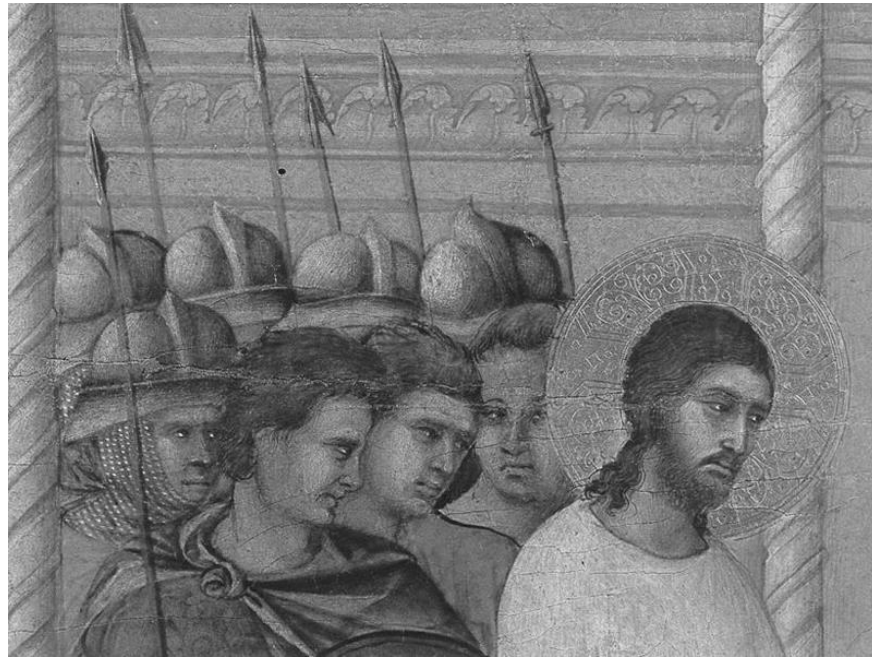


SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Christ Before Pilate Again 1308-1311 Artist: Duccio, di Buoninsegna, -1319?
Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Florence

Sunday next before Advent. The Kingship of Christ

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 24th November 2024

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Sunday 1st December A Service of Readings and Music for Advent

The Eucharist ~See service booklet for 10:30am if available or below for page references in the BCP 2004

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Revd Dr B. Crowe

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Organ Voluntary

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Office Setting

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Collect

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven

that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:

Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit

and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading **Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14**

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One* took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened. ¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading **Revelation 1: 4b-8**

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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

John 18: 33-37

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that plenteously bearing the fruit of good works
they may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Services this week

Wednesday 27th Zoom Compline 7:30pm.

Thursday 28th St Andrew 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: Advent Sunday 1.12.24

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel

10.30 a.m. Sung Euchaist Coffee/tea follows this service and all are welcome.

6:30pm A Service of Music & Readings for Advent



Notices: | Sign up for the regular email Update at 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. 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.

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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READINGS *As the Liturgical Year comes to an end, we are reminded, one last time, of the focus of Christ's life, which is also our calling – the Reign of God. It is tempting to view Christ's Reign as a conquering, all-powerful, phenomenon that will violently destroy human power systems, but that would be to misunderstand it. Rather, what the Lectionary reveals is a Reign that is not of this world, that is a completely different reality, and that works within human systems, even as it subverts them toward justice, peace and love. May our worship remind us of this eternal, "otherworldly" Reign of God and enable us to open our hearts to receive it right here and now where we live.*

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14: Daniel shares his vision of God's throne, and the One – "like a son of man" – who comes in glory on the clouds and who is given all authority and whose kingdom never ends.

Psalms 93: God is the Monarch, clothed in majesty, with an eternal throne and a reign that will last forever. **Revelation 1:4b-8**: Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the first to rise from death, and the ruler of all kings. He has freed us by shedding his blood and has made us a kingdom of priests. He is the beginning and the end, and will be seen by all people when he comes with the clouds of heaven. **John 18:33-37**: Pilate asks Jesus if he is the king of the Jews. Jesus replies that his kingdom is not of this world. When Pilate seeks to confirm that he is a king, Jesus cryptically replies that it is Pilate who says so, but that he came into the world to testify to the truth.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

The Reign of God has always been a central focus of the worship of God's people. From the time of the promise to David of an eternal dynasty, the vision of the Reign of God's Monarch has been the hope of God's people. Yet, the challenge has always been to understand God's Reign as of a completely different order from human power systems. In Daniel and in **Psalms 93**, the Reign of God is depicted as glorious and authoritative, but also as being manifest through one who is "like a son of man". In Revelation this one is seen as Jesus, who is revealed in glory, and whose sacrifice is seen as the primary act in bringing God's Reign into the world. Finally, in the encounter between Jesus and Pilate, the difference between human rulership and God's Reign is starkly shown, as Jesus explains that he claims no human kingship, but is the king of a realm that is not of this world. It is a kingdom of truth and justice. The challenge of this week's celebration is to avoid triumphalism. We are not to make God's Reign out to be the same as human power systems, only stronger, more dominant, and longer lasting. Rather, we are to recognise God's Reign in acts of compassion and justice, in service and sacrifice, and in the challenge to human systems to give up their obsession with war and conquest in order to build a world of peace and love for all.



South Belfast **Foodbank**

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Urgently needed food items - in order of priority.

Long Life Juice UHT Milk Oats Jams/Honey/Spreads Tinned potato/Instant Mash Pulses (chickpeas/kidney beans/lentils) Coffee/Tea Tinned Fruit Custard/Rice Pudding Shampoo/Shower Gel | Household cleaning items - Fairy liquid / anti-bac spray/ washing powder etc

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Open for donations every Wednesday 1-3pm and every Thursday 10am-12pm. Our warehouse is Unit 4, 23 Sunwich Street, Belfast, BT6 8HR Any questions regarding donating please call us on 07743332489 or email us on info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk

AUTUMN STUDY COURSE 2024

In the Beginning: How are we to understand Genesis?

This year's Autumn Study Course will explore how the opening chapters of Genesis, 1-11, are not offering a scientific or historical account of human origins but, rather, something quite different: a theological, moral, and spiritual reflection on how are to think of human origins in light of faith in the Creator, the God of Abraham, the God and Father of Jesus Christ.

The first session will address the background to Genesis. Session 2 will be on the accounts of creation (Genesis 1 & 2); Session 3 on the Fall (the original sin of Adam and Eve, Genesis 3); Session 4 will be on the Flood (Genesis 6-9); and Session 5 on the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11).

The course will be Zoom, beginning on Tuesday 5th November, concluding on Tuesday 3rd November. Each session will begin at 7:30pm and end at 8:10pm. To register for the course, please email briandcrowe@aol.com

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Please take this booklet home with you for the readings, notices and reference during the week and recycle.