



We are still awaiting further advice from the government regarding what is meant by the continuation of all protective measures for religious worship, so until we receive those details, we are required to continue with such things as social distancing, contact tracing, etc.

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.

Singing

We are also still awaiting an update on COVID-19 restrictions with regard to congregational singing. Over the past few weeks, there has been some 'musical muttering into masks'! The 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. 461 (Carlisle)

[Verses 1-3]

*For all thy saints, O Lord,
who strove in thee to live,
who followed thee, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.*

*For all thy saints, O Lord,
accept our thankful cry,
who counted thee their great reward,
and strove in thee to die.*

*They all, in life and death,
with thee their Lord in view,
learned from thy Holy Spirit's breath
to suffer and to do.*

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 Zoe; 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 3rd Sunday before Advent

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints

in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those
inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who
truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn No. 461 (Carlisle)

[Verses 4-5]

Thine earthly members fit
to join thy saints above,
in one communion ever knit,
one fellowship of love.

Jesu, thy name we bless,
and humbly pray that we
may follow them in holiness,
and live and die in thee.

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.



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

The Gradual Hymn - No. 530 (Ubi caritas et amor)

[The refrain only, is sung 3 times]

Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

[Where charity (i.e. 'loving-kindness' and love are found, God himself is there.)]

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - Mark 12: 38-44

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Mark, chapter 12, beginning at verse 38.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

38 As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places,³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets!⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

41 He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

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



Hymn No. 605 (Kelvingrove)

[Verse 1]

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

The Sermon

The Presentation

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

Sponsors:

We present Zoe Elizabeth Burdett Irvine to be baptized.

Parents and godparents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Zoe Elizabeth Burdett 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 Zoe's baptism and her big brother Max pours the water into the font.

Hymn No. 605 (Kelvingrove)

[Verses 2-3]

Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

The Baptism

The priest, Zoe Grace, 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 Zoe Elizabeth Burdett 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 Zoe Elizabeth Burdett saying:

Zoe Elizabeth Burdett, 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 Zoe Elizabeth Burdett, 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 Zoe 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 Zoe, 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.

November is traditionally the month of remembering. Last Monday was All Saints' Day and today, we give thanks for, and remember those, who have been part of our lives who have gone home to God. The following names are of those whom we have been asked to remember by name. There is a candle lit on the altar/communion rails for each person or family. There are also some who wish to remember their loved ones privately today rather than having their names mentioned, and one of the large candles on the altar rails is lit to remember them, and the other one is lit to remember all who have died from COVID-19.

William Burgess

Joan Shanks

The Sherlock Family and the Eager Family
 Mabel and Norman Smith
 Nicola Walker
 Ros Wallace
 David and Terry Rodgers
 Loveday Quinn
 Ken Wilson
 Jim and Olive Bell
 Peter and Kay Ferguson
 Bob Hoffman
 Florrie Halliday
 Ronnie Dunne
 Florrie Rowden
 Paddy Wharton

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.

Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 605
(Kelvingrove)

[Verses 4-5]

Will you love the 'you' you hide
 if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside
 and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found
 to reshape the world around,
 through my sight and touch and sound
 in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
 when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you
 and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go

where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow
 in you and you in me.

**THE MINISTRY OF THE
 SACRAMENT**

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

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:
 Because by water and the Holy Spirit,
 you have made us a holy people in
 Jesus Christ our Lord, raised us to
 new life in him and renewed in the
 image of your glory, and so with all
 your people, with angels and
 archangels, and with all the company
 of heaven, we proclaim your great and
 glorious name, 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!

(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

Our Father,

who art in heaven:

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

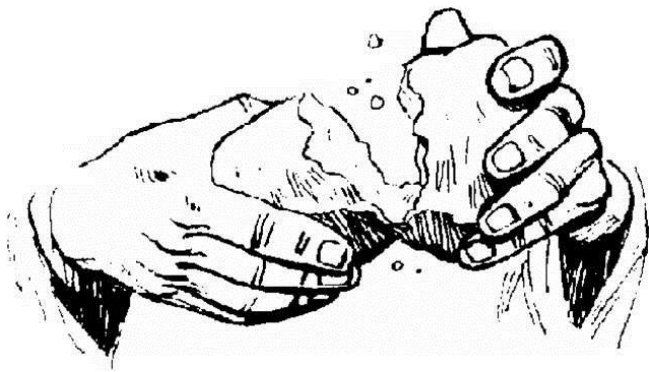
Give us this day our daily bread.

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.



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.

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 Prayers

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

God, the source of all holiness

and giver of all good things:

may we, who have shared at this table

as strangers and pilgrims here on earth,

be welcomed with all your saints

to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;

*through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

**Prayers for Zoe Elizabeth Burdett
Irvine and her family**

Father, we thank you that Zoe 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 Zoe. Bless her mum Louise, her dad Richard, her big brother Max, and her godparents Eric, Amber and Jane. 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 Zoe is...

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

Mizpah Prayer for All Saints' Tide

May God watch between you and me while we are parted from one another.
May God watch between you and your loved ones while you are parted from one another...

Hymn No. 459 (Sine nomine)

[Verses 1, 4, 7, 8]

1. For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesu, be for ever blessed.
Alleluia!

4. O blest communion, fellowship
divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory
shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are
thine.

Alleluia!

7. But lo! there breaks a yet more
glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright
array;
the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from
ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the
countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia!

The Dismissal

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 morning.
Thank you.*

Stay well and stay safe.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

in the Canon Osborne Barr Room
Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm
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Wednesday 17th November 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 Service of Morning
Prayer with an Act of
Remembrance in St Philip and St
James' Church**
(live-streamed)

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2021
20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND

CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2021
20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM



Confirmation Class

**18.00 Saturday in The
Canon Osborne Barr Room
St Philip and St James'
Parish Centre**



CHRISTMAS FAIR

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

***Saturday 4th December 2021
10.30-12.30***

***St Philip and St James' Parish
Centre***

Stalls include:

**Cakes and Home-baked Goods,
Christmas, Gifts,
Jams and Marmalades, Books, Bottles,
Plants and Garden,
Treasure Hunt and Games**

Visit Santa



We would really appreciate two home-baked items from every household. If you knit, we have patterns for mini novelty Christmas knits, which would be great for the Christmas Stall!

