



Welcome!

You and your animals are very
welcome this morning!

Greeting

We come from scattered lives to
meet with God. Let us recognise his
presence with us.

Jesus Christ, we assemble with all
your creatures in this circle of life.
*We ask you to join our circle and
celebrate with us.*

As God's people we have gathered:
let us worship him together.

God speaks to us
*in the riches of creation;
in the stories of Jesus;
in the lives of other people;
in words and ways that we can
understand.*

The Lord is here
God's Spirit is with us.



Hymn for Pentecost - Hymn No. 318 (Abbot's Leigh)

Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of being, life and live;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by
grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the Man for others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love - as sisters, brothers -
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
where your love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
may your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make
known.

The Penitence

As we gather to celebrate all the
creatures of the planet, we recognise
that we have not cared for our
environment and all who live in it.

... for our lack of care for the world you have given us.

Sorry, Lord.

... for the ways in which animals have been mistreated, in the testing of products for our use.

Sorry, Lord.



... for our failure to protect animals who live in appalling conditions or who are bred for human beings' entertainment.

Sorry, Lord.

... for our selfishness in not sharing and protecting the earth's resources.

Sorry, Lord.

God, you sent your Holy Spirit to us, to help us know what is right and what is wrong. May we listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit; a voice that teaches us and forgives us. **Amen.**



Circle of Praise - A Version of Psalm 148

All dogs and cats, large and small:

Praise the Lord!

All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs:

Praise the Lord!

All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures:

Praise the Lord!

All robins, wrens, and singing birds:

Praise the Lord!

All racoons, squirrels, and deer:

Praise the Lord!

All horses, cows, and sheep:

Praise the Lord!

All lizards, snakes and creeping things:

Praise the Lord!

Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest:

Praise the Lord!

Hymn of Praise

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

Praise ye the Lord!

Alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

Alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!

Alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord!



The Collect for Pentecost

Almighty God,
 who on the day of Pentecost
 sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
 with the wind from heaven and in
 tongues of flame,
 filling them with joy and boldness to
 preach the gospel:
 by the power of the same Spirit
 strengthen us to witness to your
 truth
 and to draw everyone to the fire of
 your love;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Word of God

Let us listen for the Word of the
 Lord.

The Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

(The Message Bible Version)

*The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles,
 chapter 2, verses 1 to 21.*

²When the day of Pentecost had
 come, they were all together in one
 place. ²And suddenly from heaven
 there came a sound like the rush of a
 violent wind, and it filled the entire
 house where they were
 sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire,
 appeared among them, and a tongue
 rested on each of them. ⁴All of them
 were filled with the Holy Spirit and
 began to speak in other languages, as
 the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from
 every nation under heaven living in
 Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the
 crowd gathered and was bewildered,
 because each one heard them
 speaking in the native language of
 each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they
 asked, 'Are not all these who are
 speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it
 that we hear, each of us, in our own
 native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes,
 Elamites, and residents of
 Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,
 Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and
 Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of
 Libya belonging to Cyrene, and
 visitors from Rome, both Jews and
 proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in
 our own languages we hear them
 speaking about God's deeds of
 power.' ¹²All were amazed and
 perplexed, saying to one another,
 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others
 sneered and said, 'They are filled
 with new wine.'
¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven,
 raised his voice and addressed them:
 'Men of Judea and all who live in
 Jerusalem, let this be known to you,
 and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed,
 these are not drunk, as you suppose,
 for it is only nine o'clock in the
 morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken
 through the prophet Joel:
¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God
 declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all

flesh,

and your sons and your daughters
shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall
dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and
women,

in those days I will pour out
my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the
heaven above

and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to
darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's
great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



**Hymn - All of God's Creatures Got
a Place in the Choir** by Bill Staines

*All of God's creatures got a place in
the choir*

Some sing low and some sing higher

*Some sing out loud on the telephone
wire*

Some just clap their hands or paws or

anything they've got now

*All of God's creatures got a place in
the choir*

Some sing low and some sing higher

*Some sing out loud on the telephone
wire*

*Some just clap their hands or paws or
anything they've got now*

Listen to the bass it's the one at the
bottom

Where the bullfrog croaks and the
hippopotamus

Moans and groans in the big tattoo

And the old cow just goes "moo"

The dogs and the cats they take up
the middle

Where the honey bee hums and the
cricket fiddles

The donkey brays and the pony neighs

And the old grey badger sighs oh

*All of God's creatures got a place in
the choir*

Some sing low and some sing higher

*Some sing out loud on the telephone
wire*

*Some just clap their hands or paws or
anything they've got now*

Listen to the top with the little birds
singing

And the melodies and the high notes
ringing

And the hoot-owls cries over
everything

And the blackbird disagrees

Singing in the night-time, singing in

the day
 And the little duck quacks and he's
 on his way
 And the otter hasn't got much to say
 And the porcupine talks to himself

*All of God's creatures got a place in
 the choir*

*Some sing low and some sing higher
 Some sing out loud on the telephone
 wire*

*Some just clap their hands or paws or
 anything they've got now*

It's a simple song, a little one sung
 everywhere

By the ox and the fox and the grizzly
 bear

The dopey alligator and the hawk
 above

The sly old weasel and the turtle-
 dove

*All of God's creatures got a place in
 the choir*

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 anything they've got now*



The Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith for Pentecost

We say together in faith:

*We believe in a loving God,
 whose Word sustains our lives
 and the work of our hands in the
 world.*

God is life.

*We believe in God's Son amongst
 us,
 sowing the seed of life's renewal.
 He lived with the poor
 to show the meaning of love.
 Jesus Christ is Lord.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit of
 Life,
 making us one with God,
 renewing our strength with her own.
 The Spirit is love.*



Hymn No. 25 (All things bright)

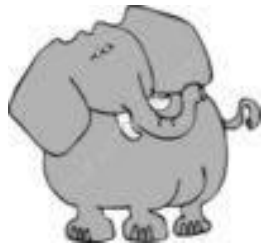
*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them everyone:

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty,
who has made all things well.

**The Intercessions for Pentecost
(also known as Whit Sunday)**

Let us pray.

Spirit of the living God,
you have been gently and powerfully
at work in us, in every creature
and in every part of creation.

Help us to care for all of this
beautiful world... all plant-life, all
sorts of creatures and birds.
We thank you, God,
**for the wonderful gift of all
creation.**

Spirit of the living God,
breathing life into all that lives and
loves,
inspiring work and choices, guiding
and moulding,
you are still gently and powerfully at
work, in us and through us and, many
times, despite us.
We thank you, God,
**for the gifts that you use in each
of us.**

Spirit of the living God,
even when we find it hard to see you
or hear you, you are gently and
powerfully at work in our lives;
through those who do little things
that make a big difference;
through those who put their own well-
being and lives at risk to care for
others;
through those who carry the weight
of responsibility and decision-making;
We thank you, God,
**for your presence through family
and friends, and even strangers.**

Spirit of the living God,

we thank you for all who give us friendship and companionship in our lives.

We thank you for the animals that we have share our lives with, those animals that are our pets; we thank you for the time that we spend with them and all that we enjoy with them.

We thank you, God,
for all people and all creatures who enrich our lives.

Spirit of the living God,
we ask for your holding of those parts of your creation; those places, those creatures, those people who are in need of your special love and care, at this time. We bring them to you now in the silence of our hearts...

Spirit of the living God,
refresh us, renew us,
open our eyes to the things that need to be done;
may we use our abilities to carry out the work of caring for all of creation... people, creatures and the environment, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, were able to speak in many different languages, to bring the gospel message, to different peoples. We come from different backgrounds

and nationalities, with diverse cultures and language, yet united in God by the Holy Spirit. We join together in the prayer which Christ has taught us, in our native language, whatever that may be...

**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.**

*Ár nAthair, atá ar neamh
go naofar d'ainm,
go dtaga do ríocht,
go ndéantar do thoil
ar talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu,
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,
mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin.*

*Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,
ach saor sinn ón olc.
Óir is leatsa an ríocht, agus an
chumhacht, agus an ghlóir, trí shaol na
saol. Áiméan.*



We recognise that many people give online and via Standing Order. If you wish to donate to the church online or electronically, the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details. There are QR codes available at the doors of St Philip and St James' Church to enable you to make a donation.

Hymn No. 5 (Butterfly Song)

If I were a butterfly,
I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me wings.

And if I were a robin in a tree,
I'd thank you, Lord, that I could sing.
And if I were a fish in the sea,
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee,
but I just thank you, Father, for making me 'me'.

*For you gave me a heart
and you gave me a smile.
You gave me Jesus
and you made me your child.
And I just thank you, Father, for making me 'me'.*

If I were an elephant,
I'd thank you, Lord, by raising my trunk.
And if I were a kangaroo,
you know I'd hop right up to you.
And if I were an octopus,
I'd thank you, Lord, for my fine looks,

but I just thank you, Father, for making me 'me'.

If I were a wiggly worm,
I'd thank you, Lord, that I could squirm.
And if I were a crocodile,
I'd thank you, Lord, for my big smile.
And if I were a fuzzy-wuzzy bear,
I'd thank you, Lord, for my fuzzy-wuzzy hair,
but I just thank you, Father, for making me 'me'.

The Blessing of the Animals

Heavenly Father, bless all creatures.
Bless the animals that live on the land, the birds of the air, all the creatures of sea, river and lake. May we recognise your hand in every aspect of creation and protect those creatures with whom we share this planet. We pray this in Jesus' name.
Amen.



The Blessing

May God who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky, who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water, lead us, guide us, and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator now and through all eternity.

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the words and works of God:
and the Blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and those whom you love, and all the creatures of our planet, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

God of fire and beauty:
warm us.

God of peace and justice:
disturb us.

God of wind and wonder:
amaze us.

God of Pentecost:
kindle your love in our lives

Hymn for Pentecost - Sudden from out the Air (Moscow)

Words by Leith Fisher

Sudden from out the air
to those becalmed in care
blows wild the wind:
with strong and powerful sound,
with dancing fire around,
the Spirit comes to ground
in every mind.

Spirit of then and now,
teach us, your people, how
to wait on you;

send now your living fire;
our minds and hearts inspire,
that we may never tire
on the way true.

Explode in power and light
upon the darkened sight
of each and all;
unblock our deafened ear,
remove our cautious fear,
among your people here
awake your call.

Send us out to the street,
where people pass and meet,
with words to say
of freedom and release,
of hope and love and peace:
through us may you increase
Christ's living way.

*All are very welcome to this
Service with their animals.*

*We ask you to keep your animals
under control as we do not want
any unplanned eating episodes!!!!*

*Pooper-scooper rules apply!!!
Please clean up after your animal.*



**Pastoral Care of the Parishes,
the Blackrock Clinic and the**

Blackrock Hospice.

The Rev. Gary Dowd is looking after the parishes, the Blackrock Clinic and the Blackrock Hospice, until 7th June 2026.

The Rev. Gary Dowd
01-2801616 or 087-9266558

Parishioners who are in hospitals or in residential care will be looked after by the chaplains of those establishments.

Flower Fund

Both churches have a flower fund which is used to pay for the flowers throughout the year. Donations to the respective flower funds would be very much appreciated.

Sometimes, people may donate the flowers for a particular Sunday in memory of a loved one.



Tea/Coffee/Juice

You are warmly invited to join us for tea/coffee/juice in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre after this service.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 27th May 2026

No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 31st May 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 3rd June 2026

No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 7th June 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 10th June 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 14th June 2026 – NB Change of Times and Venues

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service to celebrate 200 years of Booterstown National School in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 17th June 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 21st June 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 24th June 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 28th June 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

No Midweek Services in July and August unless announced

Sunday Services in July 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Sunday Services in August 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service in St Thomas' Church

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

on Tuesdays 3.30pm—4.10pm

in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre

Contact Irene on 087-2755423

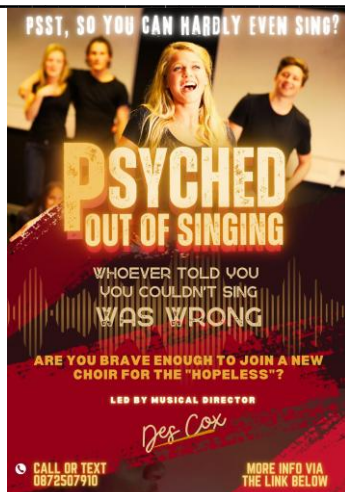
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**Healer Prayer Group –**

Please note change of time

Tuesday 16th June 2026

19.00 hours via Zoom



A choir, especially for those who were told that they couldn't sing!

Directed by Des Cox who sometimes deputises for our organist Charles Pearson when Charles is away.

**Wednesdays, 7.30pm-9pm
St Philip and St James' Church**

All welcome!

**BOOTERSTOWN AND
CARYSFORT****SELECT VESTRY**

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2026

19.45 HOURS



**ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH**

MOUNT MERRION**SELECT VESTRY**

MONDAY 13TH JULY 2026

19.30 HOURS

**THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE
MONK GIBBON HALL**

Church's
Ministry
of Healing
Ireland

**Everyone has a vocation.
Find yours.**

United Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough
Vocation Day
Saturday 27 June 2026
10 am - 1pm (lunch provided)
Crinken Church, Bray, A98 VX58
Email rector@crinken.ie or
suziesharris@gmail.com to book or enquire.

If you feel a wish to serve God but aren't sure what to do next, then this day is for you. Come as you are, with your doubts and your questions. Everyone welcome!