

## SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



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### Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel**

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist** Coffee/tea follows this service

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**Collect**

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
Teach us to offer ourselves to your service,  
that here we may have your peace,  
and in the world to come may see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading **2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c**

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.\*<sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.<sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.\*'<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy?\*' Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.'<sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.<sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.'<sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!\*' <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana\* and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage.<sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

15 Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Second Reading **2 Timothy 2:8–15**

**8** Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; <sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

<sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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

## **Luke 17:11–19**

**11** On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God our guide,  
you feed us with bread from heaven  
as you fed your people Israel.  
May we who have been inwardly nourished  
be ready to follow you  
all the days of our pilgrimage on earth,  
until we come to your kingdom in heaven.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Services this week**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm Zoom Compline** See eNewsletter for access code and link

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** *Gall, missionary, Down diocese. 579A.D. 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: Feast of Saint Luke | 19.10.25**

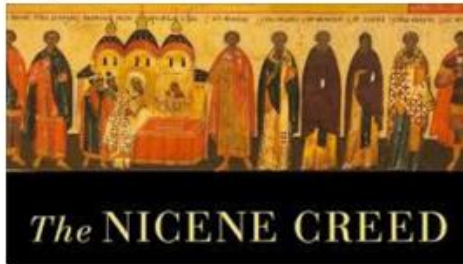
**9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel** *said*

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist** *with dedication of new frontal and Armagh Room by Bishop Alan Harper.*

*Coffee / Tea follows this service and all are welcome*

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**Prayer Diary: Week beginning 12/10/2025**

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**Church of Norway:** Diocese of Tönsberg, Bishop Jan Otto Myrseth

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**Notices: | Sign up for the regular email Update – do sign up for this to keep up to date with the parish programme events and link to the parish magazine.**

**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.

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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**

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**READINGS:** It's not the first time the Lectionary has brought us face to face with the scandalous inclusivity of the Gospel, but that's the thread running through all of this week's readings. As tempting as it may be to find ways to draw lines and keep some people out for whatever reason, the Scriptures do not allow us that luxury – and, in truth, our world desperately needs us to be people who, like Christ, embrace, include and welcome all people indiscriminately.

May our worship this week lead us into the scandalous inclusivity of Christ again – and there find a welcome not just for ourselves, but for all.

**2 Timothy 2:8-15:** Although Paul is imprisoned for preaching the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, the Gospel itself is not imprisoned. God offers life to those who die with Christ, and God remains always faithful, which is why Paul encourages Timothy to remind people of these things and to continue to serve and teach faithfully.

**Luke 17:11-19:** Jesus sends ten men with a skin disease to show themselves to the priests and they are healed as they go, but only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

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