



*[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.***



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### 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!

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Praise ye the Lord!

### **The Collect for Trinity Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants  
grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the  
eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine  
majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended  
from all adversities;  
for you live and reign, one God, for  
ever and ever. **Amen**



*[Please kneel or sit]*

### **The Word of God**

Let us listen for the Word of the  
Lord.

### **The Reading - Romans 8: 12-17**

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we  
are debtors, not to the flesh, to live  
according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you  
live according to the flesh, you will  
die; but if by the Spirit you put to  
death the deeds of the body, you will  
live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the  
Spirit of God are children of

God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit  
of slavery to fall back into fear, but  
you have received a spirit of  
adoption. When we cry,  
'Abba! Father!' <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit  
bearing witness with our spirit that  
we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if  
children, then heirs, heirs of God and  
joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we  
suffer with him so that we may also  
be glorified with him.

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

### **Hymn No. 568 (Father, we adore you)**

Father, we adore you,  
lay our lives before you:  
how we love you!

Jesus, we adore you,  
lay our lives before you:  
how we love you!

Spirit, we adore you,  
lay our lives before you:  
how we love you!

### **The Sermon**

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### **The Affirmation of Faith**

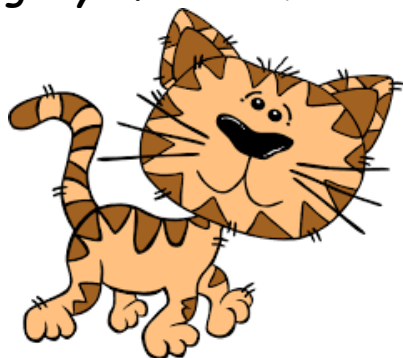
We say together in faith:

***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 and the Middle East. 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 recognise that many people give online  
and via Standing Order, and do not put any  
collection in the basket. 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**

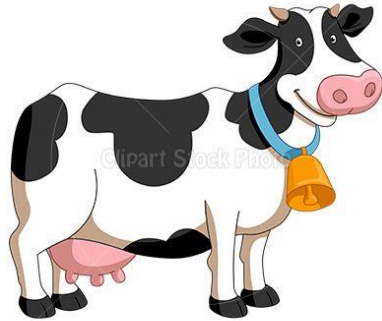
*The congregation are asked to bring their  
pets forward for a blessing.*

*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.**

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### **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

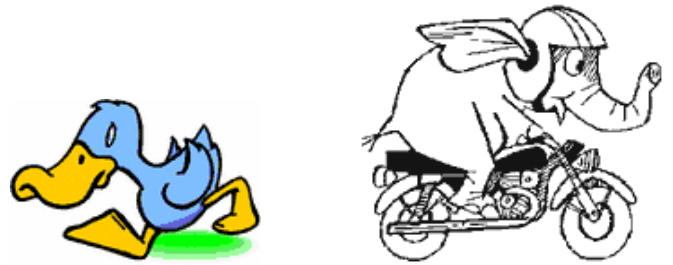
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 anything they've got now*

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

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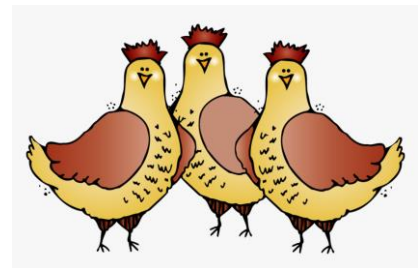


*In the interests of trying to keep all  
 who come to our churches safe,  
 please take away this service sheet  
 and any other items that you may  
 have brought with you or used in  
 church this morning.*

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







## Tea/Coffee/Juice

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!

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## Forthcoming Services

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

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 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Baptism in St Thomas' Church

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

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Service of Wholeness and Healing in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of the Wholeness and Healing in St Philip and St James' Church

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## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon

3.30pm—4.10pm

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

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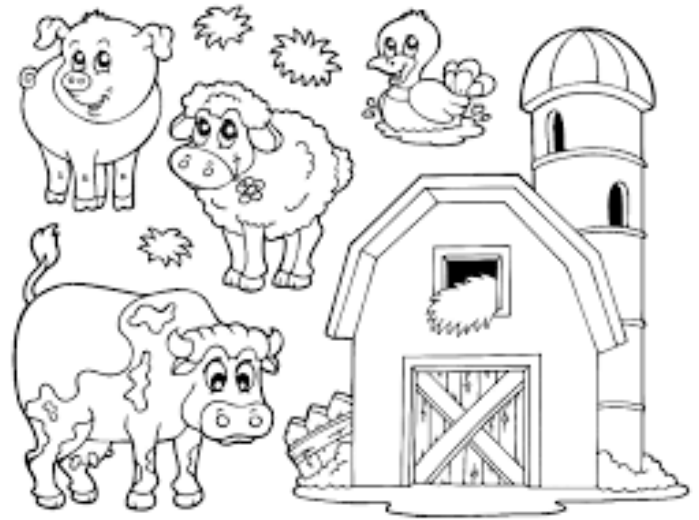
## MOUNT MERRION

## SELECT VESTRY MEETING

MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024  
19.30 HOURS ON ZOOM

## BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY  
THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024  
19.30 HOURS  
*IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'  
CHURCH*



## Colouring Section

