



SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Christ in the Wilderness 1872

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The First Sunday in 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 6th March 2022

9:00am Eucharist in the Side Chapel with address

10.30am Sunday First – A Service of the Word

The Eucharist ~See service booklet or below for page references in the BCP 2004

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Collect of the Day

Liturgy of the Word

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The Lord's Prayer

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

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Blessing

Dismissal



Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
Give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:

Create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Epistle Reading **Romans 10: 8b-13**

⁸But what does it say?

‘The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because* if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading **Luke 4: 1-13**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke chapter 4 beginning at verse 1 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

⁴Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’ ⁴Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.” ’
⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you,

then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’⁸ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written,
“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.” ’

9 Then the devil* took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,¹⁰ for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you”,

¹¹and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’

¹²Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you renew us with the living bread from heaven.
Nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
strengthen our love,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS:

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16: A psalm celebrating God’s care and protection of those who dwell in God, and make God’s presence their safe refuge.

Romans 10:8b-13: The message of faith in Christ that ensures that we will never be disgraced, because all who call on God’s name are saved.

Luke 4:1-13: Jesus is tempted by the devil in the wilderness. He is challenged to turn stones into food, to jump from the top of the temple, and to gain all the

world's wealth and glory by bowing to the tempter. But, he resists, using God's word as his guide.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

What is interesting about the readings for this week is that the focus, rather than being on Jesus' temptation, is on God's care, protection and provision for God's people. When the temptation narrative is placed in that context, our focus shifts dramatically – and importantly – away from fear of failure or succumbing to evil, and on to God's resources that are at our disposal to keep us strong and faithful. Perhaps the great temptation of this week in the lectionary is to make it all about evil and its attack on us and our world. The Lectionary, however, rightly calls us to make this week about God – God's care, God's Word, God's protection, God's provision – which means that we can rest assured that whatever we may face, "the best of all is 'God is with us'" as Wesley said.

CONNECTING WITH LIFE:

GLOBAL APPLICATION: With little scratching of the surface, the three temptations of Jesus are no different than the ones we wrestle with in the world today – power and influence, wealth and consumption, personal appetites and greed. Are there any of the big justice issues that don't fall into one of these general categories? But, it is important for us to focus on God's care and protection, or we can easily fall into the trap of fighting this evil on its own terms. Jesus refuses to do so. Trusting in God, and immersing himself in God's word, Jesus simply embraces a different set of values – self-giving, humility and servanthood, fasting and self-control. Even in the big global issues, simply working to create communities of trust in God's ways that live out these alternative values is a significant way to contribute and to push back the forces of evil. How can your community embody the values of Christ more visibly and publicly?

Services this week

Wednesday 9th March

Zoom Compline with Reflection starting at 7:15pm. *Reflections based on Paula Gooder's book 'Women of Holy Week'.* Compline proper starts at 7:30pm.

Passcodes for Zoom are emailed in the Latest Update to parishioners.

Thursday 10th March 10.30am Eucharist with prayer for those in need will take place in the Side Chapel and not the L'Estrange Hall.

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

Next Sunday: Lent 2

9.00 a.m. Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist



Notices:

The Parish Lent Book for personal use this year is **The Way of Benedict: Eight Blessings for Lent**, by Laurentia Johns, a Benedictine nun. The book explores the 'Rule of Benedict', the 6th century manual for monasteries written by St. Benedict of Nursia. A fuller review is given in the parish magazine. These books are available on the way into church in the vestibule priced £8 from the Bookwell.

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.
- **Easter General Vestry** will be held on Sunday 3rd April at 11:45pm in the Seaver Hall following the church service.

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. **During Choral Evensong masks may be removed while seated.** We ask you to continue to play your part in keeping each other safe.
- **Observe distancing** on the way in and out of church. Inside the church the 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.
- 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

- **We have recently decided to discontinue Track and Trace**
- **When leaving the church through the north porch please maintain 1m 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 a reduced 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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UKRAINECRISIS

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.../>

For the **next two Sundays** loose plate collections will be donated to Bishops' Appeal for the Ukraine.

The Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development has committed €10,000 (£8,300) from its emergency funds to assist with the humanitarian response to the current crisis in Ukraine. Bishops' Appeal is partnering with Habitat for Humanity Ireland and Christian Aid, and encouraging parishes across the island to contribute to our response to help people seeking refuge.

- [Full article including endorsement by Archbishop of Armagh and the Archbishop of Dublin](#)
- [Video by Roberto Patrascoiu, Habitat for Humanity Romania, from a refugee camp near the border with Ukraine](#) (30 seconds)
- [Stories of how Ukrainian refugees are being supported](#) (Christian Aid funds will be shared through the ACT Alliance which includes the partner organisations featured)
- [Direct link to Bishops' Appeal website with details on how to donate](#)