

The Gathering of God's People

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The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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]

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.

The Old Testament Reading -
Genesis 1: 1-5

[Please sit]

1In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness

covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Here ends the Old Testament Reading.

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.



The New Testament Reading - Mark

1: 4-11

[Please sit]

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Here ends the New Testament Reading.

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.

The Apostles' Creed

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***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 who 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 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

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***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 - Creator God (sine nomine)

[Lyrics by Pat Bennett]

[Verses 1, 2, 3]

Creator God, abundant life your mark,

you once poured speech into the
formless dark;
and from those words sprang forth a
living spark.
Your inspiration
awoke creation.

And so this world, in which we live and
move,
all that we sense below, around,
above,
displays the imprint of your longing
love:
its revelation
throughout creation.

From blight and guilt, we cannot walk
away,
our will and actions shape the world
today;
and ours the greed, insistent on its
way,
whose depredations
despoil creation.

The Sermon

Hymn - Creator God (sine nomine)

[Lyrics by Pat Bennett]

[Verses 4 and 5]

Come Holy Spirit, challenge mind and
heart!
Inspire our living so that we can start
to make those choices which may yet
impart

love's liberation
to your creation.

We pledge to touch all things with
holy care
until your coming Kingdom ends
despair:
when all the world will witness and will
share
the jubilation
of healed creation.

The Blessing for Epiphany

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

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

**MIDWEEK
PRAYER AND CHAT**

WEDNESDAY

10.30-11.00

via Zoom

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REGISTER OF VESTRYPERSONS

Every January, the register of Vestrypersons in each parish is updated. In order to be able to vote on any parish matter, or to vote in any parish elections, or to hold any office in the parish, such as serving on the Select Vestry, you must be registered as a Vestryperson. Forms are available from the Rector, please email her to get a form to enable you to register.

*The Register of Vestrypersons for
**Booterstown and Carysfort
Parish***

*will be updated on
Thursday 28th January 2021,
at a Zoom meeting of the Select
Vestry.*

*The Register of Vestrypersons for
Mount Merrion Parish will be
updated on*

*Monday 1st February 2021,
at a Zoom meeting of the Select
Vestry.*