

St John's Malone. **ADVENT 3**

Sunday 13th December 2020 at 10.30am ~ Worship Sheet



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The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you And also with you.

Welcome *A sentence of scripture may be read (see pages 78-82), and the presiding minister may introduce the liturgy of the day.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like it.
You shall love your neighbour as yourself
On these two commandments depend all the law
and the prophets. *Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lord, have mercy on us,
and write these your laws in our hearts.**

The Confession is introduced with appropriate words, such as:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Silence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The priest pronounces the Absolution:

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you,
+pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS OMITTED IN ADVENT

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The presiding minister introduces the Collect, allowing a short space for silence, and the people respond to the Collect with their Amen.

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.

Advent Collect: 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.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise the words of prophets,*
21 but test everything; hold fast to what is good; 22 abstain from every
form of evil.

23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your
spirit and soul and body be kept sound* and blameless at the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he
will do this.

At the end the reader may say

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

A canticle, psalm, hymn, anthem or acclamation may be sung.

Gradual Hymn (Choir and congregation)

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel Reading is introduced by the following words:

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to John chapter 1 beginning at verse 6
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

19 This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ 20He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’* 21And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ 22Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ 23He said,

‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

“Make straight the way of the Lord” ’,

as the prophet Isaiah said.

24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. 25They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah,* nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’ 26John answered them, ‘I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, 27the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.’ 28This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy: or Lord, hear us:
hear our prayer. **Lord, Graciously hear us.** Or
another versicle or response is used.

At the end of the Intercessions the following may be used when appropriate:

**Merciful Father, accept these our prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.** *or other suitable words*

[If the Penitence comes at this point of the service it may be followed by:

[THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under
your table.
But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.]**

THE PEACE

The presiding minister introduces the Peace with suitable words:

followed by: Those watching the service from home are invited to share the Peace with those next to them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.



Celebrating at the Lord's Table

The table may be prepared by a deacon or lay people.

The gifts of money may be left on the alms dish on the table when leaving the building at the north door.

AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The bread and wine shall be placed on the table for the communion if this has not already been done and a prayer may be said

Prayer of Preparation

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Stand

The bishop or priest who presides takes the bread and wine and may say

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer 1

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,

at all times and in all places

it is right to give you thanks and praise:

*Salvation is your gift through the coming of your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ, and by him you will all things new when he returns in
glory to judge the world*

And so with all your people,
with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,

he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister says

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**Our Father, who art in heaven:
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The presiding minister (who may be assisted by the deacon) breaks the consecrated bread in preparation for the Communion

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The following anthem may be said or sung after the Breaking of the Bread or during the Communion

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Words of Invitation

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to eternal life.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to eternal life.

Holy Communion will be administered in one kind in your pew. You may sit to receive. Please leave your mask on until the priest has moved away. Holy Communion will be administered in the nave first, followed by those in the north transept and side chapel.

[**Choir:** Communion Motet]

**THE COMMUNION FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE RECEIVING
THE SACRAMENT AT THIS TIME THE FOLLOWING MAY BE SAID
PRIVATELY**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen. *~after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

THE GREAT SILENCE

Going Out as God's People

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

All say

Almighty God,
**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body
and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out [*Strengthen us*] in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

The presiding minister says the seasonal blessing,

*Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you, gladden your hearts
and scatter the darkness from before you,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.*

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen.

[Organ Voluntary:]

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*Please wait in your pew until directed to leave by the stewards. The exit is via
the north porch in the one way system. **The alms dish and worship sheet
deposit box are on the way out on the table in the north transept.***

READINGS:

We continue to journey with John the Baptist this week – with a focus on John’s Gospel. The emphasis here is on John’s message and his refusal to allow himself to become the focus, while calling people to prepare for God’s restoration. Add to this, the themes of liberation and deliverance that are proclaimed in the other readings, and the third week of Advent becomes a wonderful opportunity to recognise God’s presence and activity in our world.

May we be challenged to hear, to prepare our hearts and to participate in God’s liberating work as we worship this week.

READINGS:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24: An exhortation to live with joy, prayer and integrity until Christ returns.

John 1:6-8, 19-28: John, the fulfilment of Isaiah’s prophecy of the voice in the wilderness, promises that he is not the Messiah, but that the Messiah is right there and about to appear.

Direct charitable giving #ComfortAndJoy

women's aid
Belfast and Lisburn
<https://www.justgiving.com/blwa>

South Belfast
foodbank

<https://southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

ST JOHN'S MAIONE

Comfort & Joy

We have a few ways of bringing hope, a little comfort, and some joy into other people's lives this year.

Operation Christmas Child



Write a Christmas card

Notices:

- Under GDPR guidance we need to tell you that we will be recording the service and/or livestreaming. The camera will point towards the nave altar and pulpit and not towards the congregation although those coming to and from the side areas will be in the camera view for a short time.
- Halls are not in use at present. Access to the suite of church halls is still strictly limited. Contact the Rector before entering the halls or church and follow the necessary hygiene and cleansing precautions. For the purposes of tracking and tracing complete the register in the white files provided in each hall thank you.
- **Next Sunday 20th December** Advent IV , 10:30 am Parish Carol Service Eucharist. **Please register your intention to attend by phone or email with the parish office by Thursday 17th December 10:30 am.** Numbers are limited at this and other Christmas services so it is essential you pre-register in order to avoid disappointment.

- **Wednesday 9th** 7:30pm Compline – all services via Zoom during Advent. (1st Wednesday **on Zoom**, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays live streamed on Facebook).
- **Thursday 17th** 10.30am Eucharist with prayer for the sick. Please email names for the prayer list to the Rector at malone@connor.anglican.org
- Weddings and funerals until are currently limited to 25 persons.

PARISH ADVENT BOOK FOR DEVOTIONAL READING

For a few years now we have chosen a parish Advent book as a means of encouraging some reflection during this season. This year's Advent book is '**The Meaning is in the Waiting: The spirit of Advent**' by theologian and biblical scholar Paula Gooder.

Advent is a season all about waiting: waiting for 25th December; waiting with ancient Israel looking for the Messiah; waiting with John the Baptist in the wilderness; waiting with Mary during her pregnancy. The book guides us through these different experiences of waiting, showing how they can enrich our own experience of Advent.

Mindful of the current Covid-19 restrictions, displaying the book at the back of our church - as we have done in past years - is not possible. We are therefore grateful that The Book Well (based in east Belfast) has arranged to obtain copies of '**The Meaning is in the Waiting**'. It can be ordered directly from The Book Well's website:

<https://www.thebookwell.co.uk/the-meaning-is-in-the-waiting/>

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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.

NAME:

PHONE:

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NAME:

PEW NUMBER(S) (FOUND AT THE PEW END):

DATE:

Note: Please disperse *directly* from your pew in the church into the churchyard whilst maintaining social distancing of 2 metres.

Please ensure the exit door and churchyard gates are clear outside for those leaving the church and church grounds.