

Greeting

Christ is risen!

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

Opening Responses

What can bring us happiness?

**The love God among us.**

**The justice of God around us.**

**The breath of God within us.**

Open our minds to the scriptures;

**Open our eyes to Jesus in our midst.**

Opening Hymn No. 266 (Llanfair)

[Verses 1-2]

1. Hail the day that sees him arise,  
*alleluia!*  
to his throne above the skies; *alleluia!*  
Christ the Lamb for sinners given,  
*alleluia!*  
enters now the highest heaven,  
*Alleluia!*

2. There for him high triumph waits;  
*alleluia!*  
lift your heads, eternal gates! *alleluia!*  
He has conquered death and sin;  
*alleluia!*  
take the King of glory in! *Alleluia!*

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.

(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**

### **Gloria to the tune of 'In An English Country Garden'**

Glory to God, to God in the height,  
bringing peace to every nation.  
Lord God Almighty, Father and King,  
and the author of salvation.  
"Glory"! let the people sing,  
let the whole creation ring,  
telling out redemption's story,  
As we worship Your name with  
thankful songs of praise,  
for the love that is Your glory.

Jesus, the Father's one holy Son,  
all creation bows before You.  
You are the God, the God we acclaim,  
and we worship and adore you.  
Lamb of God, to You we pray,  
You who take our sin away,  
mercy, grace and truth revealing.

At the right hand of God, receive our  
humble prayer  
for forgiveness, hope and healing.

You, Jesus Christ, alone are the Lord,  
by Your own eternal merit;  
sharing by right the glory of God  
in the presence of the Spirit.  
You alone are Lord Most High,  
You alone we glorify,  
reigning over all creation.  
To the Father, the Son and Spirit,  
Three in One,  
be eternal acclamation!

### **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

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

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened  
the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his  
presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened  
and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in  
righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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

*[Verses 1 and 2]*

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;

**The Holy Gospel - Luke 24: 36b-48**  
*(Please remain standing)*

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to  
 Luke, chapter 24 beginning at verse 36.*

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

36 While they were talking about  
 this, Jesus himself stood among them  
 and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'  
 37 They were startled and terrified,  
 and thought that they were seeing a  
 ghost. 38 He said to them, 'Why are  
 you frightened, and why do doubts  
 arise in your hearts? 39 Look at my  
 hands and my feet; see that it is I  
 myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost  
 does not have flesh and bones as you  
 see that I have.' 40 And when he had  
 said this, he showed them his hands

and his feet. 41 While in their joy they  
 were disbelieving and still wondering,  
 he said to them, 'Have you anything  
 here to eat?' 42 They gave him a piece  
 of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and  
 ate in their presence.

44 Then he said to them, 'These are  
 my words that I spoke to you while I  
 was still with you—that everything  
 written about me in the law of Moses,  
 the prophets, and the psalms must be  
 fulfilled.' 45 Then he opened their  
 minds to understand the scriptures,  
 46 and he said to them, 'Thus it is  
 written, that the Messiah is to suffer  
 and to rise from the dead on the  
 third day, 47 and that repentance and  
 forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed  
 in his name to all nations, beginning  
 from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses  
 of these things.

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

**Hymn - No. 424 (Jesus, stand  
 among us)** *[Verse 3]*

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

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

## 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)*

Help us to recognise you:  
**our Lord and our God!**

**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 Peace

### 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. 266

(Llanfair)

*[Verses 6-7]*

6. Lord, though parted from our sight,  
*alleluia!*

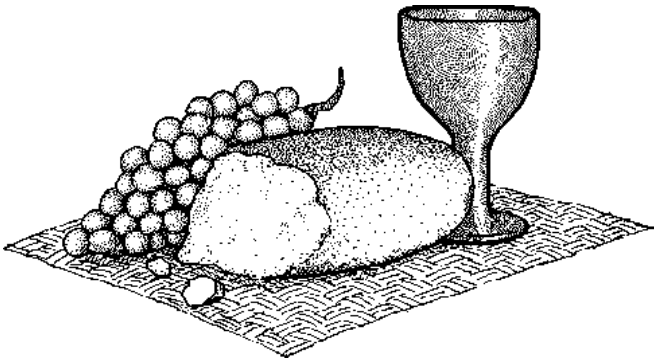
far above the starry height, *alleluia!*  
grant our hearts may thither rise,  
*alleluia!*

following thee beyond the skies.  
*Alleluia!*

7. There we shall with thee remain,  
*alleluia!*

partners of thine endless reign;  
*alleluia!*

there thy face unclouded see, *alleluia!*  
find our heaven of heavens in thee.  
*Alleluia!*



## 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.*

### **The Communion**



### **The Great Silence**

*You are invited to take some time to reflect, having received Holy Communion.*

### The Post-Communion Prayer

***Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread.***

*Open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his  
redeeming work;  
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. 252 (Alleluia No. 1)

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the  
risen Lord!  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his  
name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news through all the  
earth,  
Jesus has died and is risen:

We have been crucified with Christ -  
now we shall live for ever:

God has proclaimed the just reward -  
life for the world, alleluia!

Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour!

The Closing Responses and Dismissal

Love of God,  
**grow in us.**

Fire of God,  
**refine us.**

Laughter of God,  
**dance in us.**

Justice of God,  
**define us.**

Tears of God,  
**weep in us.**

Beauty of God,  
**caress us.**

Story of God,  
**run deep in us.**

Mystery of God,  
**bless us.**

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**  
Via. Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

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*The sense of peace and calm is wonderful.*

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**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.

I originally hoped that we might raise €3,000 and be able to give €1,000 each to The Irish Cancer Society, Protestant Aid and to our parishes' 'poor' fund. The total raised is €15,000 and we are delighted to be able to give €5,000 to each of the aforementioned charities.

The GoFundMe page has now closed.

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

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