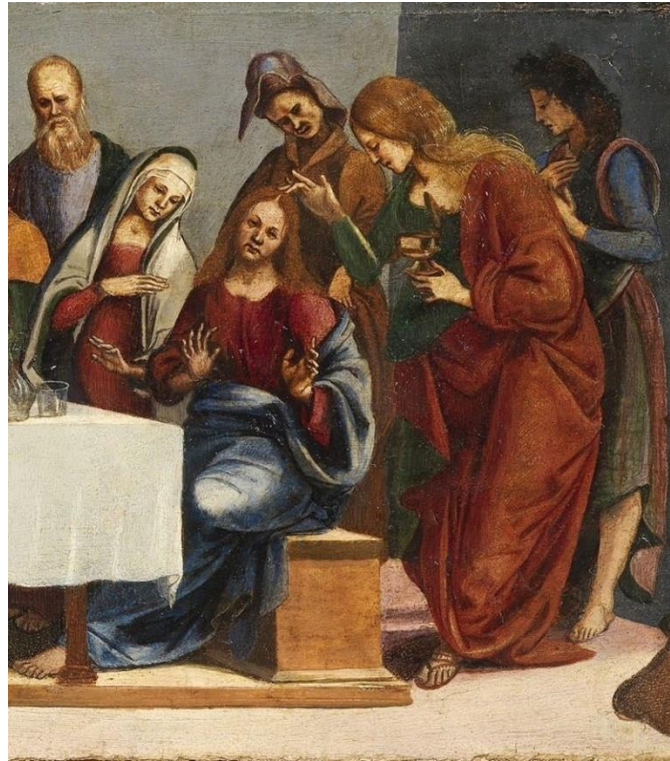
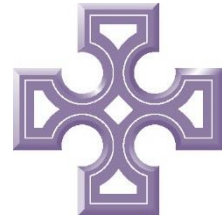




SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Anointing the Feet of Jesus in the House of Simon, the Pharisee

Notes: This panel was originally part of an altarpiece from the Bichi Chapel in Sant'Agostino, Siena. The depiction is a conflation of the Matthew, Mark, Luke and John passages, but most closely associated with the Matthew passage because of the head anointing. ca. 1488-1490 Artist: Signorelli, Luca, 1441?-1523 Building: National Gallery of Ireland

The Fifth Sunday in Lent. Passiontide begins.

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 3rd April 2022
9:00am Eucharist in the Side Chapel with address
10.30am Sunday First

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

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Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross,
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 **Philippians 3: 4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

John 12: 1-8

12 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God of hope,
in this eucharist we have tasted
the promise of your heavenly banquet
and the richness of eternal life.
May we who bear witness to the death of your Son,
also proclaim the glory of his resurrection,
for he is Lord for ever and ever.. **Amen**

READINGS:

Psalm 126: A psalm celebrating the return of exiles to Jerusalem, and asking for God's grace as they seek to rebuild their lives and their homeland.

Philippians 3:4b-14: Paul, who has every reason to trust in his goodness under the law, explains why he chooses rather to trust in Christ for his righteousness, and how he commits to continually striving to reach the reward that is promised in Christ.

John 12:1-8: In Bethany, Mary anoints Jesus' feet with expensive perfume. Judas, however is unimpressed.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

In a rather startling turn, right before Jesus' enters his period of suffering, the Lenten readings move us to a place of joy and celebration. The psalm celebrates the exiles' new salvation as it is realised; Paul celebrates the righteousness he has found in Christ, which far surpasses the value of the "goodness" he enjoyed under the law; and Mary celebrates Jesus and her extravagant love for him through this almost embarrassing public display. This can be quite shocking in the midst of the discipline and confession that usually characterises the Lenten period. But, the message is clear – the journey through the desert is a journey toward life and joy, for it leads us to recognise, and own for ourselves, the truth that Christ brings us salvation – life in all its fullness. Mary, Paul and the people of Israel all received this gift with tremendous joy, and wild expressions of love. This passionate worship of the Saviour, is a challenge to us to allow our faith to be not just of the head, but of the heart, and not just of the way of justice, judgment or righteousness, but also of the way of joy, celebration and appreciation. And, although Jesus proclaims Mary's act as a preparation for his burial – with the shadow of the cross looming over this scene – the promise of God's life, and the demonstration that neither evil nor death can extinguish the love of Christ, give cause for celebration even as we prepare to remember the sacrifice.

Services this week

Wednesday 6th April

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 7th April 10.30am Eucharist with prayer for those in need will take place in the Side Chapel.

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

Next Sunday: Lent 6 Palm Sunday 10.04.22

9.00 a.m. Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms

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6:30pm Crucifixion by Sir John Stainer



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.
- **The Easter General Vestry will be held on Sunday 3rd April at 11:45pm in the Seaver Hall following this 10:30am church service.**
- **Services in Holy Week 10-16 April are listed in the Parish Magazine**

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

- **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.**
- **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.../>

Alternatively see

www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal