



# SAINT JOHN'S MALONE

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## SUNDAY FIRST

### All Age Worship



Coventry Cathedral Baptistry

## Easter VI. Rogation Sunday

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### THE GREETING

**L** The grace and the peace of the risen Lord be with you.

**P** And also with you.

**L:** O Lord, open our lips

**P:** And our mouth will proclaim your praise

**L:** The Lord is like no other God—

**P:** Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

## **Hymn 50**

Think of a world without any flowers,  
Think of a world without any trees,  
Think of a sky without any sunshine,  
Think of the air without any breeze.

We thank You, Lord,  
for flowers and trees and sunshine,  
We thank You, Lord,  
and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any animals,  
Think of a field without any herd,  
Think of a stream without any fishes,  
Think of a dawn without any bird.

We thank You, Lord,  
for all Your living creatures,  
We thank You, Lord  
and praise Your holy name.

Think of a world without any people,  
Think of a street with no-one living there,  
Think of a town without any houses,  
No-one to love and nobody to care.

We thank You, Lord  
for families and friendships,  
We thank You, Lord,  
and praise Your holy name.

## **PENITENCE**

As we bow our heads, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *(Heb. 4:16)*

Leader: God we have gone our own way

**All: Forgive us and help us to change**

Leader: We have done things that you did not like

**All: Forgive us and help us to change**

Leader: We have not done the things that you have asked us to do

**All: Forgive us and help us to change**

Leader: We have been selfish and unkind

**All: Forgive us and help us to change**

Leader: We have ignored the needs of others

**All: Forgive us and help us to change**

Leader: We long to be different and to live as you want

**All: Give us strength and help us to change**                      **Amen**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,  
+ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **THE COLLECT**

God our redeemer,

you have delivered us from the power of darkness

and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:

Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,

so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord..

**Amen**

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**



**Readings:**

**Acts 10: 44-48**

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**John 15: 9-17**

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s

commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants\* any longer, because the servant\* does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **HYMN 525**

Let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love in our eyes,  
may now your love sweep this nation,  
cause us, O Lord, to arise;  
give us a fresh understanding  
of brotherly love that is real,  
let there be love shared among us,  
let there be love.

**ADDRESS: The Rector**

### **THE RESPONSE**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God  
Whose power made the world,  
Whose love reaches out to all people,  
And whose promises are always true.**

**We believe in Jesus  
Who came as the final proof that God keeps his promises and raised Jesus  
from the dead.**



**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
Who helps us to trust God every day.  
We believe in the church,  
Through which God shows his love to the world.**

### **HYMN 325**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.  
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,  
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;  
be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

### **PRAYERS**

We pray that our church might be a place full of light, we pray to you, God of light

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We pray that our homes may be places full of love, we pray to you, God of light  
Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We pray that our schools, places of work and places of fun may be places of joy,  
we pray to you, God of light

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We pray that those who are in pain or sadness may discover hope, we pray to you, God of light

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We pray that we may care for God's creation, our world and that the hungry may have enough to eat.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for all refugees and those affected by climate change, that we may help and loved one another as you have loved us.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We pray that men, women and children in our world may live their lives in peace, we pray to you, God of light

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathering up all our petitions and thanksgivings we pray as our Saviour Christ has taught us:

Our Father .....

### **Hymn 478** (*Collection*)

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!

God's saving news to all the nations take:

proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,  
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;  
he will in grace respond to all who call:  
how shall they call if they have never heard  
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;  
in wealth and want, the sinner surely dies:  
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,  
a love like yours which care for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:  
share God's good gifts – let no one be denied;  
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,  
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!  
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;  
go till all the nations his great name adore  
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

## **BLESSING**

May the faithfulness of the Father be with you in all you face;  
May the love of the risen Son go with you wherever you go;  
May the power of the Holy Spirit guide you in all you do.  
May the light of God's love shine on you and on all whom you love;  
and the blessing of God Almighty..... **Amen.**

## **Services this week**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** Mattins 10am

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** Zoom Compline 7:30pm

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May** Ascension Day

**10.30am Eucharist (1) with intercessions for those in any kind of need**

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

**7.30pm Choral Eucharist for the Ascension**

## **Next Sunday**

**9.00 a.m. Eucharist**

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**

## **Notices**

The select vestry has launched a Stewardship Appeal in the parish. An Appeal leaflet explaining this is being distributed to all homes.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT AS YET RECEIVED THE LEAFLET PLEASE TAKE ONE FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH IN THE WHITE ENVELOPE**

Your consideration will be greatly appreciated as we seek to address the shortfall in meeting our day to day costs and plan for the future.

Copies of the audited parish accounts are now available in the vestibule.



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



Also, 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](mailto:info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk)

**ITEMS REQUIRED AT PRESENT:** *Please place in the baskets in the entrance vestibule/porch.*

Coffee and Tea; Tinned tomatoes; Tinned spaghetti; Tinned fruit; Tinned potatoes; Pulses; Rice; Biscuits; Household cleaning products; Shampoo/Conditioner; Toilet paper; Snack Bar

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St John's Parish Choir

# Bake Sale

Sunday 12th May

After the 10:30am Eucharist

Members of the choir will hold a bake sale to raise funds for our upcoming visit to sing at Southwark Cathedral, London, in July.



**Please support us**



