



SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Christ with Mary and Martha 1654 Artist: Vermeer, Johannes, 1632-1675
Building: National Gallery of Scotland City: Edinburgh: London

Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 11)

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 17th July 2022
9:00am Eucharist in the Side Chapel
10:30am Eucharist

The Eucharist (said 9:00am) ~See service booklet for 10:30am if available or below for page references in the BCP 2004

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
Hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Reading **Colossians 1: 15-28**

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in* him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading *Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Luke chapter ten beginning at verse thirty eight **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

Luke 10: 38-42

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was

distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God,
as you give us the body and blood of your Son,
guide us with your Holy Spirit,
that we may honour you not only with our lips
but also with our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS:

Psalm 15: Only those who live lives of truth and justice can worship in God's sanctuary and enjoy God's presence.

Colossians 1:15-28: Paul celebrates Christ as the visible image of God, the Creator and reconciler of all, and describes his ministry of proclaiming the Good News that leads us into relationship with God.

Luke 10:38-42: Jesus is welcomed into the home of Mary and Martha. While Martha serves, Mary sits at Jesus' feet – and he refuses to chide Mary for this as Martha requests.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

Truth and lies; prophecies and the silencing of prophecy; sitting at Jesus' feet or serving; Christ as the image of God, and the Gospel as the saving message that reconciles us with God. This week it's all about God speaking, and the question of whether we will listen or not. As tempting as it might be, based on the Gospel reading, to create a dichotomy between listening and serving, hearing and doing, the other readings don't allow us this. Listening to God's word is inextricably

connected to following God's ways of justice, truth and compassion. Perhaps Jesus simply wanted Martha to listen before she acted, rather than assuming she knew what needed to be done? Whatever the case, the message of this week flows easily out of last week's theme. Not only are ordinary things powerful in the work of God's reign, it is as we listen to God's message and implement God's saving reconciling word through simple acts of justice, compassion and a commitment to truth and integrity, that we find ourselves living out the reality of God's reign in our lives and our world.

Services this week

Thursday 21st July St Mary Magdalene 10.30am Eucharist 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: Trinity VI 24.7.22

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel

10.30 a.m. Eucharist



Notices:

- Welcome to all our visitors. If you need assistance with anything, please ask one of the Churchwardens.
- 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 collect for South Belfast Food Bank.** Please leave your contributions in the vestibule on the way in. Thank you.
- Prayers for the sick and all those in need are offered on Thursday morning at the Eucharist. You can send names for the list to the Rector via his email.
- If you're new to the parish please ask the Churchwardens or a member of the clergy about the following: GDPR, Free Will Offering Scheme, Gift Aid 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.

- **Christian Aid Week totals.** Thank you for your donations to Christian Aid through the Parish E-Envelope. At the time of writing just over **£1000** was raised.

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.



CAMINO WALK FUNDRAISER FOR SOUTH BELFAST FOODBANK



Dr Rosemary Black, has now completed the **100k Camino walk as a fundraising event for South Belfast Foodbank**. Fundraising is open until **1st August 2022**. If you'd like to support her good cause please use the link below. Rosemary passes on her thanks all those who have contributed so far to this fundraiser.

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/walking-the-camino-for-south-belfast-foodbank>



If you are considering donating any items to the foodbank then we would really appreciate any of the following...

Tinned meat Tinned potatoes/ Smash Long life juice Tinned soup Toiletries Toilet roll Washing up liquid Washing powder You can either pop the items directly into the basket at Tesco Newtownbreda or donate directly to the foodbank.

We are open for donations every Wednesday 1-3pm and every Thursday 10am-12pm.

Our warehouse is Unit 4, 23 Sunwich Street, Belfast, BT6 8HR

Any questions regarding donating please call us on 07743332489 or email us on info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk



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The Church's Ministry of Healing –The Mount, Belfast

The Church of Ireland introduced two healing Ministries in 2009, one based in Dublin, the other in Belfast. They are autonomous charities, and have a formal agreement that two members of each Board attend the other's Board meetings to provide harmonisation. There is no hierarchical structure, geographical, diocesan or indeed religious partition in the Church's Ministry of Healing. The Church's Ministry of Healing in Belfast is open to those of any faith and none, and is not geographically restricted. The Church's Ministry of Healing in Belfast is free at the point of need where necessary, and therefore depends on financial support from the public, and we welcome contributions to our work. The Church's Ministry of Healing–The Mount in Belfast is a cross-community, inter-denominational outreach of the Church of Ireland to those of any faith or none, who are in difficulty and who need help. We seek to promote, and give everyone, irrespective of their cultural or religious affiliation, access to God's healing power through Christian healing, secular counselling and personal ministry, delivered in a non-judgemental, accepting, professional, ethical and theologically sound manner. The Ministry is grounded in the Christian values of hospitality, belonging and wholeness which fosters opportunities for healing, growth and reconciliation at an individual and communal level so that all can reach their fullest potential. This is achieved through a wide range of professional and strictly confidential counselling and support services, which are provided in a private, safe, and non-judgemental environment. Our mission is to bring peace and harmony in an increasingly troubled world, and this is delivered in a secure, ethical and theologically sound manner, so that all may receive God's grace. The ministry is complemented by a professionally supervised, secular, non-judgemental, qualified counselling service.

Our aim is to journey with individuals who struggle with daily life; especially those in physical pain, emotional turmoil and spiritual discomfort to bring them hope and courage, peace of mind and tranquillity of spirit.

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Please take this booklet home with you for the readings, notices and reference during the week and recycle.

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