

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.

**Welcome and Greeting**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

[Please remain standing]

Prayer of Approach

Compassionate God,
in a world which is broken,
in communities which are divided,
with lives that are wounded -

we turn to you for healing.
We open our hearts to you
and receive encouragement;
we listen to you word
and find meaning;
we stretch out our hands to you
and find wholeness and healing.
Amen

**Hymn No. 513 (Daniel)**

O Christ, the Healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for
friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
when reached by love that never
ends?

From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamour to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognise the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills:
is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach and prosper humankind.

[Please sit or kneel]

The Penitence

Every week, as we worship together,
apart,
we have the opportunity to admit to
ourselves, to each other and to God,
that we do not always live as we are
called.

In this time of confession, this time
of opening our hearts, let us
remember that God is compassionate
and understanding,
eager to offer grace and love.

Let us pray...

[Silence]

Gracious God, source of all life,
***Lord of mercy and grace, hear our
prayer.***

***We come before you in need of
healing:
the healing of our bodies and souls,
our hearts and our minds,
the healing of our relationships,
the healing of our pride and fear,
and apathy.***

***We know that with you, nothing is
impossible,
so we bring to your our brokenness,
and the brokenness of a power-
hungry world;***

***we come seeking wholeness, healing
and love,
so that we will be free and enabled
to serve and love and dream and
be,
as Christ calls us. Amen.***

[Silence]

Listen then to Jesus,
feel his touch, know his love,
for through him God says to us:
'Your sins are forgiven, you are loved,
you are free.'

God, thank you. Amen.

The Collect of the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear
witness
that you were in Christ reconciling
the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of
your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to
you;
through him who was lifted up on the
cross,
and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

Hymn No. 494 (Beauty for Brokenness)

[Verses 1-3]

Beauty for brokenness,
hope for despair,

[Please sit]

Lord, in your suff'ring world
this is our prayer.
Bread for the children,
justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset
your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives,
cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen,
trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed,
rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause
of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,
friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray:
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain;
come, change our love
from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars,
havens from fear,
cities for sanctu'ry,
freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields,
scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness,
his cross for the pain.

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friend of the weak,
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The Word of God

The Reading - Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

⁷Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'
¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is

nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn No. 494 (Beauty for Brokenness) [Verse 4-5]

Rest for the ravaged earth,
oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned -
our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
carelessness, greed,
make us content with
the things that we need.

*God of the poor,
friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray:
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain;
come, change our love
from a spark to a flame.*

Lighten our darkness,
breathe on this flame,
until your justice burns
brightly again;
until the nations

learn of your ways,
seek your salvation
and bring you their praise.

*God of the poor,
friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray:
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain;
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The Sermon

[Please stand]

Affirmation of Faith

Let us confess the faith of the Church.

***We believe in God the Father,
who made the world.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ, his
Son,***

who redeemed humankind.

***We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God.
Amen.***

[Please sit or kneel]

Intercessions

Prayers for the healing of...

- *the world*
- *nations*
- *international relations*
- *governance and leadership*
- *those who are sick*

- those who are affected by COVID-19
- those on our Healer Prayer List
- ourselves

Musical Reflection – Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

The Lord's Prayer

Collection

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we will be having a retiring collection; there are baskets at the doors of the church in which you may place your collection or envelope. You may wish to donate to the church online or electronically and the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.

Hymn - You are Mine

by David Haas

*I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice,
be still and know I am here.*

*I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light,
come and rest in me.*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me.*

*I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

*I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in
shame.*

*All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name.*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me.*

*I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

*I am the Word that leads all to
freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all
your pain,
stand up, now walk, and live!*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me.*

*I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

The Blessing

*May the God of hope fill us with all
joy and peace in believing,
that we may abound in hope,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
and the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit, bless us and keep us, this day
and for evermore. **Amen.***

God Sends Us Out

God sends us out into the world -

not to build walls
but to dismantle barriers

not to load on chains
but to liberate the oppressed

not to close our doors
but to welcome in the stranger

not to further fragment the body of
Christ

but to re-imagine it

***God sends us out into the world
to live as a sign
of the justice and peace
of his kingdom.***

*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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Wednesday 1st September 2021

St Thomas' Church at 10.30

Midweek Holy Communion Service



*Bring your own mug for a cuppa
afterwards!*

Services next Sunday

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

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

BOOTERSTOWN AND**CARYSFORT**

SELECT VESTRY

TUESDAY 31ST AUGUST 2021

20.00 HOURS

VIA ZOOM

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2021

20.00 HOURS

VIA ZOOM

Accommodation Wanted

A doctor (male) aged 26 who is currently working in the Mater Hospital is looking for accommodation. The property that he is currently renting for the past year, has come to an end. He is looking for accommodation for at least a year but would rent for a shorter period of time if a year-long period was not available. He is looking for a granny flat or an apartment on his own, as due to his shift work and, at times, long hours, he does not want to be in a house with others. He also requires a parking space. He has excellent references from previous landlords.

If you think that you may know of a suitable property or accommodation, please contact me asap.

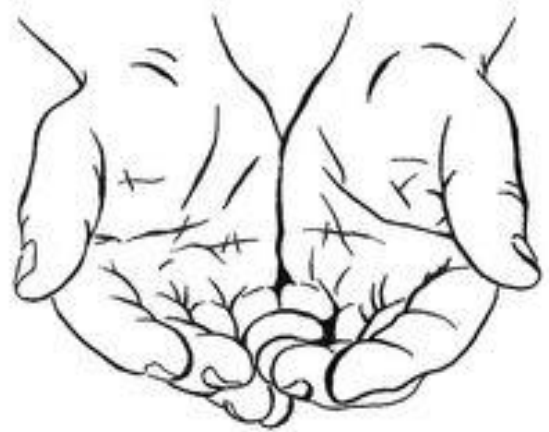


*Thank you re
Gardening Blitz
St Thomas' Church
Grounds*

Thank you to those who came down on Saturday 14th and Saturday 28th August 2021 – amazing work and the grounds are looking so much better.

Colouring Section

Healing Hands



Praying Hands



Helping Hands

