

The Church of St John the Evangelist
Parish of Malone
Sunday First ~A Service of the Word
at All Saints-tide
Sunday 5th November 2023 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

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 FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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.

SECOND READING Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12 singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ 14 I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN 701 Jubilate

ADDRESS

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



AUTUMN STUDY COURSE – begins 7TH Nov 7:30pm Register:briandcrowe@aol.com

‘He is not far from each one of us’ A Christian view of other faiths.

NOTICES & ACTIVITIES |

Monday *Scouts from 6:30pm*

Tuesday *Toddler Café 10am-11:30am*

Laura Walker Ballet Class from 2-6:30pm laurawalker@hotmail.com

Evening: Guiding Organisations from 6:30pm

Wednesday Zoom Compline 7:30pm details in the email Update. Please email the office if you'd like added to the email Update list **secstjohns@btconnect.com**

Wednesday 9:30am Reader Ministry Prep. - Edward Darling Room.

Scottish Country Dancing: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month 8-10pm Lynn Rankin 90812249

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

Laura Walker Ballet Class from 2-6:30pm laurawalker@hotmail.com

Parish Choir: 7:30pm contact Mr Richard Campbell organist.stjohns.malone@gmail.com

Pilates in Seaver Hall 7:30-8:30pm contact Catherine catbutler4@yahoo.com

Friday Tango 7:30-10pm petermacauley@talktalk.net -not meeting until the new year.

Next Sunday: Third Sunday before Advent 12th November Remembrance Sunday

9:00 Eucharist; 10:30am Eucharist & Act of Remembrance.

PLEASE NOTE: For more information, sign up for the regular email Update at secstjohns@btconnect.com

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