

The Church of St John the Evangelist
Parish of Malone
Sunday First ~A Service of the Word
at All Saints-tide
Sunday 7th November 2021 at 10.30am



THE PREPARATION

GREETING

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

We stand before the throne of God
with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.
**Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The opening hymn is sung.
HYMN 386 Spirit of God

PENITENCE

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.
We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

A priest pronounces this absolution:
In the name of Jesus I declare to you:
You are forgiven; your sins are gone.
Be strong in the Holy Spirit, and live for God. **Amen.**

ACCLAMATION

Stand

Let us praise God for his mercy.
And give thanks to him for his goodness.
Glory to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit.
**As it was in the beginning, is now:
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

As we stand, let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

READING Revelation 21:1-6a

The New Heaven and the New Earth

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and
the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw
the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from
God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a
loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all
things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are
trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the
Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I
will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CANTICLE ~TE DEUM said together

We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

HYMN 558 Abba Father

THE SERMON

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Stand

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

THE PRAYERS

Let us bring our prayers and the concerns of our hearts to the God who knows our needs and who loves and holds creation more tightly and tenderly than we can imagine.

Let us pray for all who work for peace and reconciliation; may they find the strength and encouragement they need to keep going.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Let us pray for all who hunger and thirst today, whether this is for righteousness or for physical food and drink; may they be filled.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Let us pray for all who are struggling with sickness and for those who care for them; may they find the hope and peace they need for the demands of their days.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Let us pray for all who mourn, especially for those whose grief is hidden from those around them; may they know the deep comfort and hope that only God can give.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Silence is kept for a time for our own prayers and thanksgivings

Priest:

Holy and almighty God, we thank you for hearing us, for loving us, for knowing us. May our prayers join those around your heavenly throne, today and always. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power, and the glory

for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE OFFERING of gifts of money- please place in the alms dish on the way out. HYMN 459 For all the saints

Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant.

Through your love, make us servants of one another.

Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you became poor.

May our lives and gifts enrich the life of your world.

FINAL PRAYER

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

bring us to the dwelling

which your Son is preparing for all who love you.

Give us the will each day to live in life eternal.

Let our citizenship be in heaven

with the whole company of the redeemed

and with countless angels, praising, worshipping and adoring him

who sits upon the throne for ever and ever. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL
THE BLESSING

May God, who has given you in the lives of the saints
patterns of holy living and victorious dying,
strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness.

Amen.

May God,
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

May God, who calls you no longer strangers and aliens
but fellow-citizens with all the saints,
bring you to your home in heaven.

Amen.

And the blessing.... **Amen.**



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