



[Please stand, if you are able]

Greeting

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

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 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.



[Please kneel or sit]

The Penitence

O God our Creator,
we thank you for the gift of this
precious child Reuben; 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.]

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy, and confess that we need forgiveness.

Lord God, you created the world, and made us in your own image.

Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit you restore us to fellowship with you and with one another.

Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Listen then to Jesus, feel his touch, know his love, for through him God says to us: 'Your sins are forgiven, you are loved, you are free.' **Amen.**

The Collect for Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you

such good things as pass our understanding:

Pour into our hearts such love toward you

that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises,

which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Reading - Mark 10: 13-16

The first reading is from the gospel according to Mark, chapter 10, beginning at verse 13.

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms,

laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Hymn No. 665 (Ag Críost an síol)

Ag Críost an síol;
ag Críost an fómhar.
In iothlainn Dé
go dtugtar sinn.

Ag Críost an mhuir;
ag Críost an t-iasc.
I líonta Dé
go gcastar sinn.

Ó fhás to haois,
is ó aois go bás,
do dhá lámh, a Chríost,
anall tharainn.

Ó bhás go críoch,
ní críoch ach athfhás,
i bParthas na nGrást
go rabhaimid.

The seed is Christ's,
and his the sheaf;
within God's barn
may we be stored.

The sea is Christ's;
and his the fish;
in the nets of God
may we be caught.

From birth to youth,
and from youth till death,
your two hands, O Christ,
stretch over us.

From death – the end?
No end, but new life;
in sweet Paradise
may we be found.

[Please stand, if you are able]

**The Second Reading - The Gospel -
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23**

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 13, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they

had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen! 18 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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



The Sermon

The Presentation

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

Sponsors:

We present Reuben Finn Bergin to be baptized.

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

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism this child begins his journey of faith.

You speak for him today.

Will you care for him and help him to take his 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.

[Please stand, if you are able]

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, Reuben Finn, his 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, he may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may he walk by the light of faith and continue forever 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 Reuben Finn 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 Reuben Finn saying:

Reuben Finn, 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 Reuben Finn, 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 Reuben with a Children's Bible and a lit candle. The Bible is to help him to learn more about God and his Son Jesus Christ and to grow in his faith, and the candle symbolises the light of Christ, which has been passed down through the centuries and which is today extended to Reuben, that he may shine forth the light of Christ throughout his life.



The Peace

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

**The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.**

[Let us offer each other the sign of peace. Please check that the person you are sharing the peace with that they are happy to shake, etc. It may be more appropriate to exchange a smile or a wave!]



[The offering will be received during the singing of this hymn.]

Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 47 **(Wir pflügen)**

We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand; he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.

He only is the maker of all things near and far; he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star; the winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed; much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.

We thank you, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer,
for all your love imparts,
and that which you most welcome,
our humble, thankful hearts.

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 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.

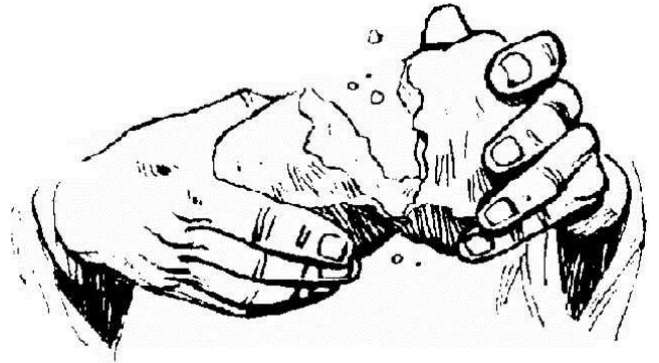
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and saying:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!*

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.*

The Invitation

The Communion

It is the custom of the Church of Ireland to welcome to receive Holy Communion, all those who usually receive Holy Communion in their own tradition. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please indicate this to the priest. Please feel free and welcome to do whichever is appropriate for you.



The Great Silence

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

[Please kneel or sit]

Prayers for Reuben Finn and his family

Father, we thank you that Reuben Finn 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 he may grow in the faith in which he has been baptized;
grant that he himself may confess it when he comes to be confirmed;
grant that he 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 him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, bless the home of this child Reuben. Bless his mum Joy, his dad Tim, his big brother Cameron and his godparents Trevor, Amie and Ross. Give such grace and wisdom to all who have the care of him, that by their word and good example they may teach him 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 Reuben is...

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

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.**

Hymn No. 658 - (Southcote)

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old that I travel to
the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I
learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;

where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way I know:

Give me courage when the world is
rough,
keep me loving though the world is
tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the child in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:

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.

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

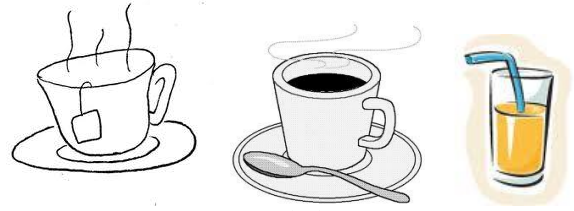
***Shine as a light in the world to the
glory of God the Father.***

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.



Tea/Coffee/Juice

*You are warmly invited to
tea/coffee/juice in the parish centre
after this Service.*

*The parish centre is at the east end of
the church, go through the double
yellow, and follow the noise!*

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Services in July and August 2023

First Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy
Communion in St Thomas' Church
10.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St Philip
and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Second Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy
Communion in St Thomas' Church
10.30 NB Time Morning Prayer in St Philip
and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Third Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy
Communion in St Thomas' Church
10.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St Philip
and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Fourth Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy
Communion in St Thomas' Church
10.30 NB Time Service of the Word in St
Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Fifth Sunday of the month (only applies in July):
 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
10.30 NB Time Service of Wholeness and
 Healing in St Philip and St James' Church
 (live-streamed).

Wednesdays in July and August 2023
 As announced

Wednesday 26th July 2023.
 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
 Thomas' Church

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

There will be no Christian Meditation in
 July. The next meeting will be on
 Tuesday 1st August 2023.

3.30pm—4.10pm

In-person meetings in the Canon
 Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St
 James' Parish Centre but we will meet
 occasionally via Zoom.

Contact Irene on 087-2755423
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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.

Thank you to those who have so
 generously given to the Flower Fund.



Autumn Fair Meeting

Thursday 31st August 2023
19.00 hours in St Philip and
St James' Church

BOOTERSTOWN AND **CARYSFORT**

SPECIAL SELECT VESTRY
MEETING

THURSDAY 27th JULY 2023
19.30 HOURS IN ST PHILIP AND
ST JAMES' CHURCH

BOOTERSTOWN AND **CARYSFORT**

SELECT VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 31st AUGUST 2023
20.00 HOURS IN ST PHILIP AND
ST JAMES' CHURCH

MOUNT MERRION **SELECT VESTRY MEETING** **TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER** **2023**

19.30 HOURS IN ST THOMAS'
CHURCH

Lay Ministry in the Church of Ireland

Do you think that you are being called to lay ministry at local parochial level or at a wider diocesan level? If so, please contact the Rector about it.

There will be an Enquirers' Morning for those who are considered suitable for commissioned Lay Ministry either at a local parochial level or at a wider diocesan level, on Saturday 2 September 2023 in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute.

Colouring Section

