

Greeting

Christ is risen!

***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Opening Acclamation

*(Please remain standing)*

Risen in quiet and mysterious  
darkness before the chorus of the  
dawn.

Alleluia, Christ is risen;  
***he is risen indeed.***

Risen with glory and grace in reserve,  
and authority beyond measure.

Alleluia, Christ is risen;  
***he is risen indeed.***

Risen to prove that violence is no  
solution; to offer us peace and life in  
all its fullness.

Alleluia, Christ is risen;  
***he is risen indeed.***

For God has taken into his own flesh  
the sin of the world.

The last laugh is God's laugh;  
God has the last laugh:  
for freedom comes beyond the cross,  
for peace comes beyond the violence,

for friendship comes beyond the  
betrayal.

For life comes beyond the crushing of  
life.

The first laugh and the last laugh are  
God's.

And God has made laughter for us.  
Alleluia, Christ is risen;  
***he is risen indeed.***

Hymn No. 271 (Easter Hymn)

Jesus Christ is risen today, *alleluia!*  
our triumphant holy day, *alleluia!*  
who did once, upon the cross, *alleluia!*  
suffer to redeem our loss, *alleluia!*

Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
unto Christ, our heavenly King,  
who endured the cross and grave,  
sinners to redeem and save.

But the pains that he endured,  
our salvation have procured;  
now above the sky he's King,  
where the angels ever sing.

Collect for Purity

***Almighty God,***  
***to whom all hearts are open,***  
***all desires known,***  
***and from whom no secrets are***  
***hidden;***  
***cleanse the thoughts of our hearts***  
***by the inspiration of your Holy***  
***Spirit,***

*that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy  
name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

*(Please sit or kneel)*

### The Penitence

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus  
Christ,  
to save us from our sins,  
to intercede for us in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life,  
and so now, as we gather to rejoice in  
the resurrection,  
we bring to mind those times,  
when we have **not** tried to do, say or  
think  
what Christ would want;  
those times when we have rejected  
him.

*[Silence]*

For the times, when we have lived,  
thinking that we have all the answers  
and that we can go it alone, without  
you and without the power of your  
resurrection.

***Sorry, Lord.***

For the times when we have refused  
to believe that you would die and live  
again for us.

***Sorry, Lord.***

For the times when we have doubted  
your love for us, and not been sure of  
your promise of eternal life.

***Sorry, Lord.***

For the times, we have dismissed your  
crucifixion and resurrection as a  
tragic story with a fairytale ending.

***Sorry, Lord.***

### The Absolution

May the God of love and power  
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.***



### Gloria - Hymn No. 693 (Camberwell)

Glory in the highest to the God of  
heaven!

Peace to all your people through the  
earth be given!

Mighty God and Father, thanks and  
praise we bring,

singing Alleluia to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the  
 Father's Son!  
 With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord  
 alone!  
 Lamb once killed for sinners, all our  
 guilt to bear,  
 show us now your mercy, now receive  
 our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high  
 and holy one,  
 seated now and reigning from your  
 Father's throne:  
 Lord and God, we praise you! Highest  
 heaven adores:  
 in the Father's glory, all the praise be  
 yours!

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### The Collect for Easter Day

Almighty God,  
 through your only-begotten Son Jesus  
 Christ you have overcome death  
 and opened to us the gate of  
 everlasting life:  
 grant that, as by your grace going  
 before us you put into our minds good  
 desires,  
 so by your continual help we may bring  
 them to good effect;  
 through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord  
 who is alive and reigns with you and  
 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
 ever. **Amen.**

### The Gradual Hymn No. 287 (Lasst uns erfreuen - Easter Song)

[Verses 1 and 2]

The whole bright world rejoices now,  
 the birds sing out on every bough;  
*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*  
 Then shout beneath the racing skies  
 to him who rose that we may rise:  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

Let us rejoice! All shall be well,  
 friends severed now, in heaven shall  
 dwell:

*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*  
 The end of all our ways is love;  
 then rise with him to things above:  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

(Please stand)

### The Holy Gospel - Mark 16: 1-8

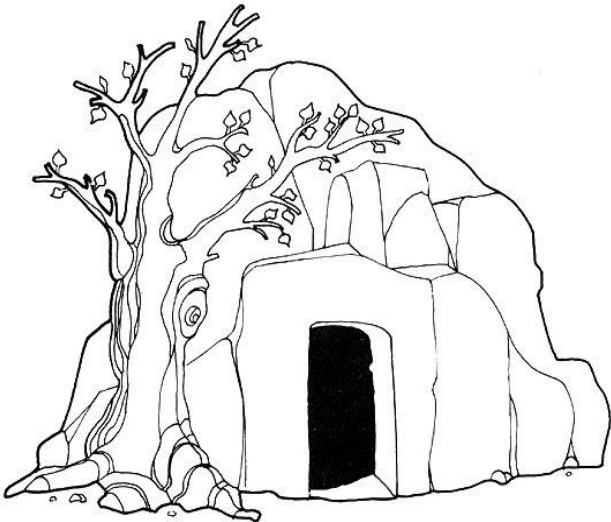
Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according  
 to Mark, chapter 16, beginning at verse 1.

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary  
 Magdalene, and Mary the mother of  
 James, and Salome bought spices, so  
 that they might go and anoint  
 him. And very early on the first day  
 of the week, when the sun had risen,  
 they went to the tomb. They had been  
 saying to one another, 'Who will roll  
 away the stone for us from the  
 entrance to the tomb?' When they  
 looked up, they saw that the stone,

which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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



**Hymn No. 287 (Lasst uns erfreuen  
 - Easter Song)**

[Verse 3]

Now let all living things rejoice,  
 let young and old lift heart and voice:

***Christ is risen! Alleluia!***  
 He rose to cheer us on our ways,  
 he lives to bless us all our days:  
***Alleluia! Christ is risen!***  
***Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!***

**The Sermon**

*(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.***



Intercessions (Please kneel or sit)

Lord, we are Easter people:  
***let 'Alleluia' be our song.***

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

*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)*

### **The Introduction to the Peace for Easter**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. *John 20: 19,20*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

### **Offertory Hymn No. 260 (Truro)**

*[Verses 1, 2 and 5]*

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring

good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

## **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:  
above all we praise you for the  
glorious resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord, the true  
paschal lamb who was sacrificed for  
us; by dying he destroyed our death;  
by rising he restored our life:  
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

#### 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

*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.*

## The Post Communion Prayer

***Living God,  
for our redemption you gave your  
only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of  
our enemy.***

***Grant us so to die daily unto sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## The Blessing

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from  
the dead,  
raise you up to walk with him in the  
newness of his risen life:  
and the Blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you  
always. **Amen.**



## Hymn No. 288 (Maccabeus)

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering  
Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death  
hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the  
stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where  
thy body lay:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering  
Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death  
hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the  
tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear  
and gloom;

let the Church with gladness hymns of  
triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath  
lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious  
Prince of Life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in  
our strife;  
make us more than conquerors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy  
home above:

### The Dismissal

Glory to God.

***Jesus is risen. Alleluia!***

Glory to God.

***What more can we say?!***

Glory to God.

***Your life is our story.***

Glory to God.

***Your love is our way.***

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*May the glory of the*

*Resurrection*

*fill you with joy and hope*

*this Easter-time.*

# Thank You!

*Thank you to Viola Brady and Denise Richards for the fabulous displays for Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day in St Philip and St James' Church – they really were amazing! Thank you to Lynne Cole, Natalie Driver-Keeley, June Burgess and Joy Hurst for the beautiful decorations in St Philip and St James' Church for Easter Day, and to Vi Wilson, who once again made a beautiful floral cross for the porch gate at St Thomas' Church, and to Sheila Chamberlain who erected it.*

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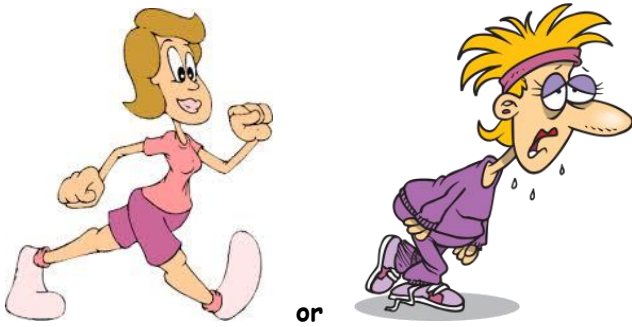
## EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES

*Both Easter General Vestries will be held via Zoom.*

**MOUNT MERRION**  
**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY**  
**MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**  
**20.00 HOURS**

**BOOTERSTOWN AND**  
**CARYSFORT**  
**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY**  
**THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**  
**2021**  
**20.00 HOURS**





# Lenten 2021 Challenge 5km a day

*We have done it... for 46  
days!*

*Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February –  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021*

**Gillian and a number of others have done a variety of challenges, walking, cycling, running, scooting, dancing the Jerusalema, etc. for Lent to benefit our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health; for a little self-care and to help and care for others.**

*We have done this in aid of:*

**The Irish Cancer Society  
Protestant Aid  
Parish Funds**

The money raised will be divided equally between the three charities. So far, we have raised €10,970 which is amazing!!!

Last year, the **Irish Cancer Society's** major fundraiser, *Daffodil Day*, was severely affected by COVID-19 and it will be again this year. Each year, on the fourth Sunday of March, we have a *Daffodil Service* followed by a *Daffodil Coffee Morning* with a *Bring-and-Buy*, in aid of the *Irish Cancer Society*, but, of course, we were not able to have it last year and we will not be able to have it this year.

**Protestant Aid** (also known as PA) is the Church of Ireland version of *St Vincent de Paul*. It treats genuine calls for help equally, regardless of religious, ethnic or social backgrounds. It was established as a charity over 180 years ago to relieve deprivation in Ireland.

*Its primary activities include:  
Grants to alleviate poverty or distress*

- *Annuities for the elderly*
- *Allowances for heating/energy costs*
- *School expenses*
- *Second-level education grants*
- *Third-level loans*
- *Sheltered housing and nursing care for over 200 elderly people through our sister companies, the Brabazon Trust and St John's House*

And the third cause to benefit is our  
parishes.

*You can still help by sponsoring or  
donating to our Lenten 2021  
Challenge.*

Donations may be made by online  
banking to

### **Booterstown and Mount Merrion Account**

**IBAN: IE92ULSB 985330 00606072**

**BIC: ULSBIE2D**

or a cheque payable to *Booterstown  
and Mount Merrion Account*

or via the GoFundMe page

<https://gofund.me/996d06a6>

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### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

by Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

Contact Irene on 087-2755423

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*The sense of peace and calm is  
wonderful.*

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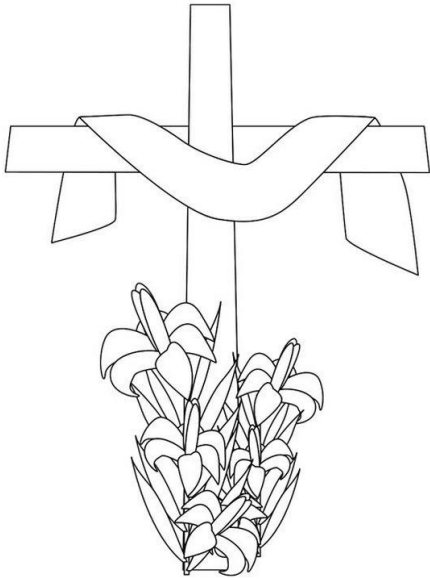
## **MIDWEEK PRAYER AND CHAT WEDNESDAY 10.30-11.00 via Zoom**

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## **Colouring Section**





"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10b)