



### The Greeting

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 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)*

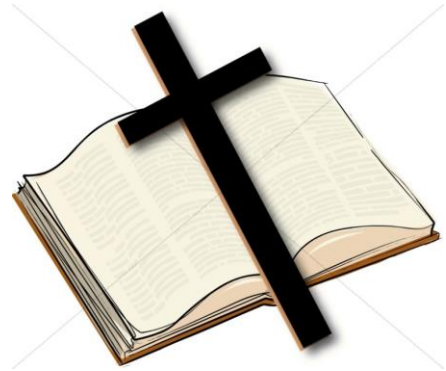
*(Silence)*

***Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.***

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.**

## **Gloria - 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory,  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Epistle - 1 Thessalonians 5: 1  
-11**

5Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 598  
(Take this moment)**

Take this moment, sign and space;  
take my friends around;  
here among us make the place  
where your love is found.

Take the time to call my name,  
take the time to mend  
who I am and what I've been,  
all I've failed to tend.

Take the tiredness of my days,  
take my past regret;  
letting your forgiveness touch  
all I can't forget.

Take the little child in me,  
scared of growing old;  
help me here to find my worth  
made in Christ's own mould.

Take my talents, take my skills,  
take what's yet to be;  
let my life be yours, and yet  
let it still be me.

**The Holy Gospel - Matthew 25: 14-  
30**

*(Please stand, if you are able)*

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 25, beginning at verse 14.*

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

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according

to his ability. Then he went away.

<sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the

ground. Here you have what is yours."

<sup>26</sup>But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?"

<sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

<sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

### **The Affirmation of Faith**

*(Please stand, if you are able)*

***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,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,***

*true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
 the Virgin Mary, and was made  
 man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under  
 Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again in  
 accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven and is  
 seated at the right hand of the  
 Father.  
 He will come again to judge the  
 living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.*

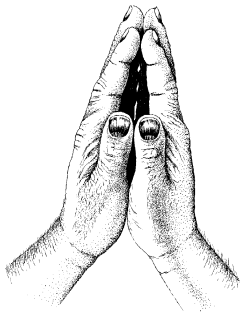
*We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and  
 the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son is  
 worshipped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the  
 prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and  
 apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for  
 the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the  
 dead,  
 and the life of the world to come.  
 Amen.*

November is traditionally the month of remembering. Two weeks ago, on 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.

James and Margaret (Daisey) Richards  
 William Burgess  
 Joan Shanks  
 Jack and Gwen Morris  
 Mo and Billy Walsh  
 Richelle McCarthy  
 The Rev. Alan Barrett  
 Phyllis and Jimmy Hodgins  
 Ken Wilson  
 Eithne Mansfield  
 Patricia Corcoran  
 The McHugh Family  
 The Kent Family  
 The White Family  
 The Brown Family  
 Vere Wynne-Jones  
 Alfred Kincaid  
 Harry Kincaid  
 Harry Mackie  
 Gordon Smart  
 Gerald Cole  
 Josef Perkmann  
 Julie O'Keeffe  
 David and Christine Arthur  
 Frank Turner  
 Amanda Turner

Peter and Kay Ferguson  
 Patricia and Derrick Hill  
 Donald and Joan Forbes  
 Bob Knaggs  
 Thomas Gallagher  
 Maureen Joyce  
 Linda Gillett  
 Leonard Kemmis  
 Max and Diana Hayes  
 Bill and Thelma Cassidy  
 Betty Dunne  
 Bryan Daunt  
 Jim Flack  
 James Hird

**Musical Reflection – Hymn No. 325 –  
 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord**



Intercessions (please kneel or sit)

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**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!*



**The Peace**

*[Please stand if you are able]*

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 - Hymn No. 399  
 (Folksong)**

An upper room did our Lord prepare  
 for those he loved until the end:  
 and his disciples still gather there  
 to celebrate their Risen Friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:  
 to share his bread, his loving cup.  
 Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
 he by his Cross shall lift us up.

And after Supper, he washed their  
 feet  
 for service, too, is sacrament.  
 In him our joy shall be made complete

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sent out to serve, as he was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace,  
 he loves beyond our uttermost:  
 in every room in our Father's house  
 he will be there, as Lord and host.

## 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 3

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, Lord of all creation, we praise  
 you for your goodness and your love.  
 When we turned away you did not  
 reject us. You came to meet us in  
 your Son, welcomed us as your  
 children and prepared a table where  
 we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we  
 might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the  
 cross and, with love stronger than**

**death, he made the perfect  
 sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on  
 the night before you died you came to  
 table with your friends. Taking  
 bread, you gave thanks, broke it and  
 gave it to them saying,  
 Take, eat, this is my body which is  
 given for you; do this in remembrance  
 of me.

**Lord Jesus we bless you:  
 you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper you took the cup  
 of wine, gave thanks, and said,  
 Drink this, all of you; 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.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
 you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:  
**dying, you destroyed our death,  
 rising, you restored our life;  
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us  
 now; may this bread and wine be to us  
 the body and blood of our Saviour  
 Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy  
 gifts make us, who know our need  
 of grace, one in Christ, our risen  
 Lord.**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed  
 Trinity: with your whole Church



throughout the world we offer you  
this sacrifice of thanks and praise  
and lift our voice to join the song of  
heaven, 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!***

Thanks be to you, our God, for your  
gift beyond words.

***Amen. Amen. Amen.***

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### The Breaking of the Bread

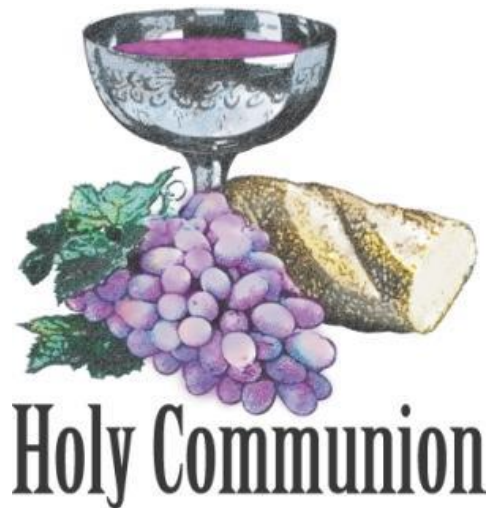
Jesus' disciples recognised him in the  
breaking of the bread:

***may we recognise him in our midst  
and in each other.***

#### The Invitation

### **The Communion**

*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 Great Silence**

*A time for reflection*

#### The Post Communion Prayer

***Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament you give  
substance to our hope.  
Bring us at the last to that pure  
life for which we long,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
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.***



**The Blessing**

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...

God give you grace  
to share the inheritance of all his  
saints in glory:  
the Blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit, be with you and remain with  
you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn No. 346 (Angel voices)**

Angel voices, ever singing  
round thy throne of light;  
angel harps, for ever ringing,  
rest nor day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee,  
and confess thee,  
Lord of might.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds, and hands and  
voices,

in our choicest  
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit,  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessèd Trinity.  
of the best that thou hast given,  
earth and heaven  
render thee.

**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the  
Lord.

***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

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**Midweek Prayer and Chat**

Wednesday 10.30-11.00 *on Zoom*

**Healer Prayer Group**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020  
19.00-19.30 *on Zoom*

**MOUNT MERRION  
SELECT VESTRY**

MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2020  
20.00 *ON ZOOM*

**BOOTERSTOWN &  
CARYSFORT SELECT  
VESTRY**

THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020  
20.00 *ON ZOOM*