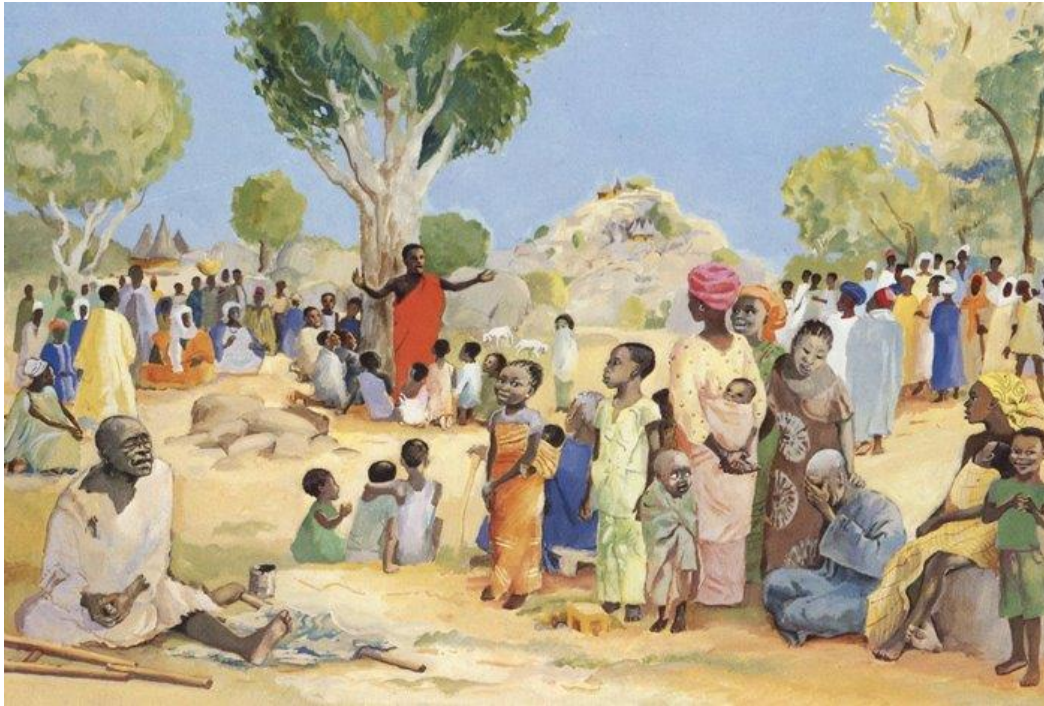




SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Sermon on the Mount 1973, Jesus Mafa

The Third Sunday before Lent

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.

Today: Sunday 13th February 2022
9:00am Eucharist in the Side Chapel
10.30am Sung Eucharist

The Eucharist for 10:30 ~ *page references in the BCP 2004*

Hymn 108

The Gathering *page 201/125*

Collect of the Day

Liturgy of the Word

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Psalm **1 page 594**

Gradual Hymn 517

Gospel (stand) Luke 4:14-21

Sermon

Nicene Creed *page 205 / 129*

Prayers of the People *page 206 / 130*

Peace (stand) *page 207 / 131*

Liturgy of the Sacrament Great Thanksgiving (1) *page 209*

The Lord's Prayer

Communion *the sacrament is administered in one kind only at present*

Motet Ave verum – Byrd

Great Silence

Going Out *page 220 ff / 145*

Post Communion Hymn 523

Post Communion Prayers *page 220*

Blessing

Dismissal

Organ Fugue in D Minor (The Giant, BMV 680) J S Bach

Office Setting: Archer



Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
Give your people grace so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise;
that, among the many changes of the world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Epistle Reading **1 Corinthians 15: 12-20**

12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died* in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 page 594

Gospel Reading

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke chapter 6 beginning at verse 17 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

Luke 6: 17-26

17 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ ‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

22 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you* on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

24 'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

25 'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

26 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger.
Draw us to our Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen**

READINGS:

Psalm 1: Those who do not follow the ways of the wicked are blessed. They delight in God's law and they are like trees along a riverbank bearing fruit and prospering in all they do. The wicked are worthless and will be judged. God watches over the righteous but the wicked will be destroyed.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20: Some Corinthians say there is no resurrection. Paul points out that this means that then not even Christ has been resurrected, which means their faith is useless and believers are most to be pitied. But Christ has been raised and is the first of a great harvest.

Luke 6:17-26: Jesus preaches to the crowds, in Luke's version of the Beatitudes. Those who are poor, hungry, and who weep, and are persecuted are blessed, while those who are rich, prosperous, laughing, and praised by the crowds are facing great sorrow.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

The central theme of all of the readings this week is the contrast between those who follow God's ways and those who don't. This idea is picked up in Psalm 1, where those who trust in God's law and follow it are like healthy, living trees, while the wicked are cursed. In Luke Jesus speaks of how those who are poor, hungry, and weeping are blessed by God, while those who are rich, prosperous, laughing, and praised will experience woe. It is significant that Jesus' definition of blessing and curses, and what brings about those conditions, is very different from the Old Testament picture, or at least how those Old Testament pictures are usually interpreted. Finally, Paul compares those who believe in resurrection with those who don't, declaring that followers of Jesus who do not believe in a resurrection, or whose faith only has value for his life, are to be pitied, but those for whom resurrection is a reality, know that faith reaches beyond our current mortal life. Ultimately, all of these passages call us to a choice between trusting our own strength, wisdom, and ways of being, or embracing the way of Jesus.

Services this week

Wednesday 16th February

7.30pm Zoom Compline Mid-week prayer. Passcodes for Zoom are emailed in the Latest Update to parishioners.

Thursday 17th January St Joseph (tr) 10.30am with prayer for those in need

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

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday before Lent | 20th February

9.00 a.m. Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist



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.
- **We are collecting for South Belfast Food Bank** again. Please leave your contributions in the vestibule on the way in. Thank you.

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. We ask you to continue to play your part in keeping each other safe. Thank you for your continued cooperatio.
- Observe two metres spacing on the way in and out of church. Inside the nave distancing is 1 metre in the pews.
- **If you display any of Covid19 related symptoms you should not come to church.** Please observe government testing guidelines and isolation requirements. **If you have been at church and then contract Covid-19 please inform the Rector by Tel:028 9066 6644 or by email malone@connor.anglican.org**
- If you're gathering outside please follow government guidance.
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- Prayers for the sick are offered on Thursday morning at the Eucharist. Please send names for the list to the Rector via email.
- If you're new to the parish please ask the Churchwardens or a member of the clergy about registering (GDPR, Free Will Offering Scheme, Magazine), organisations or wanting to know more about life at St John's. We'd be delighted to help and to get to know you.

PLEASE NOTE AS OF 13/02/22

- **We have recently decided to discontinue Track and Trace**
- **When leaving the church through the north porch please maintain 2m distancing until outside and move away from the exit door to allow others out.**
- **Stewarding at Sunday services has been discontinued as restrictions ease. Members of the congregation will no longer be allocated a seat. You are once again free to choose!**
- **Distancing in the pews between people or bubbles is set at 1m throughout the church. There can be a family bubble in one pew. OR two people in a bubble at one end and one person at the other. This allows for the 1 metre spacing required in our Risk Assessment.**

The Select Vestry

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