

The Church of St John the Evangelist  
Parish of Malone  
Sunday First ~A Service of the Word  
at All Saints-tide  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022 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 593 O Jesus, I have promised**

## *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 Luke 6:20-31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you,  
and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for  
joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did  
to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to  
the false prophets.

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate  
you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes  
you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your  
coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and

if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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 acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,  
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

**HYMN 708 O Praise ye the Lord (based on psalms 150, 148)**

*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 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***

*HYMN 558 Abba Father*

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.**

**HYMN 459 For all the saints**



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