

St John's Malone

Easter 6: Rogation Sunday

Sunday 9th May 2021 at 10.30am ~ Worship Sheet



The Order for THE EUCHARIST ~ HOLY COMMUNION 2
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The Gathering of God's People

THE GREETING

Christ is risen! **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's
commandments and to live in love and peace.

Silence

Lord God,
you raised your Son from the dead.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
through you we are more than conquerors.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,
you help us in our weakness.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

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

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

THE FIRST READING

Acts 10: 44-48

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

Gradual Hymn 231 My Song Is Love Unknown omit vs 4&5 (Choir and congregation) *Members of the congregation stand to sing, if they wish, quietly behind their face masks.*

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to John chapter 15 beginning at verse 9
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples:

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants* any longer, because the servant* does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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,**

THE PEACE

The presiding minister introduces the Peace with suitable words:

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

Sentence

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:
*Above all we praise you
for the glorious resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord,
the true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us;
by dying he destroyed our death;
by rising he restored our life:*

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.**

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. (sung)
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: Love One Another - Wesley

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

Hymn 528 The Church's One Foundation *Members of the congregation stand to sing quietly, if they wish, behind their face masks.*

Going Out as God's People

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again.
Keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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,
...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 the peace of the risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Organ Voluntary: Elegy – Harold Darke

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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.** You may like to tear off the Track & Trace sheet and take the Worship Sheet part home.*

READINGS:

Acts 10:44-48: As Peter preaches to the Gentile believers in Cornelius' house, the Holy Spirit comes on them and they begin to speak with other tongues. Peter then baptises them confirming that God's salvation is for the Gentiles as well as for the Jews.

John 15:9-17: Jesus calls his followers to love one another just as he has loved them. There is no greater than to lay down one's life, as Jesus does, for one's friends. Through this obedience to Jesus' command to love we bear fruit that lasts.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

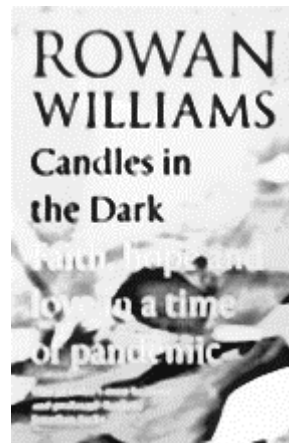
The theme of love continues in the Lectionary this week, but the "one another" that we are called to love expands radically. In the Acts reading, Peter preaches to a group of Gentiles, with the result that they, too, receive the Holy Spirit, revealing that God's love, grace and salvation is for all people, not just the Jews. In the Gospel, the call to love one another must now be understood to go beyond just our companions in the faith. The "one another" whom we are called to love through the sacrificial laying down of our lives, now includes all people and all creatures. The moment we begin to try and exclude some people from our love, for whatever reason, we have failed to truly embrace the love of God. But, when God's love flows through us to all – including even our "enemies" – we know the vibrant, abundant life of resurrection, and we become life-bringing agents of God's love to the world.

Notices:

- Toilets are available for use. Follow the one way system to use them. Please leave them as you'd wish to find them and take the necessary hand hygiene seriously, remembering to turn off the tap with a paper towel. The disinfectant spray supplied should be used on the toilet seat and flush handle after use.
- 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.
- A service of Compline is livestreamed on 'St John's Malone' Facebook every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. If you do not have a Prayer Book at home, ask the churchwardens and they will supply you with one from church. BCP pg.154. Alternatively you'll find it on the Church of Ireland website Worship section BCP 2004 texts. The service has a recurring link for Zoom. See weekly letter.
- 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**, Easter 7, Sunday after Ascension, 10:30 The Eucharist
- **Christian Aid Week, 10th – 16th May**
- Zoom Café continues at 11.30am on Sundays until and including 23/05/21

- **Easter Book Group – Candles in the dark.** Faith, hope and love in a time of pandemic by Rowan Williams – **5/5. This Tuesday final session.**

An opportunity to reflect on a year of Covid19 and Lockdowns using this book on what we've experienced and learnt is offered to any parishioner who would like to join this discussion time. One to two chapters per week will be used as a springboard for discussion for five evenings on consecutive Tuesdays at 7.30pm on Zoom starting on Tuesday 13th April. If you find it difficult to obtain the book, the short chapters under consideration may be copied to you until that's possible. Here is the link to the publisher's online bookshop and it is available here in paperback, ebook and audio.



<https://spckpublishing.co.uk/candles-in-the-dark>

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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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DATE:

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

Please disperse on leaving the church.