



SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



The Return of the Prodigal Son

Notes: Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn was a Dutch painter, draughtsman, and printmaker.

Date: ca. 1665-1669 **Building:** Gosudarstvennyi Ėrmitazh (Russia) St. Petersburg

Lent IV. Mothering 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 30TH March 2025

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel

10.30 a.m. Eucharist with healing & Wholeness celebration coffee/tea follows this service

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 6:30PM STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION

Guest Conductor: Dr Barry Rose

The Eucharist ~See service booklet for 10:30am if available or below for page references in the BCP 2004

The Gathering *page 201/125*

Presiding The Rector

Opening Hymn 361

Collect of the Day

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Psalm 34:11-20

Second Reading ---

Gradual Hymn 472

Gospel (stand)

Sermon Rev'd Dr B. Crowe

The Peace (stand) *page 207 / 131*

Offertory Hymn 634

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

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Motet For the beauty of the earth - Rutter

Great Silence

Going Out *page 220 ff / 145*

Post Communion Prayers *page 220*

Blessing

Dismissal

Post Communion Hymn

Organ Voluntary Fugue on the Magnificat (BWV 733) – JS Bach

Office Setting Archer/Stainer



Collect

Heavenly Father,
you chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of our Lord, your only begotten Son,
and to suffer with him.
Help us too to bear the cross
so that we may share with her in your life for ever.
This we ask through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lenten Collect

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.**

First Reading Exodus 2:1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 34:11-20 *Benedicam Domino*

- 11 Come, my children, and | listen • to | me; ||
I will | teach • you the | fear • of the | Lord.
- 12 Who is there who de|lights in | life ||
and longs for | days • to en|joy good | things?
- 13 Keep your | tongue from | evil ||
and your | lips from | lying | words.
- 14 Turn from evil and | do | good; ||
seek | peace | and pur|sue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are up|on the | righteous ||
and his ears are | open | to their | cry.
- 16 The face of the Lord is against | those who • do | evil, ||
to root out the re|membrance • of them | from the | earth.
- 17 The righteous cry and the | Lord | hears them ||
and delivers them | out of | all their | troubles.
- 18 The Lord is near to the | broken|hearted ||
and will save | those • who are | crushed in | spirit.
- 19 Many are the | troubles • of the | righteous; ||
from them | all • will the | Lord de|liver them.
- 20 He keeps | all their | bones, ||
so that not | one of | them is | broken.

Glory to the Father and | to the | Son ||
and | to the | Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be|ginning, is | now ||
and shall be for | ever. | A|men.

Second Reading --- *none today*

GRADUAL HYMN 472

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

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

15 Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

3 So he told them this parable:

11 Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ²² But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

25 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for

you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" ³¹Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Father,
through your goodness
we are refreshed through your Son
in word and sacrament.
May our faith be so strengthened and guarded
that we may witness to your eternal love
by our words and in our lives.
Grant this for Jesus' sake, our Lord. **Amen**

Services this week

Wednesday 2nd 7:30pm Lenten Compline 4/5 'Favourite Psalms' with a short address and meditation on psalms from the poet Malcolm Guite's book, 'David's Crown.'

Thursday 3rd 10.30am 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.

Next Sunday: Lent V Passion Sunday 6.04.25

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel

10.30 a.m. Sunday First followed by tea/coffee then the **EAGV at 12noon in the Seaver Hall.** Creche for younger children available during the AGM.

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION 6:30PM



Notices: | Sign up for the regular email Update

Contactless Payments The Select Vestry has made a new contactless payment device available in the parish from today and may be used for any donations you'd like to make at social time after the service in the hall.

Giving and Stewardship in St Johns' much of our income received is through the Free Will Offering Scheme using either envelopes or increasingly, by Standing Order. Standing order forms are available by asking the Churchwardens or contacting the Office or secstjohns@btconnect.com. Alternatively if you wish to make a donation then the account details for St John's are also available from the Wardens. Your donations help us maintain our buildings and support ministry and outreach here in St John's and more widely.

Organising your wedding in St John's

Weddings are special occasions in the life of any family and of the Church. We'd be delighted to talk to anyone contemplating their wedding in St John's. 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.

Hospital Visiting

The Rector would appreciate knowing if parishioners are going into or are in hospital or discharged and is pleased to offer pastoral support.

Safeguarding

The Rector, select vestry and parish leaders are committed to uphold the good practice to the parish's ministry with children, young people and vulnerable adults. Should you have any concern or suspicion regarding child welfare in the parish please contact a member of the

Parish panel.

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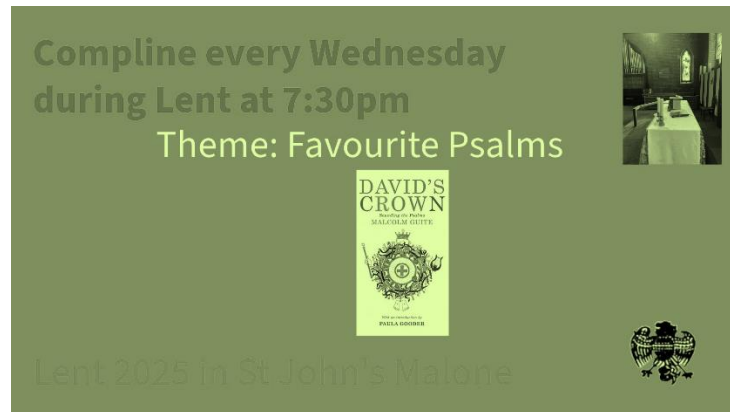
Urgently needed food items - in order of priority.

Long Life Juice UHT Milk Oats Jams/Honey/Spreads Tinned potato/Instant Mash Pulses (chickpeas/kidney beans/lentils) Coffee/Tea Tinned Fruit Custard/Rice Pudding

Shampoo/Shower Gel | Household cleaning items - Fairy liquid / anti-bac spray/ washing powder etc

Donations to the Foodbank can either be placed directly into the basket at Tesco Newtownbreda or donate directly to the Foodbank. Or please place items in the baskets in the church entrance vestibule/porch.

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