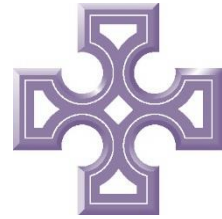




## SAINT JOHN'S MALONE

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Christ and the Pharisees Notes: Hand-colored woodcut Date:1517  
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## The Second 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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
**9:00am** Eucharist in the Side Chapel with address  
**10.30am** Sung Eucharist

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

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<i>Office Setting: Celtic Eucharist – Martin White</i>	



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**Collect**

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
Grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things  
as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **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 **Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1**

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4</sup><sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 27 page 619**

Gospel Reading **Luke 13: 31-35**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke chapter 13 beginning at verse 31 **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' 32 He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me,\* "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children

together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Creator of heaven and earth,  
we thank you for these holy mysteries  
given us by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by which we receive your grace  
and are assured of your love,  
which is through him now and for ever. **Amen**

### **READINGS:**

**Psalm 27:** A song of assurance for God's protection and care, expressing the longing to live in God's sanctuary and find refuge there. In addition, the psalmist asks for God's mercy and rescue from his enemies.

**Philippians 3:17-4:1:** Paul's encouragement for believers to stay true for the sake of Christ, and to remember their heavenly priorities, following his example of faithfulness.

**Luke 13:31-35:** Jesus is warned that Herod wants to kill him, and dismisses this as his face is set toward Jerusalem. Then he laments over the city which fails to heed the prophets.

### **REFLECTIONS ON THEME:**

This week's readings the psalmist affirms God's mercy and protection and the joy of living in God's presence and love. In the letter to the Philippians, Paul indicates that those who follow faithfully are not headed for destruction, like godless people, but for glory. On the other hand the Gospel reading this week shows the persecution Jesus faced as he faithfully followed God's call. A striking feature of this reading is Jesus' refusal to be daunted by the threats against his life, and his determination to continue his mission in spite of the suffering he will face, like the prophets before him. So, the Lectionary, while it assures us that close, protective relationship with God is available to us, also reminds us that the call to live out God's mission does not mean a life free of pain and struggle. The protection we

find in God, then, is not a guarantee that no harm will come to us, but a promise that, whatever we may face, we are ultimately destined for glory, and God's strength will sustain us and keep us faithful to the end. In a world of expediency the call to embrace the tough and challenging path of the Gospel can seem out of place, but, if we will trust it and embrace it, we will discover the life that endures through the worst times and that empowers us in the best times.

### **Services this week**

#### **Wednesday 16th 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 17<sup>th</sup> March St Patrick's Day 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 3**

**9.00 a.m. Eucharist**

**10.30 a.m. Family 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 out of church on the table 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](tel:02890666644) or by email [malone@connor.anglican.org](mailto: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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## 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.../>

For the **next two Sundays loose plate collections** on the way out will be donated to Bishops' Appeal for the Ukraine. Cheques can be made out to 'Bishops' Appeal'

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.