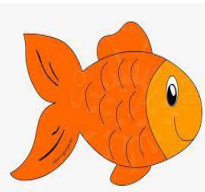


Praise to God whose power within us
helps us more than we can say,
in the church, and in Christ Jesus,
in each age and day by day.
So we join in common worship,
sharing in this house of prayer;
come, Lord God, among your people:
may all say that 'God is there!'

words: Stephen Parish (b.1949)

This week

Tues 9.30 Toddler Group
Weds 11.00 Holy Communion
Thurs 9.30 Toddler Group
14.00 Tea & Chat (Church Hall)
14.00 Knitting & Crochet Group
(Church coffee lounge)
Fri 19.30 Choir Practice
Sun Eucharists at 8.00am & 9.45am



SUNDAY 3rd July at 9.45am
service: Final Little Fishes
for this term (for the under
5s)
Children's Ministry
available for the 5+

***It is still possible to contribute towards Year 6
MPS NRSV Bibles. We invite your donations -
£10 each Bible – please give to a member of the
Ministry Team or the link via St John's website.***

Following the decision agreed at the
Annual Meeting, the wearing of masks
is now optional.

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 support is really important.**

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**St John the
Baptist,
Malden**

**PATRONAL
FESTIVAL**

Sunday 26th June 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 pewsheet are available. F**



COLLECT: Almighty God,

by whose providence your servant John
the Baptist was wonderfully born, and
sent to prepare the way of your Son
our Saviour by the preaching of
repentance: lead us to repent
according to his preaching and, after
his example, constantly to speak the
truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and
patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY

We pray for those in particular need:

Conor, Mara, Nicola, Doreen, Joanna,
Andrew, Tony, Aeonina, Ralph, Logan, Janet,
Tony S, Jan, Dee, James, Alan.

We pray for those who have died recently:

Ines Smith.

**We pray for those in our Year's Mind: Doris
Burgess, Len Southall.**

Today's Hymns:

NEH 197 For all the Saints (Procession)

NEH 12 On Jordan's Bank

(words overleaf) Glory to you, O God

(words overleaf) Lord of all your love's creation

Anthem: Mozart Exsultate Jubilate

Today's organ voluntary:

March (Symphony No.3) - WIDOR

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 1:57-66, 80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Glory to you, O God,
For all your saints in light,
Who nobly waged and won
The fierce and well-fought fight.
Their praises sing,
Who life outpoured
By fire and sword
For Christ their King.

Thanks be to you, O Lord,
For saints your Spirit stirred
In humble paths to live
Your life and speak your word.
Unnumbered they
Whose shining light
Informs our sight
From day to day.

Lord God of truth and love,
'Your kingdom come', we pray;
Give us your grace to know
Your truth and walk your way.
Your will be done
Here on this earth,
Till saints in earth
And heaven are one.

Words: Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983)

FINAL HYMN

Lord of all your love's creation,
present in each time and place,
may this earthly house of worship
be a source of heavenly grace.
Spirit, who at Christ's baptising
came upon him as a dove,
come, renew for us that symbol,
seal us in God's faith and love.

Word of God, made flesh in Jesus,
help us read, mark, learn and feed
on your written word of power,
reaching to our every need.
For the preaching of the gospel,
making known your word to all,
Lord, we pray, and for the preachers
humbly answering your call.

When we meet around your table,
Lord, be here in bread and wine,
real to us who find your presence
in the world as in this sign.
Christ, whose cross is foolish wisdom,
teach us sacrificial ways
to reveal your truth to strangers,
welcome them in pilgrims' praise.

(continued overleaf)