

Parish of Malone
The Church of St John the Evangelist



SUNDAY FIRST

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 6th March 2022 at 10:30am



THE PREPARATION

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

Praise God who loves us.

Praise God who cares.

Hymn 360

1 Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,

"My God and King!"

The heav'ns are not too high,

God's praise may thither fly;

the earth is not too low,

God's praises there may grow.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,

"My God and King!"

2 Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,

"My God and King!"

The church with psalms must shout:

no door can keep them out.

But, more than all, the heart

must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,

"My God and King!"

PENITENCE

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence for reflection

In the wilderness we find your grace: you love us with an everlasting love.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

There is none but you to uphold our cause; our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed; Restore us and we shall know your joy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



Psalm

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:
there is no end to his greatness.

**One generation shall praise your works to another,
and shall declare your power.**

All creation praises you, Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

**They declare the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your mighty power.**

My mouth shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

**Let every living thing bless his holy name
for ever and ever.**

cf Psalm 145.3,4,10,11,12, 21

The Reading

Matthew 4: 1–13

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.³ The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’⁴ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.”’

5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.⁶ And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’⁸ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written,

“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.”’

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,¹⁰ for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you”,

¹¹and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’

¹²Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ADDRESS

THE RESPONSE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn 207

Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day;
Chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
Prowling beasts about Thy way;
Stones Thy pillow; earth Thy bed.

Let us Thy endurance share
And from earthly joys abstain;
With Thee watching unto prayer,
With Thee strong to suffer pain.

And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine:
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us, too, shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to Thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by Thy side;
That with Thee we may appear
At the_ eternal Eastertide.

PRAYERS

As children of a loving God who always listens to our cries,
let us pray to our Father in heaven.

Loving God, you have given us the right to be called children of God. Help us to show your love in our homes that they may be places of love, security and truth.
God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we thank you for the family of the Church. We pray that all may find in her their true home; that the lonely, the marginalized, the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus.
God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations; for peace where there is war; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression; for joy where there is pain; that your love may bring peace to all your children.
God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Prayers for Ukraine

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering up all our petitions to serve the needs of the world we pray as our Saviour Christ has taught us:

Our Father

HYMN 219

From heav'n You came, helpless Babe
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

Chorus

This is our God, the Servant King

He calls us now to follow Him

To bring our lives as a daily offering

Of worship to the Servant King

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not my will but Yours,' He said

Chorus

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered

Chorus

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him;
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

Chorus

THE DISMISSAL

**All: God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, and to take up your cross and follow him:
May almighty God bless *us*, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Services this week

Wednesday 9th 7.15pm Lent reflection 'Women of Holy Week' followed by Zoom Compline at 7:30pm. Zoom access is same for Compline. See the St John's Update.

Thursday 10th 10.30am Eucharist (1) with intercessions for those in need.
A cup of coffee is available after this service.

Next Sunday Lent II 9:00am Eucharist; 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Notices: see Pew Sheet for these and how to donate to the relief effort for the Ukraine Crisis etc.