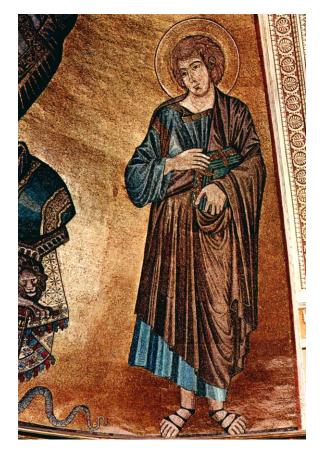


SAINT JOHN'S MALONE





John, the Evangelist From The Yorck Project. Date:1301-1302 Artist: Cimabue Building: Duomo (Pisa, Italy)

The Sixth Sunday of Easter. Rogation Sunday

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 May 2022

- 9:00am Eucharist in the Side Chapel with address
- 10.30am Sung Eucharist
- 6:30pm Choral Evensong

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Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading Acts 16: 9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district^{*} of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

Gospel Reading Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to John chapter fourteen beginning at verse twenty three **Gory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

John 14: 23-29

²³Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

25 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate,^{*} the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: May we also thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

READINGS:

<u>Acts 16:9-15</u>: In response to Paul's vision, he and his companions go to Macedonia, where they preach to a group of women in Philippi. Lydia, from Thyatira (thus, a foreigner) is one of those who receive the Gospel message, and she immediately offers hospitality to Paul and his friends.

Psalm 67: An invitational psalm encouraging all the nations to praise God, to enjoy God's mercy and receive God's provision.

John 14:23-29: Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit – God making God's home within those who love God.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

Taking last week's vision of inclusivity even further, the Scriptures this week offer us a vision of hospitality as the model of God's work in those who love God, and of the life which flows from it. In Acts, Lydia, the new convert, immediately understands that a life of following Christ is a life of hospitality – and offers hospitality to Paul and friends. In Psalm 67, all nations are invited into God's mercy, security and provision – a vision of adoration for God's hospitality. In the Gospel, the vision is beautifully reversed – God, by God's Spirit, seek to enjoy the hospitality of the human heart, coming to indwell us, and then lead us into lives of obedient love.

Services this week

Wednesday 25th May

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

Thursday 26th May The Ascension Day 10.30am Eucharist 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.*

7:30pm Festival Choral Eucharist for the Ascension

Next Sunday: Easter VII 29.05.22

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel with address 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with Service of Healing and Wholeness



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

Organising you wedding in St John's

Weddings are special occasions in the life of any family and of the Church. 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.



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.../

<u>nttp://www.bisnopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/bisnop</u>

Alternatively see

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



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