

[Please stand]

### Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The psalm appointed for this Sunday is Psalm 23, the best known of all the psalms. Our second reading talks of Jesus as the good shepherd. This morning, we are going to sing psalm 23 in the various hymns and tunes that have been written on Psalm 23.*

### Hymn No. 20 (Dominus regit me)

[Verses 1-3]

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

[Please sit]

### Prayer of Approach

Spirit of Easter,  
as you fill us with new life,  
may we delight in sharing it with  
others;  
as you tell us the good news which  
can never be taken from us,  
may we rejoice in offering it to the  
broken, the sad, the lonely;  
as you tickle us with grace,  
may we give it away with laughter on  
our lips and joy in our hearts.

God in community, Holy and One,  
our hearts overflow with wonder.

[Please sit or kneel]

### The Penitence

Let us open our lives to God and ask  
for his forgiveness and grace:

[Silence]

On those times when we have kept  
your resurrection as a past event  
rather than a present encounter:

Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.

**Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.**

On those times when we have been  
blind to your presence:

Christe, Christe, eleison.

**Christe, Christe, eleison.**

On those times when we have failed  
to live as those who have risen with  
Christ:

Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.

**Kyrie, kyrie, eleison.**

To all who turn to him, Christ says,  
'Your sins are forgiven.' He also  
says, 'Come, follow me.'

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### The Collect of the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the  
resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,

from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **The Collect for St Mark' Day - 25**

#### **April**

Almighty God,  
who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark:  
grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel,  
may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

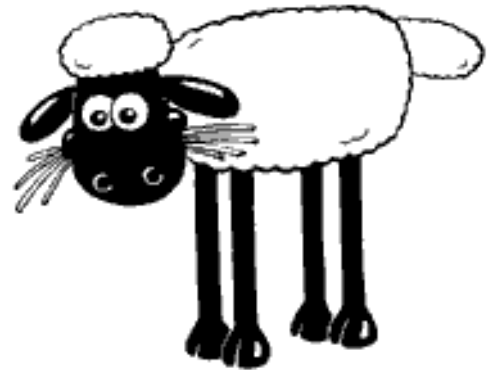
### **The First Reading - Acts 4: 5-12**

<sup>5</sup> The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,  
<sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it

be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is  
"the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone."  
<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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



### **Psalm 23 - Hymn No. 20 (St Columba)**

[Verses 3-4]

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

## The Second Reading - John 10: 11-18

11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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



## Canticle: Hymn No. 20 (The Followers)

[Verses 5-6]

Thou spread'st a table in my sight,  
thy unction grace bestoweth,  
and O, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy  
praise  
within thy house for ever.

## The Sermon

[Please stand]

### The Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in the  
resurrection of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third  
day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his  
followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

cf 1 Corinthians 15:3-7

Commissioning of Wardens and  
Select Vestry members

**Mount Merrion:**

Rector's Churchwarden - Patricia  
Bedlow

People's Churchwarden - Sheila  
Chamberlain

People's Glebewarden - Denis Beare

Select Vestry Members: Judith  
Donlon, Aideen Hartney, Cedric  
Heather, John Hudson, Alan  
McGurdy, Michael McWilliam, Myrtle  
McWilliam, Ian Mullen, Wil  
Robertson, Hilary Turner, Clair  
Wallace.

**Booterstown and Carysfort:**

Rector's Churchwarden - June  
Burgess

People's Churchwarden - Marcus Daly

Rector's Glebewarden - Gordon  
Richards

People's Glebewarden - Justin  
O'Callaghan

Select Vestry Members: Viola Brady,  
Natalie Driver-Keeley, Cecilia Faulim  
Quadros, Michael Hayes, Deirdre  
Kennedy, Jill Lacey, Stephanie  
Morris, Damian Phelan, Barbara  
Plant, David Reid, Denise Richards,  
Quentin Teggan.

The Lord be with you  
*and also with you.*

We are the body of Christ.  
*By the one Spirit we were all  
baptized into one body.*

There is one Lord, one faith, one  
baptism:

*God and Father of all.*

Saint Paul wrote:

Just as in a single human body there  
are many limbs and organs, all with  
different functions, so we who are  
united with Christ, though many,  
form one body, and belong to one  
another as its limbs and organs. We  
have gifts allotted to each of us by  
God's grace.

*Romans 12: 5, 6 (REB)*

We welcome those who have been  
appointed or elected to serve as  
Churchwardens, Glebewarden and as  
members of the Select Vestry of  
the parish of Booterstown and  
Carysfort, and as members of the  
Select Vestry of Mount Merrion, for  
the next year in our parish. We pray  
that guided by God, they will  
undertake to carry out the  
responsibilities entrusted to them,  
faithfully and with due care and  
attention, and all the parishioners  
will support and encourage them  
in their ministry.

**Hymn No. 21 (Crimond)**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not  
want,  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark  
vale,  
yet will I fear none ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

### The Prayers

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### The Blessing

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 of God almighty, the  
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you  
always. **Amen.**

### Hymn No. 147 Thanks and Praise (The Lord's my Shepherd)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not  
want;  
he makes me lie in pastures green,  
he leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,  
and I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.*

#### Descant for Chorus

*I will trust, I will trust in you.  
I will trust, I will trust in you;  
endless mercy follows me,  
goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil;  
and my cup - it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path

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I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod  
and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

#### The Dismissal

Holy and just,  
ready to take risks,  
willing to weep,  
aware that we are loved:  
**make us like Jesus.**

When people meet us:  
*may they meet God in us.*

So be it, Holy Spirit,  
*Amen.*

**MOUNT MERRION**  
**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY**  
**THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**  
**20.00 HOURS**  
*VIA ZOOM*

**BOOTERSTOWN AND**  
**CARYSFORT**  
**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY**  
**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021**  
**20.00 HOURS**  
*VIA ZOOM*

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## 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. The total raised is €15,000 and we are delighted to be able to give €5,000 to each of the aforementioned charities.

The GoFundMe page has now closed.  
**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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**MIDWEEK**  
**PRAYER AND CHAT**  
***WEDNESDAY***  
**10.30-11.00**  
**via Zoom**

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