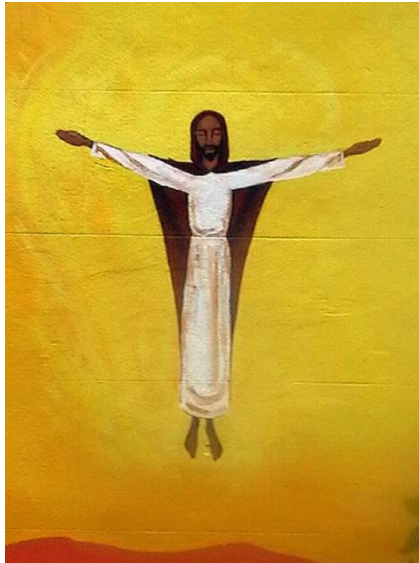


# St John's Malone, The Seventh Sunday of Easter

## Sunday after the Ascension Day

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 10.30am ~ Worship Sheet



*'Ascension': Mural of Christ ascending to heaven on a graffiti wall in Bristol, England. Date:2003*

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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.**

**THE BEATITUDES**

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are those who weep,  
for they shall be consoled.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after justice,  
for they shall be satisfied.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall obtain mercy.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called the children of God.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of justice,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.**

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:*

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*

**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**

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**

O God the King of Glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
Mercifully give us faith to know  
that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;  
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 John 5: 9-13** *A reading from the first letter of John chapter 5*

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God\* have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE GRADUAL

**Gradual Hymn 285 'The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns'**  
(Choir and congregation) *Members of the congregation stand to sing quietly, if they wish, behind their face masks.*

### THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,  
according to John chapter 17 beginning at verse 6

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

John 17: 6-19

Jesus said,

6 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father,

protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12While I was with them, I protected them in your name that\* you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,\* so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.\* 14I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.\* 16They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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*

## **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:

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,*

*who after he had risen from the dead ascended into heaven,*

*where he is seated at your right hand to intercede for us*

*and to prepare a place for us in glory:*

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 *Ave Verum* - Elgar

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 294 'Come Down O Love Divine'. Members of the congregation stand to sing quietly, if they wish, behind their face masks.**

### Going Out as God's People

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal Giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.  
Confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
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,*

#### BLESSING

Christ our exalted King  
pour on you his abundant gifts  
make you faithful and strong to do his will  
that you may reign with him in glory:  
  
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:** *Fanfare – Kenneth Leighton.*

*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:**

**1 John 5:9-13**: God has testified about Jesus that life is in him, and whoever has God's Son has life eternal, so if we believe God's testimony, we have this life.

**John 17:6-19**: Jesus prays for his followers, the ones to whom he has revealed God's name and God's word which is truth. He prays that God would keep them safe, would make them one as he and the Father are one, and would make them holy in the truth.

## **REFLECTIONS ON THEME:**

This last Sunday of Easter (which is the week before Pentecost) closes out the Easter season in a strange way. Although at first glance, the readings seem to be rather disparate, a deeper examination reveals that through each of them two themes are repeated. The first is the call to holiness. In John's letter, the holy person is shown to be one who receives God's testimony about Jesus and who receives life from Jesus. Finally, in Jesus' prayer in John 17, Jesus asks that God would keep his disciples safe and would make them holy through God's truth in God's word. The second theme is that of unity with God and with one another, which flows out of the call to love of the previous few weeks in the Lectionary. In John's letter, believing in Jesus as the one who brings life connects us with God and in Jesus' prayer in John 17, Jesus prays for the unity of the disciples with one another even as he is one with God. In the end, these two themes merge and become one, because it is in our union with God and one another that true holiness is expressed and lived.

## 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 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.**
- Thank you for your compliance and co-operation whilst we worship safely together.
- A service of Compline is held on Zoom weekly 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**, Pentecost 10.30am The Eucharist.
- Zoom Café continues at 11.30am on Sundays until 23<sup>rd</sup> May

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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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***You may wish to tear off this page when completed and retain the booklet for reference during the week***

**Please disperse on leaving the church.**