

**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.*

**Greeting and Introduction****Opening Responses**

The world belongs to God.  
***The earth and all its people.***

How good it is, how wonderful,  
***to live together in unity.***

Love and faith come together,  
***justice and peace join hands.***

If Christ's disciples keep silent  
***these stones would shout aloud.***

Open our lips, O God,  
***and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.***

**Hymn No. 64 Thanks and Praise  
In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Corner-stone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought  
and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of  
peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease!

My comforter, my all-in-all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross, as Jesus died,  
***the love of God was magnified -***  
for every sin on him was laid;

here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine -  
bought with the precious blood of  
Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I stand!

*[Please sit or kneel]*

**Confession** *by Joanna Love - Adapted  
from Weekly Worship*

***Gracious God,  
you know us well.  
We are not always at our best.  
Sometimes we get weary,  
our smiles fade,  
our energy runs low,  
and in a depleted state  
we become bad company.***

***Sometimes we fail to look after  
ourselves***

***and blame others for our unmet  
needs.***

***Sometimes we despair  
that our good work  
does not count for much  
and we retreat into paralysis.***

***Hear our sorrow  
and untangle us, good Lord.***  
*[Silence]*

May God forgive us,  
Christ renew us,  
and the Spirit enable us to grow in  
love. ***Amen.***

### **The Collect of the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear  
than we to pray  
and to give more than either we  
desire, or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of  
your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our  
conscience is afraid,  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
save through the merits and  
mediation  
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
***Amen***

## Hymn No. 88 Thanks and Praise

### Christ Be Our Light

[Verses 1-3]

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Christ, be our light!*  
*Shine in our hearts.*  
*Shine through the darkness.*  
*Christ, be our light!*  
*Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is  
troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for  
others,  
shared until all are fed.



## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

[Please sit]

### A reading from the New Testament

*This morning's reading comes from the Gospel according to John, chapter 6, verses 56 to 69.*

*Listen now for the Word of God.*

#### John 6: 56-69

<sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you?' <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, 'For this reason I have told

you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. 67 So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' 68 Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn No. 88 Thanks and Praise**

#### **Christ Be Our Light**

*[Verses 4-5]*

Longing for shelter, many are  
homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering  
others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Christ, be our light!*  
*Shine in our hearts.*  
*Shine through the darkness.*  
*Christ, be our light!*  
*Shine in your church gathered today.*

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts, that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another  
making your kingdom come.

## **The Sermon**

*[Please stand]*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

With the whole Church

***we affirm***

***that we are made in God's image,  
befriended by Christ,  
empowered by the Spirit.***

With people everywhere

***we affirm***

***God's goodness at the heart of  
humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is  
wrong.***

With all creation

***we celebrate***

***the miracle and wonder of life;  
the unfolding purposes of God,  
forever at work in ourselves and the  
world.***

*[Please sit]*

*You are invited to sit and reflect upon this  
piece of music.*

## **The Cloud's Veil**

*Words and Music by Liam Lawton*

*[Please sit or kneel]*



## The Prayers

Lord, tickle us with your grace;  
**that we may serve you and reflect  
you faithfully.**

Lord, tickle us with your grace;  
**to care, to be compassionate and to  
show solidarity.**

Lord, tickle us with your grace;  
**and give us courage and healing.**

Lord, tickle us with your grace;  
**that we may see the way ahead  
with clarity.**

Lord, tickle us with your grace;  
**strengthen us with your strength,  
and renew us.**

**Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.**

## 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 No. 69 from The Source Book

### One - Colours of Day

*[Words and music: Sue McClellan, John Paculabo and Keith Ryecroft]*

Colours of day dawn into the mind,  
the sun has come up, the night is  
behind.

Go down in the city, into the street,  
and let's give the message to the  
people we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame  
burn,  
open the door, let Jesus return.  
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit  
grow,  
tell the people of Jesus, let his love  
show.*

Go through the park, on into the town;  
the sun still shines on; it never goes  
down.

The light of the world is risen again;  
the people of darkness are needing a  
friend.

Open your eyes, look into the sky,  
the darkness has come, the sun came  
to die.

The evening draws on, the sun  
disappears,  
but Jesus is living, his Spirit is near.

**The Blessing**

May God our creator hold you and yours in the arms of his love.

May Jesus inspire you in your loving and serving.

May the Spirit guide you as you journey onwards.

In the name of the Trinity of grace.

**Amen.**

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

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**Services next Sunday**

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

**10.30 Service of Wholeness and Healing in St Philip and St James' Church**  
*(live-streamed)*

**BOOTERSTOWN AND****CARYSFORT**

**SELECT VESTRY**

**TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**

**2021 (TO BE CONFIRMED)**

**20.00 HOURS**

**VIA ZOOM**

**MOUNT MERRION**

**SELECT VESTRY**

**MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**2021**

**20.00 HOURS**

**VIA ZOOM**



## *Gardening Blitz*

### *St Thomas' Church*

### *Grounds*

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

The Blitz for yesterday was postponed due to the weather forecast. We are asking people to come down on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 9.00-11.00.**

*Please bring gardening gloves and any gardening tools you might have such as trowels, small forks, hoes, etc.*

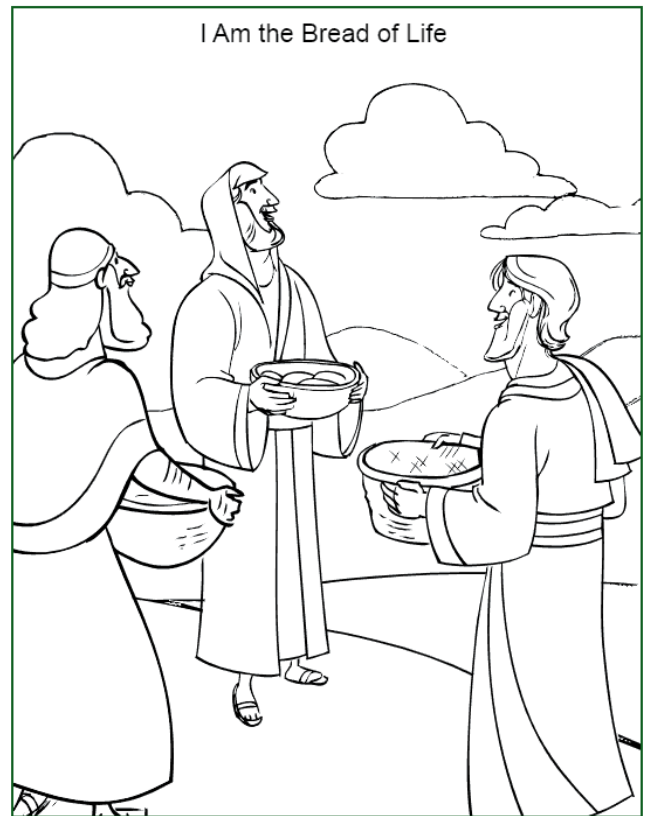
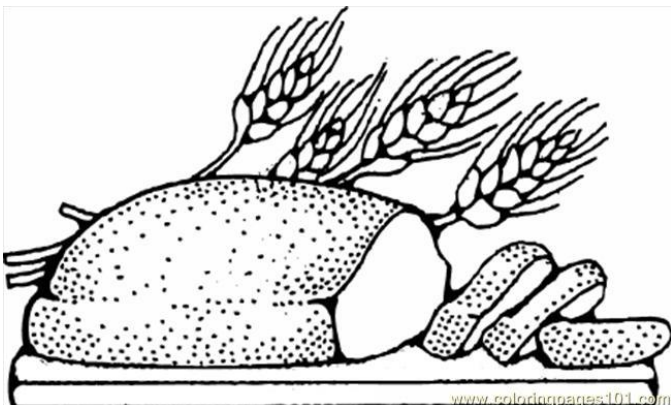
## Accommodation Wanted

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.

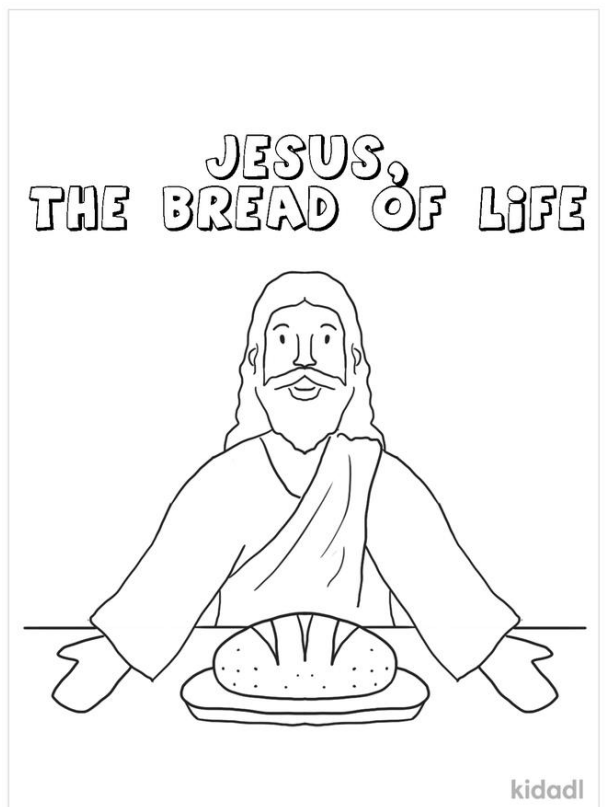
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