



## SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



The Canaanite Woman asks for healing for her daughter

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## Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel**

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**

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**Collect**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
Grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel;  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading **Isaiah 35: 4-7a**

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
‘Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.’

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Second Reading **James 2: 1-10, 11-13, 14-17**

2My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, ‘Have a seat here, please’, while to the one who is poor you say, ‘Stand there’, or, ‘Sit at my feet’, <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

8 You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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

### **Mark 7: 24-37**

24 From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more

zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God,

we have received these tokens of your promise.

May we who have been nourished with holy things

live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **READINGS**

**Isaiah 35:4-7**: God will come to save God's people, opening blind eyes and deaf ears, freeing the lame to leap and the mute to sing, and bringing water and life into dry deserts.

**Psalms 146**: A song of praise and an exhortation to God's people to trust in God and not in any human being. God makes heaven and earth, gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry, and God liberates prisoners, heals those with various ailments and protects the most vulnerable.

**James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17**: To show favouritism is to deny Jesus' faithfulness, and is to break the law which calls us to love our neighbours as ourselves. It is sinful to favour the wealthy over the poor. Claiming we have faith when we fail to live it out in acts of compassion is meaningless.

**Mark 7:24-37**: Jesus heals a Gentile woman's daughter after an interesting conversation, and opens the ears and mouth of a deaf-mute man. Jesus then tries to get the people to keep silent about what he has done, but they insist on spreading the news.

### **REFLECTIONS ON THEME:**

In every reading this week God's preferential option for the poor and vulnerable is expressed. The Lectionary offers us a clear and unequivocal call to justice as we follow Christ. In Proverbs, those who are generous and just are blessed, and God is seen to be on the side of the poor and oppressed, while resisting those who are unjust. In Isaiah God is revealed to be gracious and merciful to God's people, especially those who are weak and vulnerable, and the promise is given that God will bring healing and restoration to the broken and oppressed. Both Psalms celebrate God's care for God's people, and God's healing, restoration and blessing on the poor and broken, and on those who live generously and justly. In the letter of James, favouritism is denounced as breaking the law of love, and the people of faith are challenged to

put their faith into action by caring for the poor. Finally, Jesus is shown to be our example for compassionate living, as he heals both a Gentile woman's daughter (after being challenged by her in his initial reluctance) and a Jewish man. The basic and consistent message of the Lectionary this week is this: Our faith is seen in how we treat others, especially in our love for, protection of and inclusion of the poor, the marginalised, the broken and the vulnerable. As such, favouritism, prejudice and discrimination are to be rejected, and inclusive love and welcome are to be embraced and practiced as the most basic and fundamental ingredients of our faith. *sacredise.com*

### **Services this week**

**Wednesday ~~Zoom Compline 7:30pm~~**. Resumes in September 25th

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Ninian (tr) 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: Trinity 16 | 15.09.24**

**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](mailto:secstjohns@btconnect.com)

**Contactless Payments** The Select Vestry has made a new contactless payment device available in the parish from today and may be used for any donations you'd like to make at social time after the service in the 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](mailto: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 currently is running a Stewardship Appeal in the parish.** An Appeal leaflet explaining this is being distributed to all homes and an update has been sent by email recently.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT AS YET RECEIVED THE LEAFLET PLEASE TAKE ONE FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH IN THE WHITE ENVELOPE**

**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. More on the progress of this Appeal later.**

### 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.

### Hospital Visiting

The Rector would appreciate knowing if parishioners are going into or are in hospital or discharged and is pleased to offer pastoral support.

### Safeguarding

The Rector, select vestry and parish leaders are committed to uphold the good practice to the parish's ministry with children, young people and vulnerable adults. Should you have any concern or suspicion regarding child welfare in the parish please contact a member of the

### Parish panel.

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HARVEST APPEAL**

*Deuteronomy 16:17 All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.*

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