

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

Opening Responses

What do Christians do?

They share their possessions.

What do Christians do?

They care for each other.

What do Christians do?

They speak about Jesus.

What do they do?

They live a new life.

Hymn No. 255 (Morgenlied)

[Verse 1]

Christ is risen, alleluia!
risen our victorious head;
sing his praises, alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead.
gratefully our hearts adore him,
as his light once more appears,
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from grief and tears.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

risen our victorious head;

sing his praises, alleluia!

Christ is risen from the dead.

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 26: 2-9, 19

- ² Open the gates,
so that the righteous nation that
keeps faith
may enter in.
- ³ Those of steadfast mind you keep
in peace—
in peace because they trust in you.
- ⁴ Trust in the Lord for ever,
for in the Lord God
you have an everlasting rock.
- ⁵ For he has brought low
the inhabitants of the height;
the lofty city he lays low.
He lays it low to the ground,
casts it to the dust.
- ⁶ The foot tramples it,
the feet of the poor,
the steps of the needy.
- ⁷ The way of the righteous is level;
O Just One, you make smooth the
path of the righteous.
- ⁸ In the path of your judgements,
O Lord, we wait for you;
your name and your renown
are the soul's desire.
- ⁹ My soul yearns for you in the night,
my spirit within me earnestly seeks
you.
For when your judgements are in the
earth,
the inhabitants of the world learn
righteousness.
- ¹⁹ Your dead shall live, their corpses
shall rise.

O dwellers in the dust, awake and
sing for joy!
For your dew is a radiant dew,
and the earth will give birth to
those long dead.

Here ends the First Reading.

Psalm - Hymn No. 255 (Morgenlied)

[Verse 2]

Christ is risen! all the sadness
of this earthly life is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending,
he doth rise the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow:

*Christ is risen, alleluia!
risen our victorious head;
sing his praises, alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead.*

[Please sit]

**The New Testament Reading - John
20: 19-31**

19 When it was evening on that day,
the first day of the week, and the
doors of the house where the
disciples had met were locked for
fear of the Jews, Jesus came and
stood among them and said, 'Peace be
with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he
showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they
saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them
again, 'Peace be with you. As the
Father has sent me, so I send you.'
²²When he had said this, he breathed
on them and said to them, 'Receive
the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the
sins of any, they are forgiven them; if
you retain the sins of any, they are
retained.'

24 But Thomas (who was called the
Twin), one of the twelve, was not with
them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the
other disciples told him, 'We have
seen the Lord.' But he said to them,
'Unless I see the mark of the nails in
his hands, and put my finger in the
mark of the nails and my hand in his
side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were
again in the house, and Thomas was
with them. Although the doors were
shut, Jesus came and stood among
them and said, 'Peace be with you.'
²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your
finger here and see my hands. Reach
out your hand and put it in my side. Do
not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas
answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'
²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you
believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe.'

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in
the presence of his disciples, which
are not written in this book. ³¹But
these are written so that you may

come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Here ends the Second Reading.



Canticle: Hymn No. 255

(Morgenlied)

[Verse 3]

Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthral,
we are Christ's, in him for ever
we have triumphed over all;
all the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased.
'Tis the day of resurrection;
let us rise and keep the feast.

*Christ is risen, alleluia!
risen our victorious head;
sing his praises, alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead.*

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 2nd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die
for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven
of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you in
pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son
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.*



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The Prayers

Hymn No. 263 (Diademata)

[Verses 1 and 3]

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as they matchless King
through all eternity.
3. Crown him the Lord of love,

behold his hands and side,
 those wounds, yet visible above,
 in beauty glorified:
 an angel in the sky
 can fully bear that sight,
 but downward bends his wondering
 eye
 at mysteries so bright.

The Sermon

Hymn No. 263 (Diademata)

[Verses 4-6]

4. Crown him the Lord of life
 who triumphed o'er the grave,
 and rose victorious in the strife,
 for those he came to save:
 his glories now we sing,
 who died and rose on high,
 who died eternal life to bring,
 and lives that death may die.

5. Crown him the Lord of peace,
 whose power a sceptre sways
 from pole to pole, that wars may
 cease,
 and all be love and praise:
 his reign shall know no end;
 and round his piercèd feet
 the thousand tones of earth shall
 blend
 in concord ever sweet.

6. Crown him the Lord of years,
 the Potentate of time,
 creator of the rolling spheres,
 ineffably sublime:

all hail, Redeemer, hail!
 for thou hast died for me;
 thy praise shall never, never fail
 throughout eternity.
 and from the ground there blossoms
 red
 life that shall endless be.

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

In us, among us:
the peace of Jesus.

In us, among us:
the presence of Jesus.

In us, among us:
the power of Jesus.

In us, among us:
God's life and God's love.

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS
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EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES

*Both Easter General Vestries will be held via
Zoom.*

MOUNT MERRION

**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2021
20.00 HOURS**

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
THURSDAY 22ND APRIL 2021
20.00 HOURS**

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. On Friday evening, the amount raised reached €14,552!

We will be closing the fundraising in the middle of April, but until then, donations may be made by online banking to

Booterstown and Mount Merrion Account

**IBAN: IE92ULSB 985330 00606072
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or a cheque payable to *Booterstown
and Mount Merrion Account*

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

by Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

Contact Irene on 087-2755423
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*The sense of peace and calm is
wonderful.*

MIDWEEK PRAYER AND CHAT WEDNESDAY 10.30-11.00 via Zoom

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