

Greeting

God, who loves each one of us
individually, be with you.
and also with you.

Hymn No. 303 (Londonderry Air)

[Verse 1]

Lord of the Church, we pray for our
renewing:
Christ over all, our undivided aim.
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our
enduing,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living
flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and
failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be
free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church
should be.

Opening Responses

For the richness of your creation,
for different colours and scents,
for different birds and animals,
none the same, yet part of one
creation;
generous God,
we praise you.

For the richness of your world,
for different places and peoples,
for different songs and stories,

no person the same, yet part of one
human family;
generous God,
we praise you.

For the richness of our city,
for different families and homes,
for different places to work, play
and learn,
no street the same, yet part of one
community;
generous God,
we praise you.

For the richness of our churches,
for different gifts and skills,
for different songs and prayers,
no congregation the same, yet part
of one Church;
generous God,
we praise you.

We praise you Lord for creating a
world of wonder and beauty,
of diversity and difference.
You love and care for all that you
have given
and long that your world should know
peace.
Teach us, then, to live in harmony
with you and our world:
teach us to love, as you show love.
Amen.

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[Verse 2]

Lord of the Church, we seek a
 Father's blessing,
 a true repentance and a faith
 restored,
 a swift obedience and a new
 possessing,
 filled with the Holy Spirit of the
 Lord!
 We turn to Christ from all our
 restless striving,
 unnumbered voices with a single
 prayer:
 the living water for our soul's
 reviving,
 in Christ to live, and love and serve
 and care.

[Please sit or kneel]

Call to Reconciliation

***We ask you to forgive the sing
 that mingles even with our holiest
 actions.***

***Forgive us the ways in which we
 have hurt and dismembered your
 body, the church.***

***Forgive us for any way in which we
 have, thoughtlessly or deliberately,
 insulted or patronised
 those who are called by the same
 name as ourselves.***

***Forgive us if we have prayed for
 unity and done nothing,***

***or very little,
 to help bring it about,
 preferring prayers to action
 and fantasies to hard reality.***

Be active,
 be disturbing,
 be empowering,
 in your church,
 and among Christian people
 throughout the world.

Remind us of the mighty company
 in heaven and on earth to which we
 all belong.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

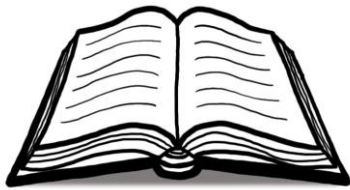
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[Verse 3]

Lord of the Church, we long for our
 uniting,
 true to one calling, by one vision
 stirred;
 one cross proclaiming and one creed
 reciting,
 one in the truth of Jesus and his
 word!
 So lead us on; till toil and trouble
 ended,
 one Church triumphant one new song
 shall sing,
 to praise his glory, risen and
 ascended,
 Christ over all, the everlasting King!

The Collect of the 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and
miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly
grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Reading - Mark 1: 14-20

14 Now after John was arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming
the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying,
'The time is fulfilled, and the
kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news.'
16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of
Galilee, he saw Simon and his
brother Andrew casting a net into
the lake—for they were fishermen.
¹⁷And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me
and I will make you fish for people.'
¹⁸And immediately they left their
nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a
little farther, he saw James son of
Zebedee and his brother John, who
were in their boat mending the nets.
²⁰Immediately he called them; and

they left their father Zebedee in
the boat with the hired men, and
followed him.

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

Hymn No. 440 (One bread, one body) *[Verse 1 with chorus]*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the
earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man,
no more.

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the
earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

God,
***we believe that you dwell in all who
believe in you, and follow in
Christ's way.***
We believe you invite us

*to accept each other as sisters
and brothers,
and that you call us to love each
other, as brothers and sisters,
from every denomination and
group.*

*God, we believe you ask us to use
our gifts
to serve each other in unity and
understanding;
to use our gifts to build each
other up.
And we believe that in unity,
living and praying together,
we will come to a fuller knowledge
and deeper understanding of
Christ.*

**Hymn No. 440 (One bread, one
body)** *[Verse 2 with chorus]*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the
earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

*Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord
of all.*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the
earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

The Prayers

Reconciling God, we pray for your
world.

May all that is divided by doctrine or
politics, class or nationality, be
united in your praise.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for a peaceful world,
where children grow up without fear,
where security rests on trust rather
than threats, and where nations
fight against poverty rather than
against each other.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all in authority,
that those who lead us, may
establish right priorities,
and that by your wisdom and their
vision the world may reflect your
kingdom.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In this Week of Christian Unity,
we ask you to help us to see clearly
the divisions in our churches and to
be willing to engage in honest
discussions with those whose ideas
and traditions differ from our own.
Help us to embrace difference.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of all churches.

We pray for our local community and for the churches in our area:

St Andrew's Church, St Therese's Church, Urban Junction in Blackrock Methodist Church, the Church of the Assumption and South Hill Evangelical Church.

We pray that our churches may be faithful to your call to work together.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Healing God, we pray for those who are ill and suffering, for all on our Healer Prayer List and from our parishes, we pray at this time for Aileen, Suzanne, Seelan, Neil, Paul and Bridget;

we pray for those in the chaplaincy care of these parishes in the Blackrock Clinic and the Blackrock Hospice;

for all who are worried for those who are grieving or experiencing trauma and for a world gripped by the repercussions of pandemic.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

May we all know the power of Christ to sustain us and the love of friends near and distanced to support us. You know our greatest fears, our longings and our hopes, sometimes

these are expressed in so many different ways, so
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Eternal God, present among us, whether in the few who are here or in those who join us online. Even in our distancing you are with us. Hear our prayers, and blend our voices together, unite us by Your Spirit as we join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, in the language of our heart...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father...

who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn No. 440 (One bread, one body) [Verse 3 with chorus]

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,

*one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the
earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

*Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one,
for all.*

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless;
and we, though many, throughout the
earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

A Prayer for Christian Unity

Covenant God,
whose mission is to reconcile
and whose gift is peace,
teach us, we pray, to prefer
creation to destruction,
redemption to condemnation,
freedom to retaliation,
that in turning away from sinful
division,
we may follow the path to new life
and renewed community.

The Blessing

May God bless your winter days with
warm sunshine and clear skies;
may God bless your winter nights
with shining stars and a bright moon;
may God salt the path before you
and light your way;

may God wrap you in his presence
and warm you against the winter
cold;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be with you and remain with
you always. **Amen.**

Hymn - My Jesus, My Saviour

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is no one like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let
us sing
power and majesty, praise to the
King.

Mountains bow down and the seas
will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your
hands.

For ever I'll love you, for ever I'll
stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I
have in you.

**MIDWEEK
PRAYER AND CHAT
WEDNESDAY
10.30-11.00
via Zoom**

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*The Register of Vestrypersons
for
Mount Merrion Parish
will be updated on
Monday 1st February 2021,
at a Zoom meeting of the Select
Vestry.*

REGISTER OF VESTRYPERSONS

Every January, the register of Vestrypersons in each parish is updated. In order to be able to vote on any parish matter, or to vote in any parish elections, or to hold any office in the parish, such as serving on the Select Vestry, you must be registered as a Vestryperson. Forms are available from the Rector, please email her to get a form to enable you to register.

*The Register of Vestrypersons
for **Boooterstown and
Carysfort Parish**
will be updated on
Thursday 28th January 2021,
at a Zoom meeting of the Select
Vestry.*