



### **Face Masks**

*As per government guidelines, please wear a face covering in church. Those who are leading/reading at the service may remove their face covering whilst they are leading/reading but must observe social-distancing whilst doing so.*

### **Contact Tracing**

*We are obliged to get the contact details of everyone who attends this service. These will only be used in the event of someone attending the service being diagnosed with Covid-19, in which event, they will be passed to the health authorities for Contact Tracing purposes. Please complete the form which is available at the church doors and drop into the box provided. If they are not required for Contact Tracing purposes, they will be destroyed after 28 days.*

### **Hymn Singing**

*Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we are not permitted to sing in church this morning. Charles Pearson, our organist, is going to play the tune of the hymns chosen for this service and I invite you to reflect upon the words which have been included in this service sheet as you listen to the music.*

### **Greeting**

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

### **Hymn No. 581 (Here I am, Lord)**

*[Verses 1-2 and chorus]*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord.*

*Is it I, Lord?*

*I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord,*

*if you lead me.*

*I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?

### **The Introduction to Baptism**

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us  
that to enter the kingdom of heaven  
we must be born again of water and  
the Spirit,  
and he has given us baptism as the  
sign and seal of this new birth.  
Here we are washed by the Holy  
Spirit and made clean.  
Here we are clothed with Christ,  
dying to sin that we may live his risen  
life.  
As children of God, we have a new  
dignity  
and God calls us to fullness of life.



### The Penitence

*[Please kneel or sit]*

O God our Creator,  
we thank you for the gift of this  
precious child Cleo; pure and  
innocent.

We now turn to you, to ask you to  
take from us those things that on our  
lives' journeys, have tarnished our  
purity and shattered our innocence.

*[Silence as we bring to mind those things for  
which we desire God's forgiveness.]*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy on you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your  
sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all  
goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### The Collect of the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,  
whose Holy Spirit equips your Church  
with a rich variety of gifts:  
Grant us so to use them that, living  
the gospel of Christ  
and eager to do your will,  
we may share with the whole creation  
in the joys of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Hymn No. 581 (Here I am, Lord)

*[Verse 3 and chorus]*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.  
 Is it I, Lord?  
 I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go, Lord,  
 if you lead me.  
 I will hold your people in my heart.

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### The First Reading - Job 38: 1-7, 34-41

*The first reading is from the book of Job,  
chapter 38, beginning at verse 1.*

38 Then the LORD answered Job out of  
the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup> 'Who is this that darkens counsel by  
words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup> Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall  
declare to me.

<sup>34</sup> 'Can you lift up your voice to the  
clouds,  
so that a flood of waters may cover  
you?

<sup>35</sup> Can you send forth lightnings, so  
that they may go  
and say to you, "Here we are"?

<sup>36</sup> Who has put wisdom in the inward  
parts,  
or given understanding to the mind?

<sup>37</sup> Who has the wisdom to number the  
clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of

the heavens,  
<sup>38</sup> when the dust runs into a mass  
and the clods cling together?

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

### The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 517 (Servant Song)

*[Verses 1-3]*

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.



*(Please stand, if you are able)*

## **The Holy Gospel - Mark 10: 13-16**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Mark, chapter 10, beginning at verse 13.*

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***



## **Hymn No. 517 (Servant Song)**

*[Verses 4-6]*

I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Won't you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

## **The Sermon**

### **The Presentation**

We welcome this child who comes to be baptized. I invite her sponsors to present her now.

*Sponsors:*

***We present Cleo Susan McDonnell to be baptized.***

Parents and godparents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Cleo Susan for baptism and answer on her behalf? By your own prayers and example, by your teaching and love, will you encourage her in the life and faith of the Christian Community?

***With the help of God, we will.***

In baptism this child begins her journey of faith.

You speak for her today.

Will you care for her and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

***With the help of God, we will.***

### The Decision

In baptism, God calls us from darkness to his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

***I do.***

Do you then renounce the devil and all his works?

***I do, by God's help.***

Will you obey and serve Christ?

***I will, by God's help.***

*The priest says to the whole congregation:*

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

*The congregation answers:*

***We will support them.***

*You are invited to sit and reflect upon this hymn*

*which Charles is going to play whilst the font is prepared for Cleo's baptism.*

### Hymn No. 558 (Abba Father)

Abba Father, let me be yours, and yours alone.

May my will for ever be evermore your own.

Never let my heart grow cold, never let me go.

Abba Father, let me be yours, and yours alone.

### The Baptism

*The priest, Cleo Susan, her family and godparents gather at the font and the priest begins the thanksgiving prayer.*



Praise God who made heaven and earth.

***Who keeps his promise for ever.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*[Shortened version of the Blessing of the Water]*



We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life, and we thank you for the water of baptism.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, she may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may she walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The priest asks the parents and godparents:*  
Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which Cleo Susan is to be baptized?

**I do.**

*The priest addresses the whole congregation:*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

*[Using a shortened version of the Apostle's Creed in question-and-answer form.]*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. Amen.**

*The priest baptizes by pouring water over Cleo Susan saying:*

Cleo Susan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Cleo Susan, saying:*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.



Live as a disciple of Christ, fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in

you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

*The priest continues:*

God has called you into his Church.

*The congregation joins the priest, saying:*

**We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

### **Presentation of Bible and Candle**

*The Churchwardens, on behalf of the parish, present Cleo with a Children's Bible and a lit candle. The Bible is to help her to learn more about God and his Son Jesus Christ and to grow in her faith, and the candle symbolises the light of Christ, which has been passed down through the centuries and which is today extended to Cleo, that she may shine forth the light of Christ throughout her life.*



*Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we are not permitted to share a sign of peace in the way that we usually would... maybe a smile or a wave would be good!*



*(Please stand, if you are able)*

### **The Peace**

We are the body of Christ. By one spirit, we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds our common life together.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, there is no collection. There are baskets at the doors to facilitate making an offering. In the interests of everyone's safety we would encourage you to give via online banking if possible.*

### **Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 642** **(Amazing Grace)**

*[Verses 1, 2 and 4]*

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound!)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to  
fear,

and grace my fears relieved:  
 how precious did that grace appear  
 the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,  
 his word my hope secures;  
 he will my shield and portion be  
 as long as life endures.

## THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

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

### The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 3

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, Lord of all creation, we praise  
 you for your goodness and your love.  
 When we turned away you did not  
 reject us. You came to meet us in  
 your Son, welcomed us as your  
 children and prepared a table where  
 we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we  
 might live in him and he in us.  
*He opened wide his arms upon the  
 cross and, with love stronger than  
 death, he made the perfect  
 sacrifice for sin.*

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on  
 the night before you died you came to  
 table with your friends. Taking  
 bread, you gave thanks, broke it and  
 gave it to them saying,  
 Take, eat, this is my body which is  
 given for you; do this in remembrance  
 of me.

*Lord Jesus we bless you:  
 you are the bread of life.*

At the end of supper you took the cup  
 of wine, gave thanks, and said,  
 Drink this, all of you; 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.  
*Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
 you are the true vine.*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:  
*dying, you destroyed our death,  
 rising, you restored our life;  
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.*

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us  
 now; may this bread and wine be to us



the body and blood of our Saviour  
Jesus Christ.

*As we eat and drink these holy  
gifts make us, who know our need  
of grace, one in Christ, our risen  
Lord.*

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed  
Trinity: with your whole Church  
throughout the world we offer you  
this sacrifice of thanks and praise  
and lift our voice to join the song of  
heaven, for ever 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!*

Thanks be to you, our God, for your  
gift beyond words.

*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

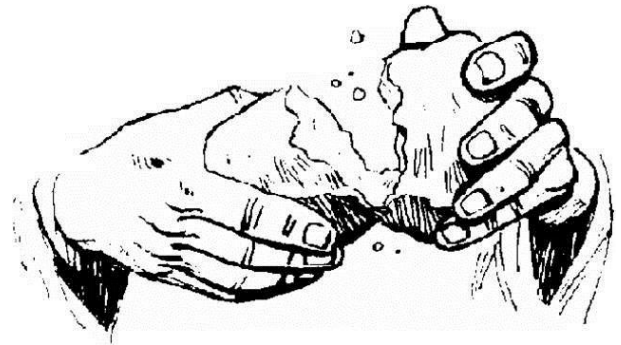
### The Lord's Prayer

*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, and the  
power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.*



### The Breaking of the Bread

Jesus' disciples recognised him in the  
breaking of the bread:

*may we recognise him in our midst  
and in each other.*

### Invitation

*It is custom of the Church of Ireland to  
welcome to receive Holy Communion, all  
those who usually receive Holy Communion  
in their own tradition. Please feel free and  
welcome to whichever is appropriate for  
you. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and in  
the interests of having as little movement of  
the congregation as possible, please remain  
in your seat to receive Holy Communion.*

### The Communion



## The Great Silence

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

*[Please kneel or sit]*

### The Post Communion Prayer

***Gracious God,  
in baptism you make us one family in  
Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and  
his blood,  
one in the communion of his Spirit.  
Help us to grow in love for one  
another and come to the full  
maturity of the body of Christ.  
Amen***

### Prayers for Cleo Susan and her family

Father, we thank you that Cleo Susan has now been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and has become your own child by adoption, and a member of your Church.

Grant that she may grow in the faith in which she has been baptized;  
grant that she herself may confess it when she comes to be confirmed;  
grant that she may bear witness to it by a life of service to others;  
and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in her;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, bless the home of this child Cleo. Bless her mum Fiona, her dad Ross and her godparents Fiona and Gavin. Give such grace and wisdom to all who have the care of her, that by their word and good example they may teach her to know and love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As we come to the blessing, we have a time of quiet:  
we give thanks to God for the gift that Cleo is...

we ask God's blessing on all those who are a part of Cleo's life, all who have helped to make her into the precious little person that she is...

We think of all who are a part of her family, and in a special way we remember Cleo's Granny Sue McDonnell.

### The Blessing

The God of all grace,

who called you to his eternal glory in  
Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in  
the faith;  
and the Blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you  
always. **Amen.**

*Due to the Covid-19 restrictions 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.  
You may wish to donate to the church  
online or electronically and the treasurers  
would be happy to give you the required  
details.*

### **Hymn No. 366 (Praise, my soul)**

Praise my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to his people in distress;  
praise him, still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;

well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

### **The Closing Responses and Dismissal**

God has delivered us from the  
domination of darkness and has given  
us a place with the saints in light.

Cleo, you have received the light of  
Christ; walk in this light all the days  
of your life.

***Shine as a light in the world to the  
glory of God the Father.***

Go in the 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 morning. Thank you.*

*Stay well and stay safe.*

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## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

*in the Canon Osborne Barr Room*  
 Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm  
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Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021

St Thomas' Church at 10.30

*Midweek Holy Communion Service*



*Bring your own mug for a cuppa afterwards!*

## Services next Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Family Service in St Philip and St James' Church  
*(live-streamed)*

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**No PJ's Autumn Fair this year**

The Select Vestry of Booterstown and Carysfort Parish has decided to cancel the Autumn Fair, which had been scheduled for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 due to the ongoing restrictions and the high numbers of COVID-19 cases. A Christmas Coffee Morning and Mini Fair with a Raffle is planned instead – see below!



## CHRISTMAS — FAIR —

***PJ's Christmas Coffee Morning and Mini Fair with Raffle***

*Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021*

*10.30-12.30*

*St Philip and St James' Parish Centre*

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## *Confirmation*

Confirmations in our Rural Deanery (a group of five parochial units) are held in the Spring (usually February). We have yet to receive the dates and venues from the Archbishop's Office, but I very much hope that we will be hosting a confirmation service.

There will be a meeting for all those enquiring about confirmation (and their

parents) on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
in **St Philip and St James' Church at 8pm.**

As always, I ask those who are considering Confirmation (and their parents) to think carefully about it. I take Confirmation and the preparation for Confirmation seriously, and I think it is important that we as family members, and as a parish, encourage those who wish to be confirmed, to do so with integrity.

If you are considering Confirmation, please think about the following:

1. The decision to be confirmed must be your own choice. It is not a decision for your parents, grandparents, friends, etc. to make. It is you who will be standing up in church declaring your belief in God, and affirming your faith in Jesus Christ. It is important that you feel that you can answer these and the other questions honestly. Confirmation is not the end of the journey; it is a stage on the journey of faith where you feel that you are ready to take on the promises that were made for you at baptism and take responsibility for your faith development and nurture.

It is you who will be answering the following questions:

**Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?**

**Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which you are baptized?**

**Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?**

**Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?**

**Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?**

**Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?**

2. There is no **right age** for confirmation, but I do feel that candidates should be **at least** in 1<sup>st</sup> Year in secondary school. Please do not feel that you should be getting confirmed because you are a certain age, or even in a particular class in school. There can be a feeling that one gets confirmed in 2<sup>nd</sup> Year or 4<sup>th</sup> Year or whatever. This is a pity, because each individual matures and grows in their faith in their own way and their own time. Therefore, some feel ready to be confirmed at an earlier age than others, or at a later age than others; I have prepared people from the age of 13 years to 61 years for Confirmation. I have found that the older candidate, or the candidate who makes the decision themselves to be confirmed, is more aware they are of what is involved, and what they are promising and committing to at Confirmation.

3. Candidates sometimes feel that because they have started going to Confirmation classes, they cannot 'back out' of being confirmed even if they feel that they are not ready for it. Please do not feel that this is the case. I have had candidates who have postponed being confirmed because they felt that they were not ready to take on the commitment, and I admire the care and honesty with which they have approached

## Confirmation.

Confirmation is an exciting time for those considering it, and for a parish or group of parishes.

We, as a group of parishes, will support those preparing for Confirmation by our prayers and our encouragement.

### *Adult Confirmation*

For the past few years, we have had a number of adults being confirmed or whom have re-affirmed their Confirmation promises. Some had opted out of confirmation at the time when they might have been expected to be confirmed and when their friends were being confirmed; some just never got around to it. Those who re-affirmed their confirmation vows had been confirmed previously in another Christian denomination but had now become part of the Church of Ireland, and felt that this was something that they wanted to do.

The preparation for this is done separately to the preparation for the teenage candidates. Already, two men and one woman have enquired about the possibility of being confirmed. A lot of what has been said above, applies here too! This is your chance to explore, to ask all those questions you have wanted to ask, and to see if confirmation (or re-affirmation) at this time is right for you. Please contact the Rector if you are thinking about this.

## Colouring Section

