

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.

Hymn Singing

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we are not permitted to sing in church this morning. Charles Pearson, our organist, is going to play the tune of the hymns chosen for this service and I invite you to reflect upon the words which have been included in this service sheet as you listen to the music.

[Please stand, if you are able]

Welcome and Greeting

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

*God of the morning,
wake us up!*

*Wake us up to wonder, beauty,
justice and love.*

*God of the morning,
wake us up!*

Hymn No. 58 (Bunessan)

*Morning has broken like the first
morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first
bird.*

*Praise for the singing! Praise for
the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh
from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit
from heaven,
like the first dew-fall on the first
grass.*

*Praise for the sweetness of the wet
garden,
sprung in completeness where his
feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the
morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every
morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!*



[Please kneel or sit]

Prayer of Penitence

Glorious God,
your thoughts are not our thoughts,
nor are your ways our ways.

You look at the ugliest soul
and see, still unstirred,
the wings of an angel.

***We scan the finest of our
neighbours, anxious to find flaws.***

You see our lives in the context of
eternity,
and make a time for waiting, for
yearning,
for putting all things in proportion.

***We demand instant results;
and look for tomorrow before
savouring today.***

You know that only one who suffers
can ultimately save,
so you choose to walk the way of
the cross.

***We feel judged and threatened
by that love which risks all for
all.***

Your thoughts are not our thoughts,
nor are your ways our ways.

[Silence]

Not to have our worst confirmed,
but to have our best liberated,
we pray for your grace and your
pardon.

***Forgive in us what has gone
wrong,
repair in us what is wasted,
reveal in us what is good.***

And nourish us with better food
than we could ever purchase:
your Word,
your love,
your interest,
your daily bread for life's journey,
in the company of Jesus Christ our
Lord. ***Amen.***

Acclamation

Thank you, God, for this morning,
for the opportunity of being
amazed by your creation,
in every single way.

***We give you thanks and praise
your holy name.***

Thank you, Lord, for the small gold
pieces you planted in our daily life:
a smile, a hug, a singing bird,
a warm shower, a good cup of tea,
a stranger saying 'Hi' on the street,
the touch of raindrops on skin.

***We give you thanks and praise
your holy name.***

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for the opportunity of being
amazed by your creation,
in every single way.

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your holy name.***

**The Collect of the Eighth Sunday
after Trinity**

Blessed are you, O Lord,
and blessed are those who observe
and keep your law:
help us to seek you with our whole
heart,
to delight in your commandments
and to walk in the glorious liberty
given us by your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen

**The Collect for St James the
Apostle - 25 July**

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he
had,
was obedient to the calling of your
Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
Help us, forsaking the false
attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer
your call without delay;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn No. 386 (Skye Boat Song)

[Chorus and Verse 1]

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove;
teach us the truth and help us
believe,
show us the Saviour's love.*

You spoke to us long, long ago,

gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.

[Please sit]

The Word of God - John 6: 1-21

6After this Jesus went to the
other side of the Sea of Galilee,
also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A
large crowd kept following him,
because they saw the signs that he
was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went
up the mountain and sat down there
with his disciples. ⁴Now the
Passover, the festival of the Jews,
was near. ⁵When he looked up and
saw a large crowd coming towards
him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are
we to buy bread for these people to
eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for
he himself knew what he was going
to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six
months' wages would not buy enough
bread for each of them to get a
little.' ⁸One of his disciples,
Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said
to him, ⁹'There is a boy here who
has five barley loaves and two fish.
But what are they among so many
people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the
people sit down.' Now there was a
great deal of grass in the place; so
they sat down, about five thousand
in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves,
and when he had given thanks, he
distributed them to those who were

seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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

Hymn No. 386 (Skye Boat Song)

[Chorus and Verse 2]

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove;
teach us the truth and help us
believe,
show us the Saviour's love.*

Without your help we fail our Lord,
we cannot live his way;
we need your power, we need your
strength,
following Christ each day.

The Sermon

[Please stand, if you are able]

The 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.

How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves, with a choral setting by Jack Schrader

[Please kneel or sit]

The Prayers

Let us prepare ourselves for the day and the week before us. Let us bring to God those people or situations that are on our hearts and minds.

Let us pray.

God of morning, noon and night:
hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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. 91 Thanks and Praise

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises;
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth
to show the way,
from the earth to the cross,
my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.

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I'm so glad you're in my life,
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from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.

The Blessing

May birds fill the dawn of your day
with song,
may the midday sun caress your
face with warmth,
may honeysuckle scent the evening
breeze around you and may the
summer stars shine bright above
you.

And may God,
the giver of summer song and scent,
the creator of the sun and stars,

touch your life with beauty and fill
your heart with joy,
and bless you, this day and for
evermore. **Amen.**

**Pastoral Care of the
Parishes,
the Blackrock Clinic and the
Blackrock Hospice.**

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne is
looking after the parishes, the
Blackrock Clinic and the
Blackrock Hospice, until
Saturday 31st July 2021.

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne
01-2806596 or 086-3467920

*Parishioners who are in hospitals
or in residential care will be
looked after by the chaplains of
those establishments.*

Services next Sunday

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

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—
4.10pm

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