

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.

**The Gathering of God's People**

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

Opening Hymn - Hymn No. 531 (St Botolph Hymn No. 462i)

[Verses 1-3]

Where love and loving-kindness dwell,

*there God will ever be:
one Father, Son, and Spirit, bound
in perfect charity.*

*Brought here together into one
by Christ our shepherd-king,
now let us in his love rejoice,
and of his goodness sing.*

*Here too let God, the living God,
both loved and honoured be;
and let us each the other love
with true sincerity.*

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]

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.

**Hymn No. 531 (St Botolph Hymn
No. 462i)**

[Verses 4-6]

Brought here together by Christ's
love,
let no ill-will divide,
nor quarrels break the unity
of those for whom he died.

Let envy, jealousy and strife
and all contention cease,
for in our midst serves Christ the
Lord,
our sacrament of peace.

Together may we with the saints
your face in glory view,
and ever in your kingdom feast,
O Christ our God, with you.

[Please sit]

**The Old Testament Reading -
Psalm 130**

1 Out of the depths have I cried to
you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let
your ears consider well the voice of
my supplication.

2 **If you, Lord, were to mark what
is done amiss, O Lord, who could
stand?**

3 But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you shall be feared.

4 **I wait for the Lord; my soul
waits for him; in his word is my
hope.**

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more

than the night watch for the morning, more than the night watch for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him is plenteous redemption and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Glory be 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.

Hymn No. 9 (Cross of Jesus)

[Verses 1-3]

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's
shadows
are more keenly felt than heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.

There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that Christ has
shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.



[Please sit]

The New Testament Reading - Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2

25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ⁵¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Here ends the New Testament Reading.

Canticle - Hymn No. 9 (Cross of Jesus)

Verses 4-6

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.

If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word,
and our lives would fill with gladness
in the presence of the Lord.

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 of the Tenth Sunday
after Trinity**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble
servants;
and that they may obtain their
petitions,
make them to ask such things as shall
please you;
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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

by Johann Sebastian Bach

*You are invited to sit and reflect upon this
piece of music.*

The Sermon

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 Blessing

*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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

Contact Irene on 087-2755423

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Services next Sunday

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

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

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 16TH AUGUST

2021

20.00 HOURS

VIA ZOOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND

CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

TUESDAY 31ST AUGUST

2021 **(TO BE CONFIRMED)**

20.00 HOURS

VIA ZOOM



Gardening Blitz

St Thomas' Church Grounds

The grounds of St Thomas' Church are in need of a tidy-up, weeding, pruning, etc. – all **light gardening** as opposed to digging out trees or cutting hedges!

We are asking people to come down on **Saturday 14th** and **Saturday 21st August 2021**, 9.00-11.00.

Please bring gardening gloves and any gardening tools you might have such as trowels, small forks, hoes, etc.



Accommodation Wanted

A 2nd Year UCD student (female) is looking for accomodation for the forthcoming academic year.

Please contact the Rector for further information.