

The Gathering of God's People -  
Welcome and Greeting

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

Opening Responses

Wise God, jealous and holy:  
**your love brings us truth.**

Wise God, just and joyful:  
**your stories bring us hope.**

Wise God, wakeful and surprising:  
**your breath brings us life.**

Hymn No. 709 (Austria)

Praise the Lord! You heavens, adore  
him;  
praise him, angels, in the height;  
sun and moon, rejoice before him,  
praise him, all you stars and light.  
praise the Lord, for he has spoken;  
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
laws, which never shall be broken,  
for their guidance he has made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;  
never shall his promise fail:  
God has made his saints victorious;  
sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
hosts on high, his power proclaim;  
heaven and earth and all creation,  
laud and magnify his name!

Worship, honour, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer to your name;  
young and old, your praise  
expressing,  
join their Saviour to proclaim.  
As the saints in heaven adore you,  
we would bow before your throne;  
as your angels serve before you,  
so on earth your will be done.

Collect for Purity

*(Please remain standing)*

**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.**

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 Lent**

In the wilderness we find your grace:

You love us with an everlasting love.

Lord, have mercy.

***Lord, have mercy.***

There is none but you to uphold our cause;

our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

Christ, have mercy.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed;

restore us and we shall know your joy.

Lord, have mercy.

***Lord, have mercy.***

**Gloria - we omit the Gloria during Advent and Lent**

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **The Collects**

#### **The Collect of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The following collect may be said daily in Lent:*

***Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.***

## **The Gradual Hymn - No. 5 Thanks and Praise (All heaven declares)**

[Verse 1]

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord,  
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?  
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne;  
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.



## **The Holy Gospel - John 2: 13-22**

(Please stand)

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 13, beginning at verse 22.

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

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told

those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!' <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Rest of the Gradual Hymn - No. 5 Thanks and Praise (All heaven declares)**

[Verse 2]

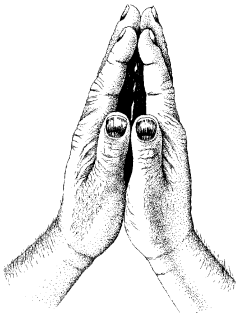
I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,  
who once was slain to reconcile man to God.  
Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne;  
I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.

## 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, in your mercy:  
**hear our prayer.**

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

### The Peace (Please stand) (page 207, L.P. p.131)

Jesus said, A new commandment I  
give to you, that you love one  
another: even as I have loved you,  
that you also love one another.

*John 13: 34*

The peace of the Lord be always  
with you.

**And also with you.**



### Offertory Hymn No. 429 (Living Lord)

*[Verses 1-2]*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
you are one with us,  
Mary's son  
cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
now and every day  
teach us how to pray,  
Son of God.  
you have commanded us to do  
this, in remembrance, Lord of you;  
into our lives your power breaks  
through,  
Living Lord.



## 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 1

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:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
was in every way tempted as we are,  
yet did not sin; by whose grace we  
are able to overcome all our  
temptations:  
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

#### 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

*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

***Lord our God,  
you feed us in this life with bread from heaven,  
the pledge and foreshadowing of future glory.***

*Grant that the working of this sacrament within us may bear fruit in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves,  
and take up your cross and follow him; and the blessing...

### **Hymn No. 429 (Living Lord)**

*[Verses 3-4]*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
born as one of us,  
Mary's son -  
sent out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free;  
living Lord Jesus, help us see  
you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we would come to you,  
live our lives for you,  
Son of God;  
all your commands we know are true,  
your many gifts will make us new;  
into our lives your power breaks  
through,  
living Lord.

### **The Closing Responses and Dismissal**

Teach us truth, gladden our hearts,  
*circle us with love.*

Trust us with justice, sweeten our days,  
*circle us with love.*

Keep us holy, give light to our eyes,  
*circle us with love.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*In the name of Christ. Amen.*

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## ***WHAT'S ON...***

Whilst some of these things go on throughout the year, you might like to try them in Lent; to take something up, rather than give something up...

## **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

by Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

Contact Irene on 087-2755423

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*This might be something that you would 'take up' and try for Lent. The sense of peace and calm is wonderful.*



## MIDWEEK PRAYER AND CHAT

### ***WEDNESDAY***

**10.30-11.00**

**via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82865214531?pwd=Z0hoeVNFWXI1TVZMVVI2a3h5d3Z3Zz09>

## MIDWEEK REFLECTION IN LENT

**Wednesday**

**20.00 - 20.30**

**via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89886970351?pwd=dndHamd2M1hIOHNtZitpMFpucVZ1dz09>

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**Mount Merrion Select Vestry**  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
20.00 hours via Zoom

**Boooterstown and Carysfort  
Select Vestry**  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
20.00 hours via Zoom

## EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES

*At this stage, it is anticipated that 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 Challenge 5km a day

**Gillian and a number of  
others who are doing various  
challenges have done  
eighteen days!  
... so far, so good!**



**She intends to walk 5km  
every day of Lent 2021**

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

*in aid of:*

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

We are in difficult times, and for many, this third lockdown has been, and is, the hardest. In Lent 2021, I am suggesting that rather than giving things up, that we could pull together as a parochial group for our mental, spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing and health, whilst at the same time raising funds for three charities.

The idea is to try and do 5km a day, whether you walk it, cycle it or run it.

If 5km is too much, set yourself a lower target; if it is too easy, set a higher one! Or you can set yourself whatever challenge works for you:

learning the 'Jerusalem' and dancing it every day in Lent; learning sign language... it's up to you, but do something that benefits you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, this Lent.

The money raised will be divided equally between the three charities.

*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. **Please note that we will be having a Daffodil Service as part of our Palm Sunday Service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021.***

**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 help by sponsoring or donating to Gillian's 5km Lenten Challenge, or you could take up a Challenge yourself.

As we are in lockdown, we are conscious of people handling money, so donations may be made via the GoFundMe page

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

or by online banking to

**Boooterstown and Mount Merrion  
Account**

**IBAN: IE92ULSB 985330 00606072**

**BIC: ULSBIE2D**

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