

Face Masks

As per government guidelines, please wear a face covering in church. Those who are leading/reading at the service may remove their face covering whilst they are leading/reading but must observe social-distancing whilst doing so.

Contact Tracing

We are obliged to get the contact details of everyone who attends this service. These will only be used in the event of someone attending the service being diagnosed with Covid-19, in which event, they will be passed to the health authorities for Contact Tracing purposes. Please complete the form which is available at the church doors and drop into the box provided. If they are not required for Contact Tracing purposes, they will be destroyed after 28 days.

Singing

We have been instructed that while choirs can sing as long as they are socially distanced from each other and that children's choirs operate in pods, that the members of the congregation are not to sing, shout, chant or raise their voices to each other!

Over the past few weeks, there has been some 'musical muttering into masks'! The organist, is going to play the tune of the hymns chosen for this service and I invite you to reflect upon the words which have been included in this service sheet as you listen to the music.



The Gathering of God's People

*The Lord be with you
and also with you.*

Opening Responses

*Mountains and rivers,
islands and oceans,
give God glory.*

*Children and lovers,
rulers and nations,
give God glory.*

*All who live,
all who breathe,
give God glory.*

Opening Hymn No. 294 (Down Ampney)

*Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour
glowing;*

*O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame
bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat
consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my
path illuming.*

Let holy charity
 mine outward vesture be,
 and lowliness become mine inner
 clothing:
 true lowliness of heart,
 which takes the humbler part,
 and o'er its own shortcomings weeps
 with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
 with which the soul will long,
 shall far outpass the power of human
 telling;
 for none can guess its grace,
 till we become the place
 wherein the Holy Spirit makes his
 dwelling.

The Preface

Beloved in Christ,
 we come together to offer to
 Almighty God our worship and praise
 and thanksgiving,
 to confess our sins and to receive
 God's forgiveness,
 to hear his holy word proclaimed,
 to bring before him our needs and the
 needs of the world,
 and to pray that in the power of his
 Spirit we may serve him and know the
 greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our
 Father.

[Please kneel or sit]

Heavenly Father,

***we have sinned against you and
 against our neighbour
 in thought and word and deed,
 through negligence,
 through weakness,
 through our own deliberate fault;
 by what we have done and by what
 we have failed to do.
 We are truly sorry and repent of all
 our sins.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus
 Christ who died for us,
 forgive us all that is past;
 and grant that we may serve you 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.**

[Please stand, if you are able]

**O Lord, open our lips
 and our mouth shall proclaim your
 praise.**

**O God, make speed to save us.
 O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit;
***as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and shall be forever. Amen.***

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.



[Please sit]

The Old Testament Reading - Isaiah **43: 1-7**

⁴³ But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are
mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I
will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall
not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall
not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your
Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia* and Seba in exchange for
you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the

east,

and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give
them up',

and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of
the earth—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

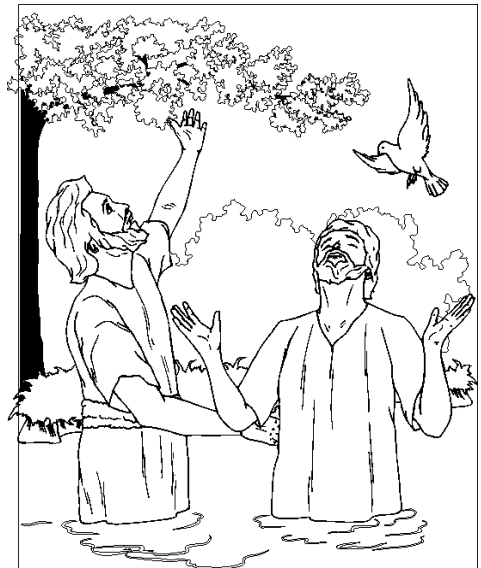
Here ends the Old Testament Reading.

Psalm - Hymn No. 293 (Spiritus Dei)

[Verses 1 and 2]

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.



[Please sit]

The New Testament Reading – Luke
3: 15-17, 21-22

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Here ends the New Testament Reading.

Canticle – Hymn No. 293 (Spiritus Dei)

[Verses 3 and 4]

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

[Please stand, if you are able]

The Apostles' Creed
***I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father, and he will come again
to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

[Please sit or kneel]

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

The Versicles and Responses

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
and grant our government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with
righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
***and bless those whom you have
chosen.***

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
***and let your glory be over all the
earth.***

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

The Collect for the 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus

revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born of water and
the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

Collect for use at Morning Prayer

***Go before us, Lord, in all our
doings, with your most gracious
favour,
and further us with your continual
help;
that in all our works begun,
continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy attain
everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

The Prayers



Hymn No. 642 (Amazing Grace)

[Verses 1, 2, 5]

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound!)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to
fear,

and grace my fears relieved:
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall
fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

The Sermon

Hymn No. 712 (Woodlands)

[Verses 1, 2 and 4]

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the
Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit
voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart
rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his
name:
make known his might, the deeds his
arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the
same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty
One.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his
word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy
sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the
Lord
to children's children and for
evermore.

The Blessing for Epiphany

Christ the Son be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the
world:
and the Blessing...

The Dismissal

Exciting God,
glorious God,
baptise us with wonder.

Wise God,
righteous God,
baptise us with justice.

Holy God,
covenant God,
baptise us with love.

*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.

*Wishing you all
a safe, healthy and happy
New Year.*

Wednesday 12th January 2022

St Thomas' Church at 10.30

Midweek Holy Communion Service



Bring your own mug for a cuppa afterwards!

Sunday 16th January 2022

8.30 Holy Communion - St Thomas' Church

10.30 Holy Communion - St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)



Confirmation Class

The next Confirmation Classes will be on Saturday 15th January 2022 in St Philip and St James' Church 18.00-18.30 hours and 18.30-19.15 hours

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

For Zoom details, please contact

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REGISTER OF VESTRYPersons

The Register of Vestrypersons is the electoral roll of the Parish, and is updated at the January Select Vestry meetings of our respective parishes.

If you are not on the Register, you are not entitled to vote on parish matters and are not able to hold any office in the parish, or serve on the Select Vestry. Please contact the

Churchwardens to be placed on the Register of Vestrypersons.

It is very simple to do, the churchwardens have forms available, and all you have to do is fill in the short, simple form and give it to a churchwarden.

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 27th JANUARY 2022

20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 31st JANUARY 2022

20.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM