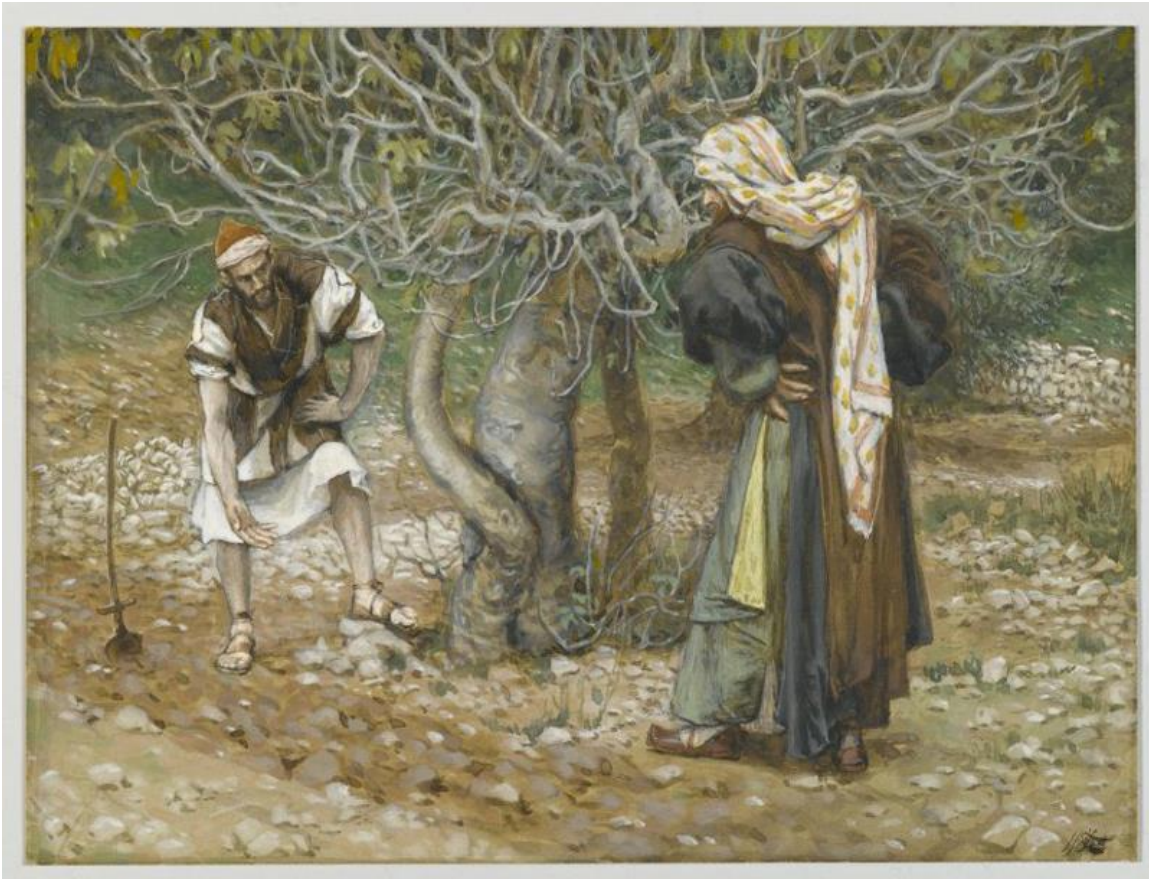
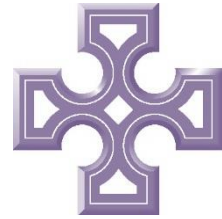




SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



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Building: Brooklyn Museum, NY

The Third 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 20th March 2022
9:00am Eucharist in the Side Chapel with address
10.30am Family Eucharist

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

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Opening Hymn 646

Collect of the Day

Liturgy of the Word

Epistle Reading Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1

Gradual Hymn 311

Gospel (stand) Luke 13: 31-35

Sermon

Nicene Creed *page 205 / 129*

Prayers of the People *page 206 / 130*

Peace (stand) *page 207 / 131*

Liturgy of the Sacrament Great Thanksgiving (1) *page 209*

The Lord's Prayer

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

Motet Gaelic Bblessing - Rutter

Great Silence

Post Communion Hymn 576

Going Out *page 220 ff /145*

Post Communion Prayers *page 220*

Blessing

Dismissal

Organ Postlude on an old Irish Church Melody – C V Stanford

Office Setting: Davison / Lloyd Webber



Collect

Merciful Lord,

Grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil

and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
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 **1 Corinthians 10: 1-13**

10 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Luke 13: 1-9

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

6 Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" ⁸He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord our God,
you feed us in this life with bread from heaven,
the pledge and foreshadowing of future glory.
Grant that the working of this sacrament within us
may bear fruit in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS:

Psalm 63:1-8: A psalm of longing for God's nourishing presence, and of thanksgiving for God's satisfying care and life.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13: The disobedience and rebelliousness of the Israelites in the wilderness is a warning to us to resist the temptations we face. But, God provides, and strengthens us, if we will allow it.

Luke 13:1-9: Jesus confronts the idea that natural or human-initiated disasters

only befall the sinful or the evil, and challenges the self-righteousness of his hearers, calling them to repentance, even as he reflects, in parable, on God's mercy that gently waits for us to wake up and start bearing fruit.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

This week the readings move us very powerfully from last week's theme, into a "next step". Last week, we were challenged to recognise that faith, on one level, is not a protection from the world's woes, but rather, it is a call to take up the cross, and embrace God's life even when we have to suffer to do so. On another level, though, we were invited to celebrate that faith does lead us into a life that is deeper, richer and more meaningful than one of faithlessness. This week, we are taken one step further – we are to reject the idea that suffering is God's punishment for sin, and blessing (or the avoidance of suffering) God's reward. Rather, we are called to recognise our own need of God's mercy and grace, and to respond by "bearing fruit" – manifesting the life of God's reign, and bringing grace and mercy into the world. This week we are shocked out of our complacency, and challenged to be more determined in our commitment to follow Christ, even as we are assured of the gifts of God's presence and God's provision to fulfil our calling.

Services this week

Wednesday 23rd 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 24th March The Annunciation of Our Lord to the B.V.M. (tr) 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 4 Mothering Sunday 27.03.22

9.00 a.m. Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

6:30 p.m. Choral Evensong with visiting choir Cantemus NI



Notices:

Some copies are still available of the **Parish Lent Book** this year. The book 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](tel:02890666644) 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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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 response 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.../>

Loose plate collections on the way out will be donated to Bishops' Appeal for the Ukraine. **Cheques** can be made out to 'Bishops' Appeal'. **Envelopes** are now available for **Gift Aid to the 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.