



SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



Rich Man and the Poor Lazarus Date:1625 Artist: Terbrugghen, Hendrik, 1588?-1629. Utrecht NL

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)

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: 25.9.22

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Holy Baptism

6:30pm Choral Evensong

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

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Office Setting	Ives



Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel; that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading **Amos 6: 1a, 4-7**

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel resorts!

⁴ Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall;

⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

⁶ who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 146 pg.761

Second Reading **1 Timothy 6: 6-19**

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light,

whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion.
Amen.

17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

Luke 16: 19-31

19 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." ²⁵But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." ²⁷He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." ³⁰He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." ³¹He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
we have received these tokens of your promise.
May we who have been nourished with holy things
live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

READINGS:

Amos 6:1a, 4-7: Amos proclaims that those who live in comfort and wealth, without grief over the destruction of God's people, will be the first to go into exile.

Psalms 146: A call to trust in God rather than influential people, for God protects and saves those who are marginalised, excluded, poor and suffering.

1 Timothy 6:6-19: Followers of Christ are encouraged to be content with what they have, not to strive after wealth, and to share generously with others.

Luke 16:19-31: Jesus tells a parable about a wealthy man who failed to share with the poor beggar outside of his gates, and who finds himself in torment after death, while Lazarus, the beggar, finds himself in comfort.

REFLECTIONS ON THEME:

In a continuation of last week's themes, the subject of money is revisited, but this time, it is connected with the ideas of compassion and generosity. In a generous act of optimism, Jeremiah buys his cousin's land, even though he knows that Judah will be conquered. In contrast, Amos denounces those who, in their comfort, ignore the suffering and destruction of God's people. Both Psalms stress the importance of trusting God rather than people or things, and Timothy warns against seeking to accumulate wealth for its own sake. Finally, in a dramatic parable, Jesus contrasts the consequence of wealth that is not shared with the plight, and salvation of the poor. There is no question, in the light of this, that God is "on the side" of the poor, that God calls us to put our trust in God, and that

wealth is to be shared and distributed equitably. For those of us who are among the wealthy (which pretty much includes anyone who has internet access to read this) God's word is direct and challenging – the poor need our faith, our generosity and our voice which challenges the wealthy to share. But, they also need our optimism, and the prophetic voice that trusts in God's purposes over human wisdom or systems.

Services this week

Wednesday Zoom Compline has now resumed at **7:30pm**. Passcodes for Zoom are emailed in the Latest Update to parishioners.

Thursday 29th September 10.30am Eucharist for St Michael & All Angels 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 XXI 2.10.22 Harvest Festival

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel

10.30 a.m. Sunday First for Harvest



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 collecting for South Belfast Food Bank** again. 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.

- From next week 18/9/22 the remaining pews that have been closed as a mitigation measure against Covid-19 have reopened. For the time being the north transept will be retained for those who wish to continue with distancing. If anyone has any issues regarding the opening of these pews, please speak to the Rector before then.

The measures in place for the 9am service will remain.

- Parents & Toddlers starts again on Tuesday 20th at 10:00am to 11:30am
- Coffee/tea will follow this service as new teams get up and running.
- Parents & Toddlers meeting again in Seaver Hall Tuesday 10am-11:30am

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.



THE BIGGER PICTURE



Resumed meeting last Wednesday. **Next outing** to QFT is on Sunday 2nd October.

Details on posters in the Halls

All are welcome and for further info please contact Rosemary Black.

FOR HARVEST 2022 WE WILL BE SUPPORTING THE SBFB

PLEASE BRING YOUR CONTRIBUTION ON SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER



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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ITEMS REQUIRED AT PRESENT:

Long life juice; Tinned fish; Tinned spaghetti; Tinned fruit; Jars of jam; Tinned rice pudding; Tinned potatoes or Smash; Toiletries – soap, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste etc.

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