

The Gathering of God's People

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

Hymn No. 634 (Blaenwern)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art,
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

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.

[Please sit]

**The Old Testament Reading -
 Isaiah 45: 11-13, 18-19**

¹¹ Thus says the LORD,
 the Holy One of Israel, and its
 Maker:
 Will you question me about my
 children,
 or command me concerning the work
 of my hands?

¹² I made the earth,
 and created humankind upon it;
 it was my hands that stretched out
 the heavens,
 and I commanded all their host.

¹³ I have aroused Cyrus in
 righteousness,
 and I will make all his paths
 straight;

he shall build my city
 and set my exiles free,
 not for price or reward,
 says the LORD of hosts.

¹⁸ For thus says the LORD,
 who created the heavens
 (he is God!),
 who formed the earth and made it
 (he established it;
 he did not create it a chaos,
 he formed it to be inhabited!):
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.

¹⁹ I did not speak in secret,
 in a land of darkness;
 I did not say to the offspring
 of Jacob,
 'Seek me in chaos.'
 I the LORD speak the truth,
 I declare what is right.

Here ends the First Reading.

**Psalm - Hymn No. 606 (As the
 deer)**

As the deer pants for the water,
 so my soul longs after you.
 You alone are my heart's desire
 and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my
brother,
even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.

[Please sit]

The New Testament Reading - John 15: 9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you

friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Here ends the Second Reading.

Canticle: Hymn No. 515 (A new commandment)

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one to another.
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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 6th Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power
of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of
your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy;
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. 259 (Guiting Power)

[Verses 1-3]

*Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:*

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name!*

*Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:*

*Suffering servant, scorned, ill-
treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:*

The Sermon

Hymn No. 259 (Guiting Power)

[Verses 4-5]

*Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:*

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name!*

*So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:*

The Blessing for Easter

*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 . . .*

Closing Responses

*Into our streets and homes we go;
into our joys and sorrows we go;
into the fight for justice we go;
**blessed with the friendship of God
we go, living our lives in God's love.***

Sausage(less!) Service

Tonight on our Youtube

page at 6.30pm.

Congregations back to
in-church worship from
tomorrow.



Services this week are:

Wednesday 12th May 2021

Midweek Holy Communion Service

St Thomas' Church at 10.30

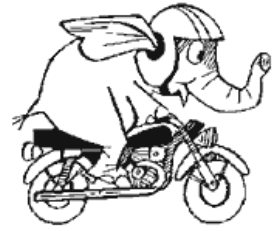
*Bring your own mug for a cuppa
afterwards!*

Sunday 16th May 2021

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

*NB Please book in by 12.00 on
Saturday for this service.*

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



Blessing of the Animals

United Family Service
10.30

St Philip and St James'
Church

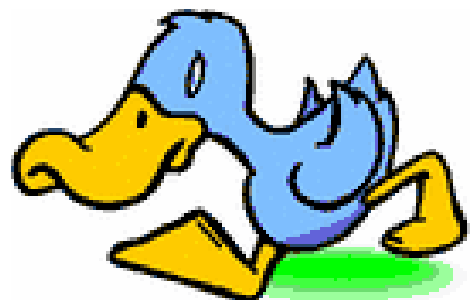
Sunday 23rd May 2021

Weather-permitting, this service will be
held outdoors!

All are very welcome to this Service with
their animals.

We ask you to keep your animals under
control as we do not want any
unplanned eating episodes!!!!

*Pooper-scooper rules apply!!! Please
clean up after your animal.*



**BOOTERSTOWN AND
CARYSFORT**

SHORT MEETING OF
SELECT VESTRY TO
DISCUSS RETURN TO
IN-CHURCH WORSHIP
MONDAY 10TH MAY 2021
20.00 HOURS
VIA ZOOM

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY
THURSDAY 13TH MAY 2021
20.00 HOURS
VIA ZOOM

**BOOTERSTOWN AND
CARYSFORT**

SELECT VESTRY
THURSDAY 20TH MAY 2021
20.00 HOURS
VIA ZOOM

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

Contact Irene on 087-2755423

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*The sense of peace and calm is
wonderful.*

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