

Greeting

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayer of Approach

(Please remain standing)

As we focus our minds,
it is easy for our minds to shoot off
in so many directions.
We find it hard to slow down,
to remove all the clutter
and concentrate on You, Lord.
In the stillness of this place,
this time,
take from us the strain and stress
as we feel ourselves rest in Your
eternal love,
in the everlasting arms.

Hymn No. 325 (Be still)

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with
reverence and fear.
In him, no sin is found, we stand on
holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is
shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with
splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant
King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is
shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is
moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal, to
minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith
receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is
moving in this place.

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind.
This is the first and great
commandment.

And the second is like it.
 You shall love your neighbour as
 yourself.
 On these two commandments depend
 all the law and the prophets.
**Lord, have mercy on us, and write
 these laws in our hearts.**

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.

Let us then confess our sins in
 penitence and faith, firmly resolved
 to keep God's commandments and to
 live in love and peace.

(Please sit or kneel)

[Silence]

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

Hymn No. 197 Thanks and Praise (Taizé)

(1) Gloria, gloria (2) in excelsis Deo!
 (3) Gloria, gloria, (4) alleluia, alleluia.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the 5th 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**

The Collect of St Philip and St James' Day - May 1

Almighty Father,
 whom truly to know is eternal life:
 Teach us to know your Son Jesus
 Christ
 as the way, the truth, and the life;
 that we may follow the steps of your
 holy apostles Philip and James,
 and walk steadfastly in the way that
 leads to your glory;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 549

(Repton)

[Verses 1-3]

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian Sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love.
interpreted by love.

(Please stand)

The Holy Gospel - John 15: 1-8

(Please remain standing)

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 15, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

15'I 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 Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn No. 549 (Repton)

[Verses 4-5]

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our
desire
thy coolness and thy balm;

let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
 speak through the earthquake, wind
 and fire,
 O still small voice of calm.
 O still small voice of calm.

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, ground us in your being
and root us in your love.

***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. 640 (Purify my heart)

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver;
 purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord; I chose to be holy, set apart for you, my master, ready to do your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy;

purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

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

Eternal God,

in word and sacrament

we proclaim your truth in Jesus Christ and share his life.

In his strength may we ever walk in his way,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. 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. 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 Dismissal

Holy and just,
 ready to take risks,
 willing to weep,
 aware that we are loved,
make us like Jesus.

When people met us,
may the meet God in us.

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
 in this season of Easter.*

MOUNT MERRION
SELECT VESTRY
THURSDAY 6TH MAY 2021
20.00 HOURS
VIA ZOOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND
CARYSFORT
SHORT MEETING OF
SELECT VESTRY TO
DISCUSS RETURN TO
IN-CHURCH WORSHIP
MONDAY 10TH MAY 2021
20.00 HOURS
VIA ZOOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND
CARYSFORT
SELECT VESTRY
THURSDAY 20TH MAY 2021
20.00 HOURS
VIA ZOOM

Lenten 2021 Challenge

Thank you to all who took part in the Lenten Challenge. I hope that it was a positive experience, and gave people a focus and a little lift each day. There are still a few blisters, making their presence felt, on feet and on the derrière of some cyclists!!!

Thank you to all who have donated so generously – it really has been extraordinary. The primary aim of the Challenge was to take something up that would be of benefit for our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health, and if whilst doing that, we could help others as well, that would be great.

The total raised is €15,000 and we are delighted to be able to give €5,000 to each of the three causes: The Irish Cancer Society, Protestant Aid and to our parishes' 'poor' fund.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
 via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

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The sense of peace and calm is wonderful.

MIDWEEK
PRAYER AND CHAT
WEDNESDAY
10.30-11.00
via Zoom

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