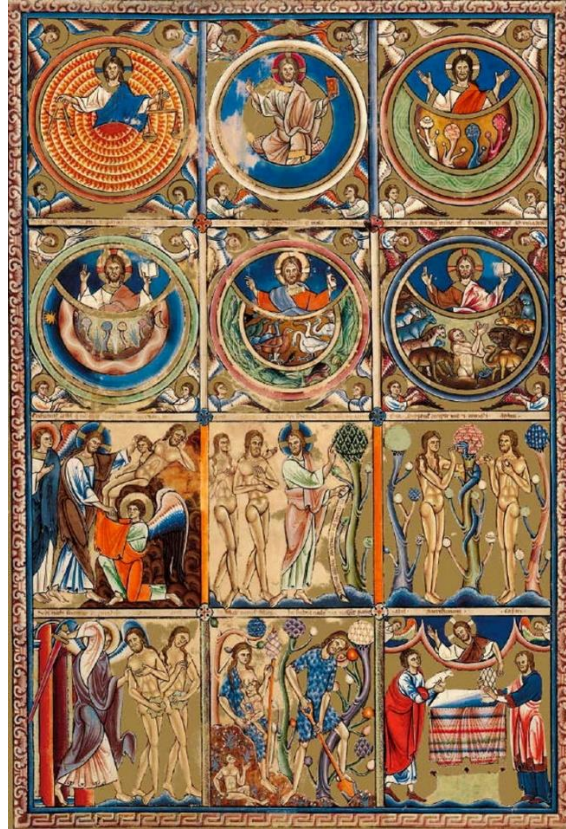




SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Anglo-Catalan Psalter or The Great Canterbury Psalter, folio 1 recto: Genesis. ca. 1185-1195
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Second 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 9th June 2024

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

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Collect

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
Send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

First Reading **Genesis 3: 8-15**

8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' ¹⁰He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' ¹¹He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' ¹²The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' ¹³Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' ¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm

PSALM 138 *Confitebor tibi*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my | whole | heart; ||
before the gods will | I sing | praise to | you.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your | love and | faithfulness; ||
for you have glorified your | name and • your | word a•bove | all things.
- 3 In the day that I called to | you, you | answered me; ||
you | put new | strength in • my | soul.

- 4 All the kings of the earth shall | praise you, • O | Lord, ||
for they have | heard the | words of • your | mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the | ways • of the | Lord, ||
that great is the | glory | of the | Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high, he watches | over • the | lowly; ||
as for the proud, he re|gards them | from a|far.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, | you•will pre|serve me; ||
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
| your right | hand will | save me.
- 8 The Lord shall make good his | purpose | for me; ||
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
for|sake•not the | work of • your | hands.

Glory to the Father and | to the | Son ||
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be|ginning, is | now ||
and shall be for | ever. | A|men.

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5: 1**

13 But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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

Mark 3: 20-35

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

28 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' — ³⁰for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

31 Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' ³³And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son.
Sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen**

READINGS

Genesis 3:8–15: God confronts the man, woman and serpent in the Garden of Eden about their disobedience and declares judgment on the serpent.

Psalms 138: Praise and thanksgiving for God's unfailing love, God's promises, God's answers to prayer, and God's protection.

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1: Paul explains his hope and faith in God that compels him to preach, for as God raised Christ, so God will raise all who believe in Christ. This gives us hope and perseverance in the face of the troubles we must deal with in this life.

Mark 3:20–35: In response to the religious teachers who claim that Jesus is possessed by a demon, Jesus teaches that a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand, and that Satan cannot fight against Satan. Then, when his mother and brothers come asking for him, Jesus declares that all who do God's will are his siblings and parents.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

The first Sunday in Kingdombtide starts the second half of the year with a rather direct challenge to our allegiances. Whether the complementary or semi-continuous readings are used, the same basic theme seems to come through – where do we place our allegiance, and to whom do we give our obedience and devotion. In the Samuel reading, which marks the start of the monarchy in Israel, the people reveal their struggle to remain committed to God. In the conversation between God and Samuel, God relates Israel's history of turning away from God, and views this call for a king as just another case of misplaced allegiance and a quest to be like the other nations, instead of living as an alternative community under God's Reign. In the Genesis narrative, a similar dynamic is played out in a more personal way as God confronts the man and woman who have turned away from obedience to God and followed the temptation of the serpent. The other readings all give an indication as to the reasons why we are tempted to turn away – the struggles and suffering of life. In Psalms 138 the attitude is one of praise for God's unfailing love, protection and answer to prayer, while in Psalms 130 (alternative psalm) the attitude is one of supplication for God's grace to rescue the psalmist in time of trouble. In both cases, though the intent is clear – no matter what life may throw at us, our faith needs to remain in God. Similarly in the Corinthians reading, Paul describes the troubles that we experience in this life as small

compared with the glory which awaits us in Christ. It is this hope that enables us to stay faithful, and to share the message of God's grace, even as we face suffering in this life. Finally, Jesus faces persecution of his own, both from his family who call him crazy, and from the religious leaders who claim that he is demonised. His response is decisive though, in two ways. Firstly, he reveals the absurdity in claiming that his power to defeat the devil comes from the devil, which implies that it can only come from God. Secondly, he embraces all who obey God, who give their hearts in allegiance to God's Reign as he has done, as his family. The message of this week, then, is that life is hard and will bring suffering, especially when we try to live with integrity and faith. However when we keep our allegiance with God we have God's promise that God will sustain us, and we have the hope in the eternal life that God promises us. Finally, in this life, we also have the joy of a family of faith with whom we can share our tears, our joys and our hope, while helping one another to stay faithful to God. *sacredise.com*

Services this week

Wednesday 12th ~~Zoom Compline 7:30pm~~. Resumes in September

Thursday 13th 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: Trinity 3 | 16.06.24

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel

10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist & Sunday School Gift day. Coffee/tea follows this service and all are welcome.



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

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.

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.

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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