

[Please stand]

### Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be  
with you all  
**and also with you.**



### Opening Responses

Humble and riding on a donkey,  
**we greet you.**

Acclaimed by crowds and carolled by  
children,  
**we cheer you.**

Moving from the peace of the  
countryside to the corridors of  
power,  
**we salute you, Christ our Lord.**

You are giving the beasts of burden a  
new dignity;  
you are giving majesty  
a new face;  
you are giving those who long for  
redemption a new song to sing.  
**With them, with heart and voice,  
we shout, 'Hosanna'.**

### Hymn No. 238 (Winchester New)

[Verses 1-3]

Ride on, ride on in majesty,  
hark, all the tribes, 'Hosanna' cry!  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road  
with palms and scattered garments  
strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty:  
in lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty:  
the angel armies of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering  
eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

### The Introduction

[Please sit]

### Responses

We come in this service to God,  
**in our need, and bringing with us,  
the needs of the world.**

We come to God, who has come to us  
in Jesus,  
**and who walks with us the road of  
our world's suffering.**

We come with our faith, and with our  
doubts;  
**we come with our hopes and with  
our fears.**

We come with our requests, and with  
our thanksgivings,  
***we come with our memories, and  
with our hearts' deepest desires.***

We come as we are, because it is God  
who invites us to come,  
***and God has promised never to turn  
us away.***

### **A Prayer of Penitence on the Way to Jerusalem**

*Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?  
Who may stand in his holy place?  
Those who have clean hands and pure  
hearts.*

*Psalm 24*

O Living God,  
age after age the children of dust  
make their way to holy places to seek  
you,  
yet you are closer than hands or feet.

In temples and in churches  
people make sacrifices and offerings,  
but what you seek  
is the love and well-being of your  
children.

Your Word promises  
that those whose hands are clean  
and whose hearts are pure  
can climb the heavenly hill;  
but who are we to do that?

On our journey through life  
our hearts and our hands  
have become stained and dirtied.

If we have stretched out our hands in  
greed, or lust, or love of money,  
***Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.***

If our hearts have been sullied by  
pride or resentment,  
***Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.***

If we have turned aside from our  
pilgrimage  
to follow the world's ways,  
or to seek false gods,  
or spirits other than your Holy Spirit,  
***Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.***

Lord, you forgive the sins of all who  
turn to you in sincerity;  
you cleanse the penitent heart from  
all uncleanness.

Lord, set our course according to your  
word  
so that we may take up afresh the  
challenge of the journey to the holy  
city.

Give us new strength to follow you on  
our way,  
so that even we may ascend the hill of  
the Lord  
and stand in the holy place.  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
***Amen.***

### **The Collect for Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who, in your tender love towards the  
human race,

sent your Son our Saviour Jesus  
Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example  
of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his  
resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The First Reading is Psalm 91 in the form of  
a hymn:*

### Hymn No. 173 Thanks and Praise (On Eagles' Wings)

*[based on Psalm 91. Written by Michael Joncas,  
1979]*

You who dwell in the shelter of the  
Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord, "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust."

*And he will raise you up on eagles'  
wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Snares of the fowler will never  
capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under his wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield.

For to his angels he's given a

command,  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a  
stone.



### The Second Reading - Mark 11: 1- 11 *[adapted]* *[Please sit]*

*The Second Reading is from the gospel of  
Mark, chapter 1, verses 1-11.*

When they were going towards  
Jerusalem, near the Mount of Olives,  
he sent two of his disciples and said  
to them, 'Go into the village ahead of  
you, and just as you get there, you will  
find a young donkey that has never  
been ridden before; untie it and bring  
it. If anyone says to you, "Why are  
you doing this?" just say this, "The  
Lord needs it and will send it back  
here immediately."' They went away  
and found a young donkey tied near a  
door, outside in the street. As they  
were untying it, some of the  
bystanders said to them, 'What are  
you doing, untying the donkey?' They  
told them what Jesus had said; and  
the crowd allowed Jesus' disciples to  
take it. They brought the donkey to

Jesus and threw their coats on it; and he sat on it.

The people gave him a wonderful welcome; some people threw their coats onto the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Some people ran ahead of Jesus and others followed him; they were shouting:

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he arrived in the city of Jerusalem and went into the temple; and looked around at everything, taking it all in. By now, it was late, so he went back out to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Hymn No. 238 (Winchester New)**

*[Verses 4-5]*

Ride on, ride on in majesty:  
thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride, on, ride on in majesty:  
in lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;  
then take, O God, thy power, and  
reign.



### **The Sermon**

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

*[Please stand]*

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus  
Christ the Son of God.

***Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with  
God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
We believe in God the Son,  
he humbled himself  
and was obedient to death, even  
the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on  
high,  
and given him the name above every  
name:  
that at the name of Jesus every  
knee should bow,***

**and every voice proclaim that Jesus  
Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

*cf. Philippians 2: 6-11*

**Peace is Flowing (Pie Jesu by Lloyd  
Webber)**

Peace is flowing like a river,  
Flowing out through you and me,  
Spreading out into the desert,  
Setting all the captives free,  
Setting all the captives free.

Love is flowing...

Hope is flowing...



**The Prayers**

Let us pray:

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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 Blessing**

May the road rise up to meet you.  
 May the wind be always at your back.  
 May the sun shine warm upon your  
 face;  
 and the rains fall soft upon your  
 fields and until we meet again,  
 may God hold you in the palm of his  
 hand.  
 May he go before you to protect you,  
 and stand behind you to give you  
 strength; and the blessing of God  
 almighty, the Father, Son and Holy  
 Spirit be with you, this day and for  
 evermore. **Amen.**

**The Dismissal - Lead Us Into Holy Week**

We tell your story.  
 We follow in your footsteps.  
**Lead us into Holy Week.**

We walk towards the city.  
 We wait in the garden.  
**Lead us onto holy ground.**

We journey towards death.  
 We hope for resurrection.  
**Lead us into holy joy.**

**A Gaelic Blessing.**

[Music by John Rutter]

*You are invited to reflect upon these words  
 as the music plays.*

Deep peace of the running wave to  
 you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
 Deep peace of the shining stars to  
 you.  
 Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
 Moon and stars pour healing light on  
 you.  
 Deep peace of Christ the light of the  
 world to you.

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**Two poems that you might find helpful...****Cancer is so Limited**

*By Robert L. Lynn*

*They've sentenced you with invisible cells that  
 embed themselves deep in body recesses and  
 multiply:  
 lymphatic assault on vital functions.*

*Can cancer conquer you?  
 I doubt it, for the strengths I see in you have  
 nothing to do with cells and blood and muscle.*

*For cancer is so limited---  
 It cannot cripple love.  
 It cannot shatter hope.  
 It cannot corrode faith.  
 It cannot eat away peace.  
 It cannot destroy confidence.  
 It cannot kill friendship.  
 It cannot shut out memories.  
 It cannot silence courage.  
 It cannot invade the soul.  
 It cannot reduce eternal life.  
 It cannot quench the spirit.  
 It cannot cancel Resurrection.*

*Can cancer conquer you?  
I doubt it, for the strengths I see in you have  
nothing to do with cells and blood and muscle.*

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**Life is a Journey**

*by Rabbi Alvin I. Fine*

*Birth is a beginning  
and death a destination,  
and life is a journey:  
from childhood to maturity  
and youth to age;  
from innocence to awareness  
and ignorance to knowing;  
from foolishness to desecration  
and then perhaps to wisdom.  
From weakness to strength or  
from strength to weakness  
and often back again;  
from health to sickness  
and we pray to health again.  
From offence to forgiveness  
from loneliness to love  
from joy to gratitude  
from pain to compassion  
from grief to understanding  
from fear to faith.  
From defeat to defeat to defeat  
until looking backwards or ahead,  
we see that victory lies not  
at some high point along the way  
but in having made the journey  
step by step;  
a sacred pilgrimage.  
Birth is a beginning  
and death a destination  
and life is a journey;  
a sacred journey to life everlasting.*

**WHAT'S ON...**

**HOLY WEEK**

*Live-stream services which will be on our  
parishes' youtube page:*

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021- 8pm

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – 8pm

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 – 8pm

Maundy Thursday - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 –  
8pm

Good Friday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 – 2pm

Good Friday 8pm – Ecumenical  
Prayers at the Cross via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82212660721?pwd=djJ2dEMweXNhN1V5T1pHZm9NbXNzUT09>

**EASTER DAY**

**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**2021**

**10.30 – LIVE-STREAM SERVICE**

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**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

by 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**

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

**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 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021  
20.00 HOURS**

**BOOTERSTOWN AND  
CARYSFORT**

**EASTER GENERAL VESTRY  
THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL  
2021  
20.00 HOURS**



or



**Lenten Challenge  
5km a day**

**Gillian and a number of others who are doing various challenges have done thirty-nine days!**

**... so far, so good!**

**Gillian is walking at least 5km every day of Lent 2021  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February –  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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*

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