



[Please stand, if you are able]

Greeting

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Hymn No. 643 (Slane (1))

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven, when the battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun,
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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 Jessica; 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.]

The Penitential Kyries for Easter

Lord God,
you raised your Son from the dead.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
through you we are more than conquerors.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,
you help us in our weakness.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

May the God of love and compassion forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

[Please sit]

**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.

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.

[Please stand, if you are able]



Hymn No. 39 (East Acklam/Ar Hyd Y Nos)

For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God!
For his gifts to every nation,

thanks be to God!

For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping;
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God!

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done:
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing;
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God!

For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God!

For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us;
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God!

[Please sit]

The Second Reading - John 15: 1-8

The second reading is from the Gospel according to John, chapter 15, beginning at verse 1.

¹⁵I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you.

Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

The Sermon

The Presentation

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

Sponsors:

We present Jessica Rhona Darcey Barton to be baptized.

Parents and godparents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Jessica Rhona Darcey 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.

[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, Jessica Rhona Darcey, 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 Jessica
Rhona Darcey 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 Jessica Rhona Darcey saying:

Jessica Rhona Darcey, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Jessica Rhona Darcey, 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 Jessica 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 Jessica, that she may shine forth the light of Christ throughout her life.



[Please stand, if you are able]

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.

Hymn No. 102 Thanks and Praise (My Jesus, My Saviour)

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let
us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will
roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your
hands.
For ever I'll love you, for ever I'll
stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I
have in you.

[Please kneel or sit]

The Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Prayers for Jessica Rhona Darcey Barton and her family

Father, we thank you that Jessica 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 Jessica. Bless her mum Carol,
her dad Neil and her godparents
Stephen, Anna, Diana and Eoin. 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 Jessica is...

we ask God's blessing on all those who
are a part of Jessica'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...

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 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.**

[Please stand, if you are able]

Hymn No. 581 (Here I am, Lord)

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?

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?

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.

Jessica, 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 of the Risen Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 join us for tea/coffee/juice in the South Transept after the 11.00 service in St Philip and St James' Church.



Please keep the following who were confirmed, or who re-affirmed their confirmation vows last Sunday in St Brigid's Church Stillorgan in your prayers:

Ruairí Brew, Ryan Brew, Sophie Burns, Lynne Cole, Jasmine Lyons, George Kenney, Chloë Miller, Max Miller, Sawyer Ness, Lucas Perkmann, Aryana Purser, Tallis Rynhart, Eimear Spence, Ellie Stokes, Charlie Trotter, Alexey Varlashkin and Arabelle Wymes, and Matthew Phelan who will be confirmed on Sunday 12th May 2024 in Christ Church Taney.

Ad Hoc Choir



We are getting together to practise for the special service to mark the 200th anniversary of the consecration of St Philip and St James' Church

Practices at 19.30 hours in St Philip and St James' Church on:

Wednesday 1st May 2024

Wednesday 8th May 2024

Wednesday 15th May 2024

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 1st May 2024 – St Philip and St James' Day

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 5th May 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 8th May 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 12th May 2024

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

Wednesday 15th May 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 19th May 2024

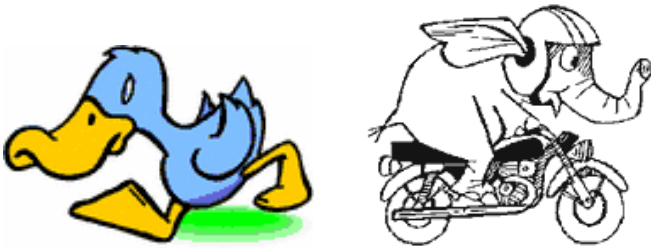
8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
10.30 United Special Service to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the consecration of St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 22nd May 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 26th May 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
10.30 United Service with the Blessing of the Animals in St Philip and St James' Church



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm
In the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre
Contact Irene on 087-2755423
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**Healer Prayer Group
via Zoom**

**Monday 20th May 2024
at 19.30 hours**

MOUNT MERRION

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING
WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY 2024
19.30 HOURS ON ZOOM**

**BOOTERSTOWN AND
CARYSFORT**

**SELECT VESTRY
THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2024
19.30 HOURS
IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH**



St Philp and St James' Sunday will meet on the following dates:

Sunday 12th May 2024

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet on the following dates:

Sunday 12th May 2024

All children who are toilet-trained are welcome!



THE RECTOR & THE SELECT VESTRY
invite you to join them in celebrating

THE *200th* OF
Anniversary

the consecration of
ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH
Cross Avenue, Booterstown, Blackrock

SUNDAY 19th MAY 2024 at 10.30am

followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre

RSVP WED 1st MAY 2024
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Colouring Section



A Spring Fling

Thank you to all who
helped at and who
supported the Spring Fling
yesterday.

It was a great day and
thank you to all who were
a part of it and in
particular, to Joan
Sherlock-Robertson who
coordinated it all.

