

The Gathering of God's People

p. 101 (L.P. p.37)

Go raibh an Tiarna libh.

Agus leat féin.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Opening Responses

God dances in light,
God delights in creation,
God loves the world.

God made the world,
and all that is in it,
God loves the world.

God saves us through grace;
it is none of our doing,
God loves the world.

Opening Hymn - As a Mother

Cradles her Child

[Written by David Ogden, based on words of St. Anselm]

As a mother cradles her child,
so you enfold us,
gently in your arms.
As a mother comforts their pain,
you calm and quieten our souls with
your love.

As a mother teaches her child,
so, Lord, you guide us,
leading us through life.
As a mother listens and cares,
O Lord, you hear us and answer our
prayers.

*Jesus as a mother,
you gather us all to you.
In your compassion bring forgiveness
and grace.
in your tenderness restore and
remake us,
in your love, bring us joy, give us
peace.*

*As a mother cries for her child,
so, Lord, you are weeping
over our sins.
As a mother feeds us from our birth,
you daily nourish us with the bread
of life.*

The Preface

A lucht na páirte i gCríost,
táimid cruinnithe le chéile anseo
lenár n-adhradh agus ár moladh agus
ár mbuíochas
a thairiscint do Dhia
uilechumhachtach;
lenár bpeací a admháil agus le
maithiúnas Dé a fháil,
le fógairt a bhriathair naofa a
chloisteáil,
lenár riachtanais féin agus
riachtanais an domhain mhóir a chur
roimhe,
agus le guí air trí chumhacht a
Spioraid
go ndéana muid seirbhís dó
ionas go mb'eol dúinn liacht a ghrá.

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 us,
 pardon and deliver us from all our
 sins, confirm and strengthen us in all
 goodness, and keep us 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.

**Psalm - Hymn No. 24 (Lasst uns
 erfreuen (Easter Song))**

[Verses 1-3]

All creatures of our God and king,
 lift up your voice and with us sing
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou burning sun with golden beam,
 thou silver moon with softer gleam:

**O praise him, O praise him,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice:

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:

[Please sit.]

The Reading - John 3: 14-21

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who

do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

Here ends the Reading.

Canticle - Hymn No. 24 (Lasst uns erfreuen (Easter Song))

[Verses 4-6]

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee
grow,
let them his glory also show:

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

All ye that are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care:

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the
Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:

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

Go raibh an Tiarna libh.

Agus leat féin.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

[Please sit or kneel]

Let us pray.

A Thiarna, déan trócaire.
A Chríost, déan trócaire.
A Thiarna, déan trócaire.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer (page 218, L.P. p.142)

*Ár nAthair, atá ar neamh
go naofar d'ainm,
go dtaga do ríocht,
go ndéantar do thoil
ar talamh mar a dhéantar ar
neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn
inniu,
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,
mar a mhaithimidne dár
bhféichiúna féin.
Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,
ach saor sinn ón olc.
Óir is leatsa an ríocht, agus an
chumhacht, agus an ghlóir, trí shaol
na saol. Áiméan.*

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 4th Sunday in Lent

Lord God
 whose blessed Son our Saviour
 gave his back to the smiters
 and did not hide his face from
 shame:
 give us grace to endure the
 sufferings of this present time
 with sure confidence in the glory
 that shall be revealed;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Collect for Mothering Sunday
 God of compassion,
 whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of
 Mary,
 shared the life of a home in
 Nazareth,
 and on the cross drew the whole
 human family to himself
 Strengthen us in our daily living
 that in joy and in sorrow
 we may know the power of your

presence
 to bind together and to heal;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Collect for use at Morning Prayer

page 114 (L.P. p.51)

*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. 352 (GTWAGH)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 give thanks to the Holy One;
 give thanks because he's given
 Jesus Christ, his Son.
 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
 give thanks to the Holy One;
 give thanks because he's given
 Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am
 strong'.
 Let the poor say 'I am rich',

because of what the Lord has done
for us.

And now let the weak say 'I am
strong'.

Let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done
for us.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am
strong'.

Let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done
for us.

And now let the weak say 'I am
strong'.

Let the poor say 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done
for us.

Give thanks.

The Sermon

Hymn - My Mum

My mum's one in a million,
I'm sure that you would agree.
I wouldn't say that she's perfect, but
she's the best one for me.

Sometimes she can get grumpy, and
sometimes she gets upset, but I still
know that she loves me,
and that I'll never forget!

*Oh! This is a Mother's Day song for
you.*

*Mum, you're ever so special and I'm
gonna find ways to say I love you too!*

My mum's ever so clever,
she even has a degree,
but she can help with my homework,
and that's what matters to me.
Sometimes she can be stressy,
sometimes even she shouts!
But I still know that she loves me,
and that's what certainly counts!

*Oh! This is a Mother's Day song for
you.*

*Mum, you're ever so special and I'm
gonna find ways to say I love you too!*

My mum's really an angel,
she's great at caring for me.
She does the cleaning and shopping,
And makes a wonderful tea!
Sometimes she is too busy,
sometimes she is worn out,
but I still know that she loves me,
and that's what this is about!

*Oh! This is a Mother's Day song for
you.*

*Mum, you're ever so special and I'm
gonna find ways to say I love you too!*

*Oh! This is a Mother's Day song for you.
Mum, you're ever so special and I'm gonna find ways to say I love you too!*

*My mum's one in a million,
I'm sure that you would agree.
I wouldn't say that she's perfect, but she's the best one for me.*

The Blessing for Lent

*Go dtuga Críost grásta daoibh chun go bhfása sibh in naofacht, go ndiúltaí sibh daoibh féin, agus go dtóga sibh bhur gcros agus go leana sibh é: agus go raibh beannacht Dé uilechumhachtaigh, an tAthair, an Mac, agus an Spiorad Naomh oraibh is in bhur measc i gcónaí. **Áiméan.***

*Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves,
and to take up your cross and follow him: and the Blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you always. **Amen.***

The Dismissal

*Shine in our lives;
warm us with courage;
keep us close to you.*

*Shine in our lives;
light up our darkness;
keep us close to you.*

*Shine in our lives;
sweeten our sadness;
keep us close to you.*

*Shine in our lives;
raise us up to glory;
keep us close to you.*

WHAT'S ON...

Whilst some of these things go on throughout the year, you might like to try them in Lent; to take something up, rather than give something up...

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

by Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

Contact Irene on 087-2755423

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***This might be something that you would 'take up' and try for Lent.
The sense of peace and calm is wonderful.***

MIDWEEK PRAYER AND CHAT

WEDNESDAY

10.30-11.00

via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82865214531?pwd=Z0hoeVNFWXI1TVZMVVI2a3h5d3Z3Zz09>

MIDWEEK REFLECTION IN LENT

Wednesday

20.00 - 20.30

via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89886970351?pwd=dndHamd2M1hIOHNtZitpMFpucVZ1dz09>

Mount Merrion Select Vestry

Monday 15th March 2021

20.00 hours via Zoom

Booterstown and Carysfort

Select Vestry

Thursday 25th March 2021

20.00 hours via Zoom

EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES

At this stage, it is anticipated that both Easter General Vestries will be held via Zoom.

MOUNT MERRION

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY

MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2021

20.00 HOURS

BOOTERSTOWN AND

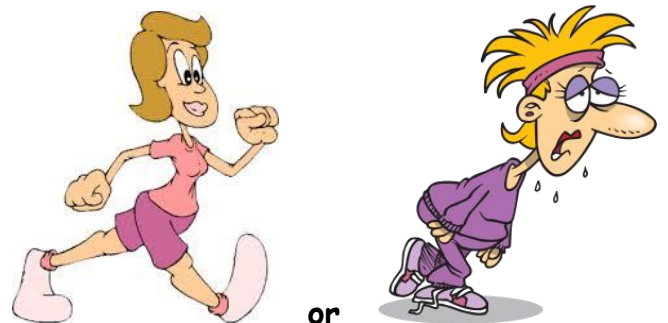
CARYSFORT

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY

THURSDAY 22ND APRIL

2021

20.00 HOURS



or

Lenten Challenge

5km a day

Gillian and a number of others who are doing various challenges have done twenty-five days!

... so far, so good!
She intends to walk 5km
every day of Lent 2021
Wednesday 17th February –
Saturday 3rd April 2021
in aid of:

The Irish Cancer Society
Protestant Aid
Parish Funds

We are in difficult times, and for many, this third lockdown has been, and is, the hardest. In Lent 2021, I am suggesting that rather than giving things up, that we could pull together as a parochial group for our mental, spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing and health, whilst at the same time raising funds for three charities.

The idea is to try and do 5km a day, whether you walk it, cycle it or run it.

If 5km is too much, set yourself a lower target; if it is too easy, set a higher one! Or you can set yourself whatever challenge works for you: learning the 'Jerusalema' and dancing it every day in Lent; learning sign language... it's up to you, but do something that benefits you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, this Lent.

The money raised will be divided equally between the three charities.

*Last year, the **Irish Cancer Society's** major fundraiser, Daffodil Day, was severely affected by COVID-19 and it will be again this year. Each year, on the fourth Sunday of March, we have a Daffodil Service followed by a Daffodil Coffee Morning with a Bring-and-Buy, in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, but, of course, we were not able to have it last year and we will not be able to have it this year. **Please note that we will be having a Daffodil Service as part of our Palm Sunday Service on Sunday 28th March 2021.***

Protestant Aid (also known as PA) is the Church of Ireland version of St Vincent de Paul. It treats genuine calls for help equally, regardless of religious, ethnic or social backgrounds. It was established as a charity over 180 years ago to relieve deprivation in Ireland.

Its primary activities include:
Grants to alleviate poverty or distress

- Annuities for the elderly
- Allowances for heating/energy costs
- School expenses
- Second-level education grants
- Third-level loans
- Sheltered housing and nursing care for over 200 elderly people through our sister companies, the Brabazon Trust and St John's House

And the third cause to benefit is our parishes.

You can help by sponsoring or donating to Gillian's 5km Lenten Challenge, or you could take up a Challenge yourself.

As we are in lockdown, we are conscious of people handling money, so donations may be made via the GoFundMe page

<https://gofund.me/996d06a6>

or by online banking to

**Boooterstown and Mount Merrion
Account**

IBAN: IE92ULSB 985330 00606072

BIC: ULSBIE2D

or a cheque payable to *Boooterstown
and Mount Merrion Account*

At that Service on Palm Sunday, we are going to pray for those who are undergoing treatment for cancer, and for all who are involved in the healing and care of people with cancer; and for those undertaking research into the treatment and cure of cancer. We are going to give thanks for the recovery of those who have survived cancer, and remember those who have died from cancer.



*Sunday 28 March 2021
Palm Sunday*

10.30 United Family
Service for Daffodil Day -
St Philip and St James'
Church