Rev. Canon Stephen Fielding can be contacted on pastoral matters (90666644) e-mail [malone@connor.anglican.org](mailto:malone@connor.anglican.org)

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