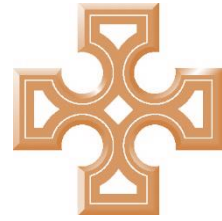




SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



A New Commandment" John 13:34
City: Beijing, China

The Fifth Sunday of Easter.

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 15th May 2022
9:00am Eucharist in the Side Chapel with address
10.30am Family Eucharist

The Eucharist (said) ~See service booklet if available or below for page references in the BCP 2004

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Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:
Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

Reading Revelation **Revelation 21: 1-6**

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ ⁶Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Reading Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to John chapter thirteen beginning at verse thirty one **Gory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

John 13: 31-35

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,

in word and sacrament

we proclaim your truth in Jesus Christ and share his life.

In his strength may we ever walk in his way,

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

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

READINGS:

Revelation 21:1-6: John sees a vision of the New Jerusalem descending from heaven, and a voice that proclaims that God's dwelling place is now among people on earth.

John 13:31-35: Jesus' new commandment – to love one another.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

The Easter message shifts this week from Jesus' offer of life to us, to the way we seek to live out that life as we follow him – and it's a startling message of inclusivity and love. Jesus' new commandment is frequently sung and quoted, but the "one another" that Jesus' calls us to love is often limited to Christian believers. Now, in the lectionary, as the Gospel is laid aside the other readings, we realise that this "one another" goes much further. [In the Acts reading, we discover that the previously excluded Gentiles are now included in God's Kingdom. In the Psalm 148, all of creation is included in this "one another" as the entire creation is exhorted to offer praise.] And in John's Revelation vision, we discover that God so includes all, that God moves God's dwelling place ("heaven") into our earthly neighbourhood. There can be no greater, all-encompassing statement of love for all from God. We have no more excuses for turning the Gospel into an exclusive message!

Services this week

Wednesday 18th May

Zoom Compline starts at **7:30pm**. Passcodes for Zoom are emailed in the Latest Update to parishioners.

Thursday 19th May 10.30am Eucharist *Brendan the Navigator* 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: Easter VI 22.05.22

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel with address

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist ~ Rogation Sunday



Notices:

- Welcome to all our visitors. If you need assistance with anything, please ask one of the churchwardens.
- 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.
- Prayers for the sick and all those in need are offered on Thursday morning at the Eucharist. You can send names for the list to the Rector via his email.
- If you're new to the parish please ask the Churchwardens or a member of the clergy about the following: GDPR, Free Will Offering Scheme, Gift Aid 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.

- **Christian Aid Week 15-21 May2022.** Collections will be gratefully received in two ways (i) through envelopes available in Church and (2) online through the e-envelope scheme for St John's. Details on the e-envelope are available in the Update and below. Thank you.

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/stjohns-malone>



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

- A one way system remains in place in church.
- Handwashing is encouraged at the cleansing stations on entry and exit.
 - Masks are optional during worship.
- **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**



UKRAINE CRISIS

Bishops' Appeal has launched an emergency appeal for the Ukraine and all those fleeing war and seeking refuge in neighbouring countries. We are partnering with Habitat for Humanity Ireland and Christian Aid Ireland and are supporting responses agencies in the refugee camps along bordering countries. We are opting to send funds as this enables local responders to assess need as it arises and then source what is needed locally. Through prayer and action we believe the Church of Ireland can make a difference in the lives of those who are devastated by war. To read more and to learn how to donate see the press release here:

<http://www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/bishops.../>

Alternatively see

www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal

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