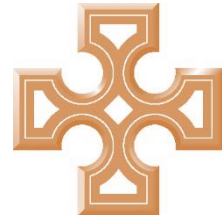




SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Christ Appears to the Disciples at the Table after the Resurrection .
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Third Sunday of Easter

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 14th April 2024

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

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Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
Give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened
and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading **Acts 3: 12-19**

¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷ 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm

Second Reading **1 John 3: 1-7**

³See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

Luke 24: 36b-48

36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

44 Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread.
Open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

READINGS

Acts 3:12-19: Immediately after the healing of the lame man, Peter addresses the crowds, explaining that the power to heal the man came from the same Jesus that they had crucified. Peter then calls the people to turn back to God.

Psalms 4: A plea for God to remember God's faithful servant, and an affirmation of how God cares for those who trust in God. Finally, a call for people to stop chasing lies and turn back to God.

1 John 3:1-7: Because of God's love, we are God's children, and we have hope that when we see Christ we will be like him. Therefore, we resist sin and seek to live in righteousness as Jesus is righteous.

Luke 24:36b-48: Jesus appears to the disciples, showing them his hands and feet, and eating a piece of bread to prove that he is not a ghost. Then he shows them how he has fulfilled the Scriptures, and he calls them to proclaim repentance and faith in Christ as his witnesses.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

If there was ever any doubt that God expects the resurrection to have an impact on how we live, this week's Lectionary readings should lay it to rest. All of the readings are very clear that, because of God's work in our lives, we should live differently, and we should be witnesses to God's grace and love. The Acts reading describes how Peter, after healing the lame man at the Temple, bears witness to Christ and calls his listeners to turn back to God. The Psalm speaks about God's goodness to God's faithful ones, and exhorts people to turn back to God. John's letter teaches, in a clear and direct way, that following Christ has to change how we live, with sin no longer being welcome in our lives, and Christ's righteousness being the pattern by which we now live. Finally, in the Gospel reading from Luke, Jesus challenges his disciples, who are now witnessing him as the Risen One, to believe and to be witnesses that call others to repent and believe and find life in Christ. The implication this week is that, as all of these biblical witnesses teach, we are also called to become witnesses to Christ, changing our own lives to live as true Christ-followers and calling others to repent, believe, and find life.

Services this week

Tuesday 16th Matins said 10am

Tuesday Matins will be said in the chancel stalls for six weeks until the Feast of Pentecost so if you're free for 20 minutes on a Tuesday morning do come along and participate in this short time of morning prayer. Learning to pray daily office is very simple and includes using the psalms of the day, the collect of the day and the morning canticles along with the two set readings from the old and new testaments. As with all our services, it is part of the common prayer life of our community and it is a big advantage in beginning to pray the Office, to do it in community. All are welcome.

Wednesday 17th Zoom Compline 7:30pm.

Thursday 18st Eucharist 10.30am with prayer for those in need will take place in the Side Chapel. The prayer list is in the Side chapel.

A cup of tea/coffee is now available after this service.

Next Sunday: Easter 4 | 1.04.24

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel

10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist. Coffee/tea follows this service and all are welcome.



Notices: |

Sign up for the regular email Update at secstjohns@btconnect.com

The Easter Annual General Vestry Meeting will take place at 12noon today 14th April in the Seaver Hall

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 or 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. Your donations help us maintain our buildings and support ministry and outreach here in St John's and more widely.

The select vestry has launched a Stewardship Appeal in the parish. An Appeal leaflet explaining this is being distributed to all homes. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated as we seek to address the shortfall in meeting our day to day costs and plan for the future.

Organising your wedding in St John's

Weddings are special occasions in the life of any family and of the Church. We'd be delighted to talk to anyone contemplating their wedding in St John's. When considering getting married please check possible dates with the Rector before confirming any other arrangements. It is expected that couples will make a regular commitment to the life of the Church in preparation for marriage.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ST JOHN'S COLLECT FOR THE FOODBANK EVERY SUNDAY? IF YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DONATION IN THE VESTIBULE ON THE WAY IN. THANK YOU!



If you are considering donating any items to the foodbank then we would really appreciate any of the following below...

Also, you can either pop the items directly into the basket at **Tesco Newtownbreda** or donate directly to the foodbank.

We are open for donations every Wednesday 1-3pm and every Thursday 10am-12pm.
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Any questions regarding donating please call us on 07743332489 or email us on info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk

ITEMS REQUIRED AT PRESENT: *Please place in the baskets in the entrance vestibule/porch.*
Coffee and Tea; Tinned tomatoes; Tinned spaghetti; Tinned fruit; Tinned potatoes; Pulses;
Rice; Biscuits; Household cleaning products; Shampoo/Conditioner; Toilet paper; Snack Bar

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