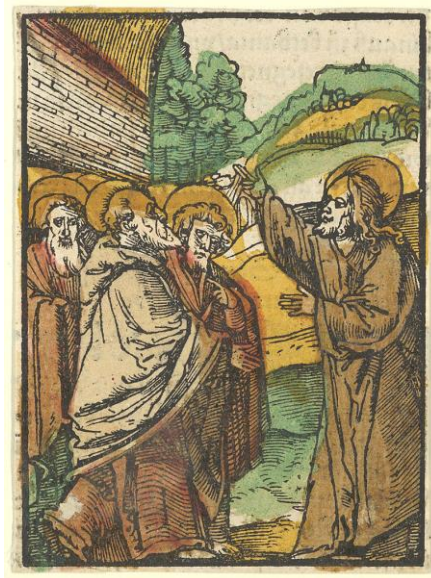




SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Christ Teaching the Disciples Date: 1517

Artist: Schäufelein, Hans, approximately 1480-approximately 1539

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Proper 20

Welcome to Saint John's especially all who are visiting today!

An audio loop system is in operation for those with hearing aids.

Those baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and are communicant members of their own church are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion according to conscience.

Today: Sunday 19th September 2021

9.00am Holy Communion (Order 1 page 180)

10.00am Sunday First

Collect One

Almighty and everlasting God,
Give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity;
and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise,
make us to love that which thou dost command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect Two

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading James 3: 13 - 4: 3, 7-8a

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for* those who make peace.

4Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet* something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 9: 30-37

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Mark chapter 9 beginning at verse 30 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God of mercy,

through our sharing in this holy sacrament

you make us one body in Christ.

Fashion us in his likeness here on earth,

that we may share his glorious company in heaven,

where he lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

Summary of Readings

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a: Wise followers of Christ should live a humble life. Jealousy and selfish ambition are not wise, but cause evil, conflict, murder and struggle. Therefore God's people should resist evil, submit to God, draw near to God, and seek to be cleansed.

Mark 9:30-37: Jesus predicts his death and resurrection, and then challenges the disciples for arguing about which of them is greatest. Then he teaches them that the greatest in God's Reign must be the slave of all, and that whoever welcomes a child, welcomes Jesus, and the One who sent him.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

Once again the Lectionary offers us a choice. This time it is between our own selfish desires, ambitions and power, and serving, loving and sharing with others as we follow the way of Jesus. In James the call is to live a humble life submitted to God, to Jesus' teaching that the greatest in God's Reign must be servants, the Scriptures call us to righteousness, humility, service and generosity. We are to avoid the ways of the wicked, which are driven by selfishness, jealousy, violence, and the hunger for power. In the Gospel, Jesus predicts his death, but also predicts his resurrection. Essentially, the message of the readings for this week is that life, peace, joy, love, prosperity and grace are found through living humbly, simply, kindly, generously, compassionately and with grace, conscientiousness, resourcefulness and responsibility. If we reject these values, we reject the ways of God's Reign, and we doom ourselves to conflict, violence, lack, misery and judgment. As James suggests, though, even faith can become a mask for our worst human instincts, and so we need the attitude of submission to God's ways, and the humility to repent and receive forgiveness if we are to live in ways that bring life to us and to others. As Brian D. McLaren puts it in a quote from his upcoming book: "We are increasingly faced with a choice...not between kindness and hostility, but between kindness and non-existence."

Services this week

Wednesday 22nd September

7.30pm Zoom Compline Spiritual refreshment and reflection mid-week. Passcodes for Zoom will be emailed to all parishioners.

Thursday 23rd September St Matthew *tr* Eucharist 10.30am with prayer for those in need

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

Next Sunday: Trinity 17 26th September

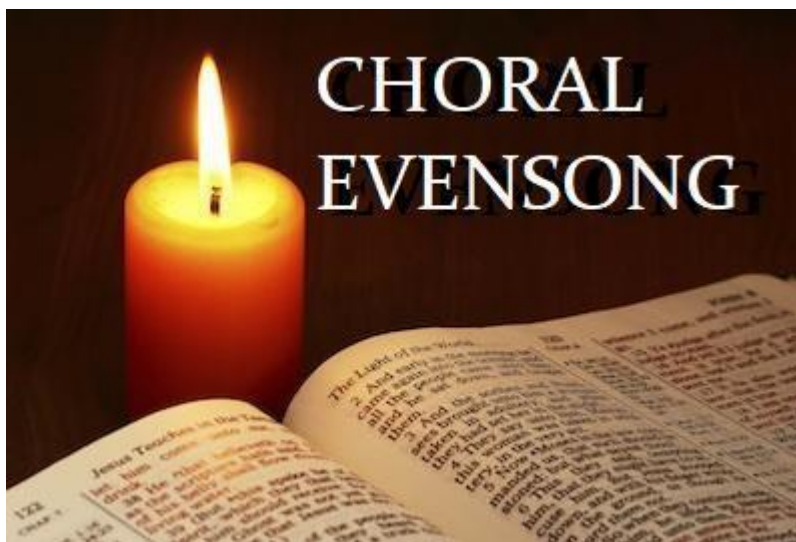
9.00 a.m. Mattins

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong



CHORAL EVENSONG for Michaelmas



Ancient wisdom

Beautiful music

Quietness & Reflection

Notices:

- Welcome to all our visitors. If you need assistance with anything, please ask one of the churchwardens or stewards
- 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.

A reminder about some of our in-church worship protocols:

- Please remain in your seat that has been assigned to you unless it's absolutely necessary to move out of it.
- **A one way system remains in place in church as does mandatory handwashing at the cleansing stations on entry and exit. Masks are also worn during worship, on entry and exit and during singing. This keeps us safer and by doing this we look after our neighbour who may be more vulnerable than us.**
- Remember to complete the separate Track & Trace page.
- Observe two metres spacing on the way in and out of church *and* inside church.
- If you display any of Covid19 related symptoms you should not come to church. Please observe government testing guidelines and isolation requirements.
- If you're gathering outside please follow government guidance.

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