



The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you all
and also with you.

Opening Responses

We gather in the dimness of
evening,
***to be with the God who brightens
the shadows of our lives.***

We gather in the quiet of this
place,
***to be with Jesus,
knowing that nothing past,
present or future separates us.***

We gather as disciples,
***to be strengthened for the
journey through Lent,
to be sealed by the Spirit as
God's own.***

Invitation to the Lenten Life

Not for the first time, yet fresh
once more, we accompany Jesus to
Jerusalem.

Because of his experience in the
wilderness, we discover how we
might have the strength to turn our
back on evil, so we can choose good.

By his example of fasting and
prayer, in the midst of caring for
others, we can learn that rhythm of
faithful living which allows us to
work for justice and hope, as we
draw strength from the timeless
acts of silence, feasting on the
word and prayer.

As we gather at the feast of grace,
we prepare ourselves to come to
God.

Call to Reconciliation

On this night, we begin our journey
to Easter.

Before we can take this first step,
We must admit how we have not
been faithful to our God.

Let us pray, together, saying:

***Where can we go for forgiveness,
but to you, God?***

***When we are greedy, you promise
to be gracious.***

***When we have trouble confronting
injustice, you stand at our side.***

***When we struggle to seek good,
you point us to Jesus, who shows
us how to turn our back on evil
and follow him. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

God refuses to stand far off, but
comes close to us -
to hear our prayers,
to touch our hearts with
forgiveness,
and to walk with us during this holy
season and beyond.

***We have no need to go anyplace
else***

***but into the comforting and
restoring heart of the One who
loves us.***

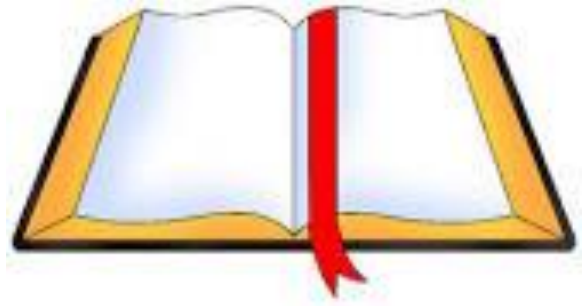
Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven.

Amen.

The Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have
made
and forgive the sins of all those who
are penitent:
create and make in us new and
contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our
wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all
mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

**The Ministry of the Word**

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ,
according to Matthew, chapter 6, beginning at
verse 1.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

6 'Beware of practising your piety
before others in order to be seen
by them; for then you have no
reward from your Father in heaven.

2 'So whenever you give alms, do not
sound a trumpet before you, as the
hypocrites do in the synagogues and
in the streets, so that they may be
praised by others. Truly I tell you,
they have received their
reward. ³But when you give alms, do
not let your left hand know what
your right hand is doing, ⁴so that
your alms may be done in secret;
and your Father who sees in secret
will reward you.

5 'And whenever you pray, do not be
like the hypocrites; for they love to
stand and pray in the synagogues
and at the street corners, so that

they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶ 'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹ 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

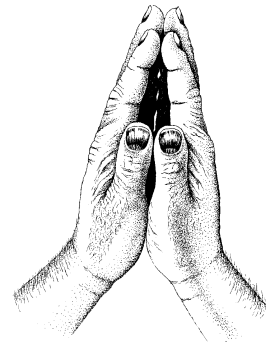
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
The Reflection

(Please stand)

The Nicene Creed (shortened version)
We believe in one God,

***the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of
God.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
Amen.***

(Please kneel or sit)



Intercessions

Lord, in our most lonely and
difficult times
you are there; hear our prayer.

***Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake
of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.***



(Please stand, if you are able)

The Introduction to the Peace for Lent

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Romans 5: 1, 2*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Christ, our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 1

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places, it is right to give you thanks and praise: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are,

yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to overcome all our temptations:
and so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:
***Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!***

(please feel free to stand, sit or kneel)

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image; male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed
 he took bread;
 and when he had given thanks to
 you, he broke it, and gave it to his
 disciples, saying,
 Take, eat, this is my body which is
 given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he
 took the cup;
 and when he had given thanks to
 you, he gave it to them, saying,
 Drink this, all of you, for this is my
 blood of the new covenant which is
 shed for you and for many for the
 forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in
 remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread
 and this cup we do as Christ your
 Son commanded:
***we remember his passion and
 death,
 we celebrate his resurrection and
 ascension,
 and we look for the coming of his
 kingdom.***

Accept through him, our great high
 priest, this our sacrifice of praise
 and thanksgiving;
 and as we eat and drink these holy
 gifts, grant by the power of the
 life-giving Spirit that we may be
 made one in your holy Church and
 partakers of the body and blood of

your Son, that he may dwell in us
 and we in him;

Through the same Jesus Christ our
 Lord, by whom, with whom, and in
 whom, in the unity of the Holy
 Spirit,
***all honour and glory are yours,
 Almighty Father, for ever and
 ever. Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

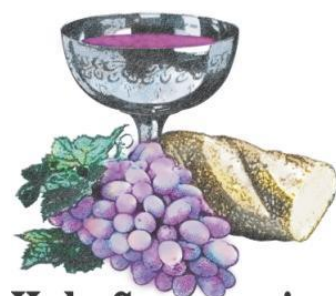
The bread which we break is a
 sharing in the body of Christ.

***We being many are one body, for
 we
 all share in the one bread.***



The Invitation

The Communion



Holy Communion

The Great Silence

You are invited to take some time to reflect, having received Holy Communion.

The Post Communion Prayer

***Almighty God,
you have given your only Son to
be for us
both a sacrifice for sin and an
example of godly life:
give us grace
that we may always most
thankfully receive
these his inestimable gifts,
and also daily endeavour ourselves
to follow the blessed steps of his
most holy life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

The Blessing for Lent

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, and to take up your cross and follow him: and the Blessing...

The Dismissal

***God, as we walk into the desert
send us your angels to travel with
us.
As we journey towards Easter
give us companions on the way.***

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.*

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 evening. Thank you.

Stay well and stay safe.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—
4.10pm

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 26th February 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.00 Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

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

Wednesday 1st March 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 5th March 2023

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

Wednesday 8th March 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 12th March 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
 10.00 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church
 11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 15th March 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 19th March 2023

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

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 26th March 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
 10.30 United Daffodil Service in St Philip and St James' Church
No 10.00 and 11.00 services

Wednesday 29th March 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**Lenten Challenge****Gillian is off again!****She will be walking at least 6km every day of Lent 2023.*****Wednesday 22nd February – Saturday 8th April 2023****in aid of:*

The victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria (*channelled through the Bishops' Appeal to Christian Aid who are working on the ground with local agencies*), and parish funds

Again, this Lent, I am encouraging people to take up something that gives you a focus each day and that benefits you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

You can make a donation by online banking to

**Boosterstown and Mount Merrion
 Account
 IBAN: IE30IPBS99062932796541
 BIC: IPBSIE2D**



**Daffodil Service and
 Daffodil Coffee Morning
 with Bring-and-Buy**

Sunday 26th March 2023

8.30 Holy Communion - St
Thomas' Church

**10.30 United Family
Service for Daffodil Day -
St Philip and St James'
Church**

At this Service, we will pray for those who are undergoing treatment for cancer, and for all who are involved in the healing and care of people with cancer; and for those who are undertaking research into the treatment and cure of cancer. We are going to give thanks for the recovery of those who have survived cancer, and remember those who have died from cancer.

Tea/coffee will be served after the service in the parish hall, in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, and there will also be a Bring and Buy Stall in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.



Sunday Clubs

We are delighted that both of our Sunday Clubs re-opened in February. They meet

once a month, and as it happens, both Sunday Clubs will meet on the same morning. The dates are:

Sunday 5th March 2023

Sunday 2nd April 2023

Sunday 7th May 2023

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet in the Monk Gibbon Hall at 10.00 and St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre at 11.00. The children and leaders will join the rest of the congregation before the end of the service in the respective churches.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to lead our Sunday Clubs. *All children who are aged three and over, and who are toilet-trained are very welcome to join the Sunday Club.*



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

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