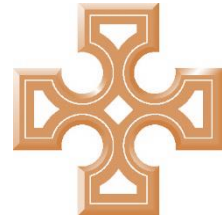




SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Title: Faith, Hope, and Charity -- Bas relief sculpture of the three theological virtues

Notes:

"The theological virtues are so called because they enable the individual to relate directly to God, whereas the moral virtues have as their objects the proper use and control of our faculties in relation to those things that can serve as a means to personal holiness and eternal life. Thus, by faith we believe in God and accept all that he has revealed; by hope we trust God to be faithful to his promises if we correspond to his grace; by charity we love God as our perfect good and ultimate end. The three theological virtues are the Christian virtues par excellence, and yet they are not understood or appreciated by those who live according to purely human standards, though these same persons may admire the moral virtues of justice, prudence, fortitude, and temperance. The reason is that the theological virtues draw us away from the natural order to the divine and the supernatural. Faith looks beyond the horizons of human knowledge and clings to the truths and mysteries revealed by God in Jesus Christ; hope causes us to regard the things of this world of little worth when compared to the life of glory to which we are called; charity impels us to love God above all else and to love all else in God, rejecting anything that is an obstacle to that love." - Jordan Aumann OP -- (courtesy Lawrence OP)

Building: St. Giles Cathedral Relief sculpture in Stone, City: Edinburgh

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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 23rd January 2022
9:00am Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist & Ministry of Healing

The Eucharist ~See service booklet

Hymn **316**

The Gathering

Collect of the Day

Liturgy of the Word

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Psalms **48 pg.646**

Gradual Hymn **88**

Gospel (stand) Luke 4:21-30

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

Peace (stand)

Liturgy of the Sacrament Great Thanksgiving (1)

The Lord's Prayer

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

Motet

Great Silence

Going Out

Post Communion Hymn **670**

Post Communion Prayers

Blessing

Organ

Laying on of hands with anointing in the Side Chapel. *This will be administered in a Covid-safe manner.*

Office Setting: Shepherd



Collect

Creator God,

who in the beginning

commanded the light to shine out of darkness:

We pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ

may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,

shine into the hearts of all your people,

and reveal the knowledge of your glory

in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Epistle Reading **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,^{*} but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly,^{*} but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 48 page 646

Gospel Reading Luke 4:21-30

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke chapter 4 beginning at verse 21 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' ²³He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' ²⁴And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the

time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’ ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed
the mystery of your love.
Help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

READINGS:

1 Corinthians 13:1-13: A celebration of the noble and godly characteristics of love, which lasts forever and is the greatest of all things. Again note the “yes” (love is...) and the “no” (love is not...).

Luke 4:21-30: After reading the “yes” in Isaiah’s scroll (last week) and claiming the prophecy for himself, Jesus confronts the people of Nazareth with a “no” because, like their ancestors, they are offended by the idea that God can work in and through “outsiders” and Gentiles, and they refuse to accept the teachings of the prophets. This offends the people, and so they attempt to kill Jesus.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

The psalmist reflects on his vulnerability and the threat of evil in spite of his long life of relationship with God; The love that Paul speaks about is not an easy or comfortable way to follow, but challenges our self-centredness and lethargy

toward others; and finally, Jesus makes it clear that his ministry is not “friendly” and non-disruptive, but a life-changing, all-inclusive confrontation of self-righteousness and injustice. Secondly, as with Jesus’ near execution in Luke, those who choose to follow Christ in his liberating work, must expect that they will find themselves in confrontation with injustice and those who propagate it. This will inevitably lead to great sacrifice and suffering. The work of grace is not all acceptance and healing. Sometimes it is a wounding battle – not least because we are called to love even those we challenge.

Services this week

Wednesday 2nd February

12:30 Contemplative Eucharist on Candlemas: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple or The Purification of St Mary the Virgin.

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

Thursday 3rd February St Brigid (tr) 10.30am with prayer for those in need

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

Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday before Lent | 6th February [The day of the Accession of Her Majesty the Queen 1952. Platinum Jubilee of 70 years.]

9.00 a.m. Eucharist for the 4th Sunday before Lent

10.30 a.m. Sunday First for Candlemas



Notices:

- Please respect the space between yourself and others who may wish to observe social distancing whilst in the church.
- 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** on an ongoing basis 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 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 cooperation.
- Observe two metres spacing on the way in and out of church. Inside the nave distancing is 1 metre in the pews. It is 2 metres in the transepts and choir.
- **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.
- We continue to Track and Trace so please complete the form at the reverse of this sheet. Records are kept for three weeks and thereafter are disposed of.
- Prayers for the sick are offered on Thursday morning at the Eucharist. Send any names for the list to the Rector via email malone@connor.anglican.org
- 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.

Scribble Box

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