

This week

Weds 11.00 Holy Communion

Thurs 14.00 Tea & Chat (Church Hall)

14.00 Knitting & Crochet Group
(Church coffee lounge)

Sun Eucharists at 8.00am & 9.45am

For reasons of safety, intinction (dipping of the wafer into the chalice) is not permitted.

There are boxes on the porch bench for your donations to the Foodbank.

Foodbanks are now vital to so many people and our contributions are really important.

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for St John's Old Malden - Repairs Fund with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 6,900 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/repairsfund/?invite=94NB27%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

Collections: Weekly collections have now resumed - either by plate or the tablets if you are not yet in the Regular Giving Scheme.

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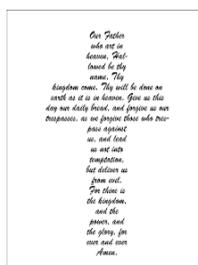
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St John the Baptist, Malden

Trinity VI

Sunday 24th July 2022

WELCOME to this act of worship.

St John's is a Parish Church.

We are here to welcome everyone in the name of Christ.

LARGE PRINT versions of the hymn book, service book and pewsheets are available. F



COLLECT Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY

We pray for those in particular need:
Margery, Nicola, Doreen, Joanna, Tony, Aeonina, Janet, Hilary, Rosemary, Alice, Kam.
We pray for those who have died recently:
David Moore.
We pray for those in our Year's Mind:
Anne Julyan, Dorothy Dixon, Duncan Leeson.

Today's Hymns:

(words overleaf) Gracious God, in adoration

(words overleaf) God beyond knowledge

NEH 296 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

NEH 427 O praise ye the Lord

Today's organ voluntary:

Toccata in C major - J S Bach

FIRST HYMN

Gracious God, in adoration
Saints with joy before you fall;
Only when our hearts are leaden
Can we fail to hear their call:
'Come with wonder, serve with gladness
God whose power created all.

Earth and sky in silent praises
Speak to those with eyes to see;
All earth's living creatures echo
'God has made us!' So may we
Come with wonder, serve with gladness
Him through whom they came to be.

You have made us in your image,
Breathed your Spirit, given us birth;
Jesus calls, whose cross has given
Every life eternal worth,
'Come with wonder, serve with gladness,
Let God's will be done on earth!'

Earth by war and want is threatened;
Deep the roots of fear and greed;
Let your mercy be our measure
As we see our neighbour's need,
Come with wonder, serve with gladness,
Share your gift of daily bread.

Holy Spirit, urging, striving,
Give us love that casts out fear,
Courage, seeking peace with justice,
Faith to make this message clear -
'Come with wonder, serve with gladness,
Live in hope; the Lord is near!'

Words: Basil Bridge (b.1927)

FIRST READING GENESIS 18:20-32

Then the LORD said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD.* Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry

if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

GRADUAL HYMN

God beyond knowledge, yet close to us here,
our touchstone, our lodestar
in faith and in fear;
your presence we know
in the dark before dawn
as courage is kindled and hope is reborn.

God without limits, sharing our flesh,
you speak for the silenced,
release the oppressed
and call us to follow, in all things to prove
the tools of your spirit,
the signs of your love,.

Lord, to your purpose our living we pledge:
to go beyond comfort
and stand at life's edge,
to love and to live without safety, and so
to shape and inhabit your kingdom of hope.

THE GOSPEL READING LUKE 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father,* hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.* Give us each day our daily bread.* And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'" And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for* a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit* to those who ask him!'