



Face Masks

The wearing of face masks is no longer mandated by the government. However, people may feel more comfortable wearing a mask and especially for singing, which we really appreciate being able to do again.

Social Distancing

The government has announced that social- distancing is no longer required, and we have removed our seating plans in both churches. However, a number of people have indicated that they would still like to have a little space. There is always plenty of space at the front of the church!!! I would ask people to respect others' need for space. The North Transept of St Philip and St James' Church will continue to have a seating plan where those who would like to be socially-distanced from others may sit.

[Please stand, if you are able]

Greeting

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.**

When I see the heavens,

the work of your hands:
***everything inside me
wants to jump for joy!***



Hymn No. 682 (K um ba yah)

All created things, bless the Lord;
all you heavens, bless the Lord;
all you angels, bless the Lord;
sing to God and praise his name.

Sun and moon and stars of heaven,
rain and dew and winds that blow,
fire and heat and ice and snow,
sing to God and praise his name.

Bless the Lord, you nights and days;
light and darkness, praise him too;
clouds and lightnings in the sky
sing to God and praise his name.

Hills and mountains, bless the Lord;
flowing rivers with the seas,
flying birds and earthly beasts,
sing to God and praise his name.

All who dwell upon the earth,
priests and servants of the Lord,
humble people, holy ones,
sing to God and praise his name.

Bless the Father, bless the Son,
bless the Spirit, Three in One;
sound his glory, all your days;
give to God exalted praise.

[Please kneel or sit]

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.

The Absolution

God the Father, your healing touch releases pain and restores us.

God the Son, your loving touch unlocks our guilt and gives us grace.

God the Spirit, your liberating touch gives us courage to put the past behind us and start afresh.

Touch us that we may be transformed. Amen.



[Please stand, if you are able]

An Acclamation of Praise

In the beginning, God made the world:

Women: made it and mothered it,

Men: shaped it and fathered it,

Women: filled it with seeds and signs of fertility,

Men: filled it with love and its folk with ability.

All that is green, blue, deep and growing,

God's is the hand that created you.

All that is tender, firm, fragrant and curious,

God's is the hand that created you.

All that crawls, flies, swims, walks or is motionless,

God's is the hand that created you.

All that speaks, sings, cries, laughs or keeps silent,

God's is the hand that created you.

All that suffers, lacks, limps or longs for an end,

God's is the hand that created you.

The world belongs to the Lord.

The earth and all its people and creatures are his.

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!
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 Alleluia!
 Praise ye the Lord!

**The Collect for the Sixth Sunday
of Easter - Rogation Sunday**

God our redeemer,
 you have delivered us from the power
 of darkness
 and brought us into the kingdom of
 your Son:
 grant, that as by his death he has
 recalled us to life
 so by his continual presence in us
 he may raise us to eternal joy;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



[Please kneel or sit]

The Word of God

Let us listen for the Word of the Lord.

The Reading - John 14: 23-29

²³Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Presentation of Confirmation Certificates and Bibles

[Please stand, if you are able]

The Affirmation of Faith

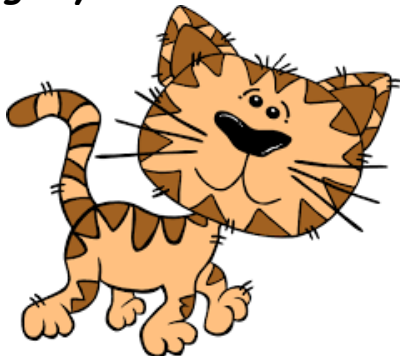
We say together in faith:

***Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God
almighty, who was, and is, and is
to come.***

We believe in God the Father, who
created all things:
***for by his will they were created
and have their being.***

We believe in God the Son, who came
amongst us:
***for with his love and his life,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.***

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
***for by his Spirit
God lives in us and guides us
to love and care for all of his
creation,
to the glory of his name.***



Hymn No. 50 (Genesis)

Think of a world without any flowers,
think of a world without any trees,
think of a sky without any sunshine,
think of the air without any breeze.
We thank you, Lord, for flowers and
trees and sunshine.

We thank you, Lord, and praise your
holy name.

Think of a world without any animals,
think of a field without any herd,
think of a stream without any fishes,
think of a dawn without any bird.
We thank you, Lord, for all your living
creatures.

We thank you, Lord, and praise your
holy name.

Think of a world without any people,
think of a street with no one living
there,
think of a town without any houses,
no one to love and nobody to care
We thank you, Lord, for families and
friendships.

We thank you, Lord, and praise your
holy name.

[Please kneel or sit]

The Intercessions

Let us pray.

God, we thank you for this amazing
world we live in. Help us to care for
all of this beautiful world... all plant-
life, all sorts of creatures and birds.

We thank you for the companionship and friendship of our pets.

God, we thank you.



God, you whose name is dog spelt backwards(!), we thank you for every canine companion, for every bark, for every friendly lick and wag of a tail...

God, we thank you.

God of angels with wings, we thank you for every bird, for every squawk and tweet, for every flutter and feather...

God, we thank you.

God of contentment, we thank you for animals that show us how to be in the present moment... for cats, horses, cows, pigs, sheep, and the more exotic animals such as elephants, giraffes, lions, hippopotami...

God, we thank you.

God, we thank you for animals that make the world a better place and change lives...

for guide dogs...

for hearing dogs...

for dogs who provide assistance or companionship for children with special needs...

for dogs who bring companionship and wholeness...

for dogs who work as rescue dogs...
for those who breed them and train them...

God, we thank you.

We thank you for those who care for animals when, we, as humans, have let them down...

for animal rescue services and shelters...

for animal sanctuaries...

for vets and those who care for animals...

We pray for those who strive to breed animals that are facing extinction and ask you to help us to be responsible for animal care and welfare...

God, we thank you.

God, we ask that you would hold those parts of your creation; those places, those creatures, those people who are in need of your special love and care, at this time, thinking particularly of the people of Ukraine. We bring them all to you now in the silence of our hearts...

God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, open our eyes to the needful tasks, and to our own abilities to fulfil the work of caring for all of creation... people, creatures and the environment, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

**Offering/Collection**

We are continuing to be cautious regarding Covid-19, and therefore, we will not be passing around baskets for the collection. Instead, we will be having a retiring collection; there are baskets at the doors of the church in which you may place your collection or envelope. Thank you to those who give via online banking. If you wish to donate to the church online or electronically, the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details

[Please stand, if you are able]

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'.*

[Please kneel or sit]

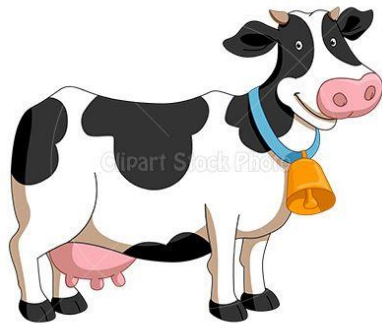
The Blessing of the Animals

The congregation are asked to bring their pets forward for a blessing.

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;
and the Blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and those whom you love,
this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

[Please stand, if you are able]

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
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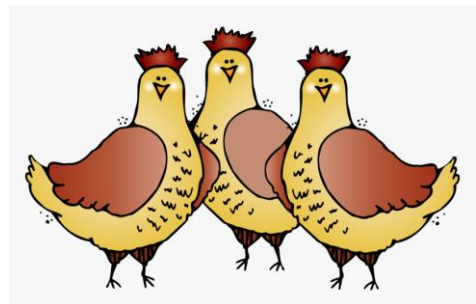


*In the interests of trying to keep all
who come to our churches safe,
please take away this service sheet
and any other items that you may
have brought with you or used in
church this morning.*

***Also, please clean up after
your animal or pet.***

***Pooper-scooper rules
apply!!!***

***And please take it home with
you!***



Thank you.

Stay well and stay safe.



Tea/Coffee & Scones

You are all warmly invited to tea, coffee or juice in the Parish Hall after this Service. There will be bowls of water at the door of the Parish Hall, for the animals to have a drink too!

SCHOOL FAIR

BOOTERSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL
PARISH HALL

Sunday 22nd May 11.30am

BBQ - Bake sale - Fun activities
Tea room - Face painting
Kids games - Toys & children's books
Young Entrepreneur stall
Balloon bonanza - Pirate map
Music and much more!

Pastoral Care of the Parishes, the Blackrock Clinic and the Blackrock Hospice.

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne is looking after the parishes, the Blackrock Clinic and the Blackrock Hospice, until 4th June 2022, whilst the Rector is on leave.

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne
01-2806596 or 086-3467920

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

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 29th May 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church, which will also be live-streamed.

Sunday 5th June 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church, which will also be live-streamed.

Sunday 12th June 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Morning Prayer and Dedication of Communion Linen in memory of Ann and Joe Breadon, in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church, which will also be live-streamed.

18.30 Sausage Service, in St Philip and St James' Church, followed by supper in the Parish Centre.

Sunday 19th June 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church, which will also be live-streamed.

Sunday 26th June 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.00 Holy Baptism in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church, which will also be live-streamed.

History of the Parishes

Michael Lee is compiling a history of our parishes for our forthcoming celebrations in 2024:

2021 - 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Parish of Booterstown

2024 - 200th anniversary of the consecration of St Philip and St James' Church

2024 – 150th anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas' Church

2026 - 200th anniversary of the foundation of Booterstown National School

Mike has interviewed some of the parishioners of both churches, about their

memories, stories and experience but he really would like more stories and photographs if you have them. *"Do not think that your story is not interesting enough, all will help make up the wonderful different strands that will enrich the colourful weave of the story of these historic churches."*

Please email your story/stories, or contact Mike at mikelee2653@gmail.com



MOUNT MERRION ECUMENICAL SOCIETY GOLF OUTING

This year, the 56th outing will take place in Elm Park Golf Club on Tuesday 7th June 2022. All members of our two parishes are welcome to play. **The timesheet is currently available in John O'Reilly's Butchers (01-2889949) on Deerpark Road.**

If you are not able to play golf that day, but would like to go to the dinner in the evening in Elm Park Golf Club, you are more than welcome to do that too. Again, please contact John O'Reilly.

This is always a fun outing with much craic and camaraderie with our neighbours.



Gardening Blitz

NB Change of Date

Now on Thursday 9th June 2022
10.00-12.00 hours

St Thomas' Church Grounds
Bring gardening tools and gloves



Colouring Section

