

At a meeting of both select vestries on Monday 24th January 2022, it was decided, in light of the numbers of COVID cases and the concerns expressed by parishioners, to continue with the current measures and service times until the end of February when there will be a further full review. Your opinions on how we go forward would be welcome and will be taken into consideration at that review.

Face Masks

The government guidelines still require us to wear a face mask in church, covering your mouth and nose. It has been indicated that this will be reviewed at the end of February. Those who are leading/reading at the service may remove their face covering whilst they are leading/reading.

Social Distancing

The government has announced that social-distancing is no longer required, however, a number of people have indicated that they would still like to have a little space. There is always plenty of space at the front of the church!!! I would ask people to respect others' need for space.

Contact Tracing

We are no longer required get the contact details of attendees.



Greeting

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

Opening Hymn - Hymn No. 652 (Mannheim)

*Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.*

*Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
self denying, death defying,
thou to Calvary didst go.*

*Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.*

(Please stand)

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.***

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 – we are omitting the Gloria as
we are required to keep the service
as short as possible***

**The Collect of the 2nd Sunday
before Lent**

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the
earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all
your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
sustain us all in danger's hour;
through wreck and tempest, grief and
loss,
renew the triumph of the Cross:
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and
sea.

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - Luke 8: 22-35

(Please stand, if you are able)

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to
Luke, chapter 8, beginning at verse 22.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 612
(Melita)**

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the restless
wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us as we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep
and calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst sweep
across the dark and formless deep
to bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:

22 One day he got into a boat with his
disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us
go across to the other side of the
lake.' So they put out, ²³and while they
were sailing he fell asleep. A gale
swept down on the lake, and the boat
was filling with water, and they were
in danger. ²⁴They went to him and
woke him up, shouting, 'Master,
Master, we are perishing!' And he
woke up and rebuked the wind and the
raging waves; they ceased, and there
was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, 'Where
is your faith?' They were afraid and
amazed, and said to one another, 'Who
then is this, that he commands even
the winds and the water, and they
obey him?'

26 Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the

feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

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

(Please sit)

The Sermon

(Please stand, if you are able)

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.**

(Please kneel or sit)

Intercessions

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!*

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Peace

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.



*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.*

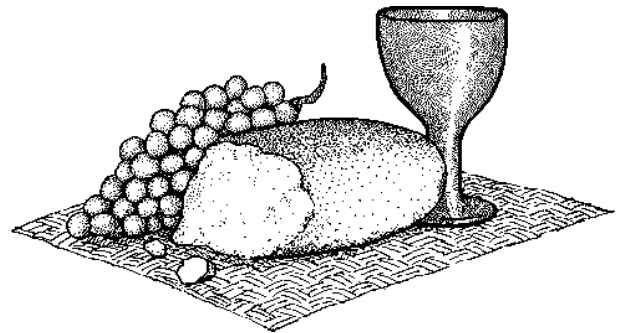
Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 424 **(Jesus, stand among us)**

Jesus, stand among us
at the meeting of our lives,
be our sweet agreement
at the meeting of our eyes;

*O Jesus, we love you,
so we gather here,
join our hearts in unity
and take away our fear.*

So to you we're gathering
out of each and every land,
Christ the love between us,
at the joining of our hands;

Jesus, stand among us
at the breaking of the bread,
join us as one body
as we worship you, our head.



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.

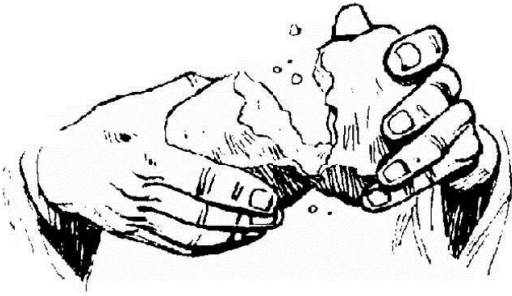
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

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

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



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. Everyone is very welcome 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

*God our creator,
 by your gift the tree of life was
 set at the heart
 of the earthly paradise,
 and the Bread of life at the heart
 of your Church.
 May we who have been nourished at
 your table on earth
 be transformed by the glory of the
 Saviour's Cross
 and enjoy the delights of eternity;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen*

The Blessing

Hymn No. 443 (The Ash Grove)

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true
 faith confessing,
 the people of God from his table take
 leave.
 The supper is ended; O now be
 extended
 the fruits of his service in all who
 believe.
 The seed of his teaching, our hungry
 souls reaching,
 shall blossom in action for God and
 for all.

His grace shall incite us, his love shall
unite us
to further God's kingdom and answer
his call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God
ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will
face.

Our faith every sharing, in love ever
caring,
we claim as our neighbours the whole
human race.

One bread that has fed us, one light
that has led us,
unite us as one in his life that we
share.

Then may all the living, with praise
and thanksgiving,
give honour to Christ and his name
that we bear.

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.

Thank You!

Thank you to
The Rev. Canon Fred Appelbe,
who is very kindly taking the
services, this morning.
Thank you, Fred!

Pastoral Care of the Parishes, the Blackrock Clinic and the Blackrock Hospice.

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne is looking
after the parishes, the Blackrock Clinic
and the Blackrock Hospice, until 25th
February 2022.

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne
01-2806596 or 086-3467920

*Parishioners who are in hospitals or in
residential care will be looked after by
the chaplains of those establishments.*

Wednesday 23rd February 2022

St Thomas' Church at 10.30

Midweek Holy Communion Service



*Bring your own mug for a cuppa
afterwards!*

Confirmation Class

**There will be no
Confirmation Classes next
Saturday (26th February
2022) due to half-term.**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

For Zoom details, please contact

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Sunday 27th February 2022

**8.30 Holy Communion - St
Thomas' Church**

**10.30 Service of the Word - St
Philip and St James' Church
(live-streamed)**

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2022

20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2022

20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM



Daffodil Service and Daffodil Coffee Morning with Bring-and-Buy

*Sunday 27th March
2022*

8.30 Holy Communion - St
Thomas' Church

**10.30 United Family
Service for Daffodil Day -
St Philip and St James'
Church**

At this Service, we will pray for those who are undergoing treatment for cancer, and for all who are involved in the healing and care of people with cancer; and for those who are undertaking research into the treatment and cure of cancer. We are going to give thanks for the recovery of

those who have survived cancer,
and remember those who have
died from cancer.

Tea/coffee will be served after the
service in the parish hall, in aid of
the Irish Cancer Society, and there
will also be a Bring and Buy Stall in
aid of the Irish Cancer Society.