



(Please stand if you are able)

The Greeting

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Acclamation

Risen in quiet and mysterious
darkness before the chorus of the
dawn.

Alleluia, Christ is risen;
he is risen indeed.

Risen with glory and grace in reserve,
and authority beyond measure.

Alleluia, Christ is risen;
he is risen indeed.

Risen to prove that violence is no
solution; to offer us peace and life in
all its fullness.

Alleluia, Christ is risen;
he is risen indeed.

For God has taken into his own flesh
the sin of the world.

The last laugh is God's laugh;
God has the last laugh:
for freedom comes beyond the cross,
for peace comes beyond the violence,

for friendship comes beyond the
betrayal.
For life comes beyond the crushing of
life.

The first laugh and the last laugh are
God's.

And God has made laughter for us.
Alleluia, Christ is risen;
he is risen indeed.



Hymn No. 271 (Easter Hymn)

Jesus Christ is risen today, *alleluia!*
our triumphant holy day, *alleluia!*
who did once, upon the cross, *alleluia!*
suffer to redeem our loss, *alleluia!*

Hymns of praise then let us sing,
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save.

But the pains that he endured,
our salvation have procured;
now above the sky he's King,
where the angels ever sing.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy
name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Please sit or kneel)

The Penitence

God so loved the world
 that he gave his only Son Jesus
 Christ,
 to save us from our sins,
 to intercede for us in heaven,
 and to bring us to eternal life,
 and so now, as we gather to rejoice in
 the resurrection,
 we bring to mind those times,
 when we have **not** tried to do, say or
 think
 what Christ would want;
 those times when we have rejected
 him.

[Silence]

For the times, when we have lived,
 thinking that we have all the answers

and that we can go it alone, without
 you and without the power of your
 resurrection.

Sorry, Lord.

For the times when we have refused
 to believe that you would die and live
 again for us.

Sorry, Lord.

For the times when we have doubted
 your love for us, and not been sure of
 your promise of eternal life.

Sorry, Lord.

For the times, we have dismissed your
 crucifixion and resurrection as a
 tragic story with a fairytale ending.

Sorry, Lord.

The Absolution

May the God of love and power
 forgive us and free us from our sins,
 heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
 and raise us to new life in Christ our
 Lord. **Amen.**

(Please stand if you are able)

Gloria - Hymn No. 693 (Camberwell)

Glory in the highest to the God of
 heaven!

Peace to all your people through the
 earth be given!

Mighty God and Father, thanks and
 praise we bring,
 singing Alleluia to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the
 Father's Son!
 With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord
 alone!
 Lamb once killed for sinners, all our
 guilt to bear,
 show us now your mercy, now receive
 our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high
 and holy one,
 seated now and reigning from your
 Father's throne:
 Lord and God, we praise you! Highest
 heaven adores:
 in the Father's glory, all the praise be
 yours!

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



The Collect for Easter Day
 Almighty God,
 through your only-begotten Son Jesus
 Christ you have overcome death

and opened to us the gate of
 everlasting life:
 grant that, as by your grace going
 before us you put into our minds good
 desires,
 so by your continual help we may bring
 them to good effect;
 through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord
 who is alive and reigns with you and
 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
 ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading - Acts 10: 34-43

*The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles,
 chapter 10, beginning at verse 34.*

34 Then Peter began to speak to
 them: 'I truly understand that God
 shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every
 nation anyone who fears him and does
 what is right is acceptable to
 him. ³⁶You know the message he sent
 to the people of Israel, preaching
 peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of
 all. ³⁷That message spread throughout
 Judea, beginning in Galilee after the
 baptism that John announced: ³⁸how
 God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with
 the Holy Spirit and with power; how
 he went about doing good and healing
 all who were oppressed by the devil,
 for God was with him. ³⁹We are
 witnesses to all that he did both in
 Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him
 to death by hanging him on a
 tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the
 third day and allowed him to

appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

The Gradual Hymn No. 287 (Lasst uns erfreuen - Easter Song)

The whole bright world rejoices now,
the birds sing out on every bough;
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Then shout beneath the racing skies
to him who rose that we may rise:
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let us rejoice! All shall be well,
friends severed now, in heaven shall dwell:
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
The end of all our ways is love;
then rise with him to things above:
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Now let all living things rejoice,
let young and old lift heart and voice:
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He rose to cheer us on our ways,
he lives to bless us all our days:
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

(Please stand if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - Mark 16: 1-8

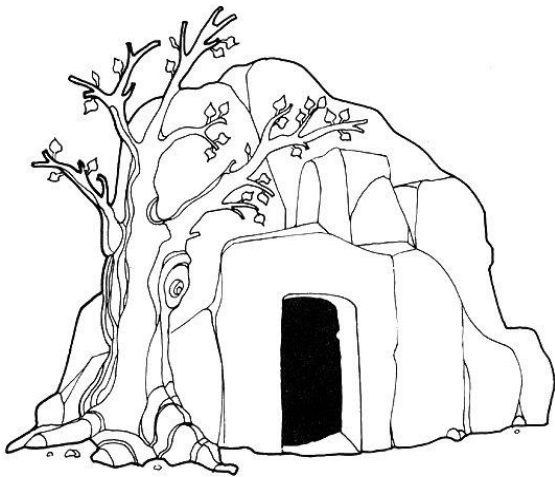
Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Mark, chapter 16, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸So they went out and fled from

the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



The Sermon

(Please stand if you are able)

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



(Please kneel or sit)

Intercessions

Lord, we are Easter people:
let 'Alleluia' be our song.

**Merciful Father, accept these
prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please feel free to share the sign of peace in a manner that you and the person you are sharing the peace with are comfortable... it may be that a smile or a wave might be more appropriate than a handshake!



(Please stand if you are able)

The Introduction to the Peace for Easter

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. *John 20: 19,20*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We recognise that many people give online and via Standing Order, and do not put any collection in the basket. If you wish to donate to the church online or electronically, the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.

Offertory Hymn No. 260 (Truro)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

**THE MINISTRY OF THE
SACRAMENT**

Christ, our passover has been
sacrificed for us,
**therefore let us celebrate the
feast.**

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.
**It is right to give him thanks and
praise.**

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places, it is right
to give you thanks and praise:
above all we praise you for the
glorious resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord, the true
paschal lamb who was sacrificed for
us; by dying he destroyed our death;
by rising he restored our life:
and so with all your people, with
angels and archangels, and with all the
company of heaven, we proclaim your
great and glorious name, for ever
praising you and saying:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

(Please feel free to stand, sit or kneel)

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image; male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

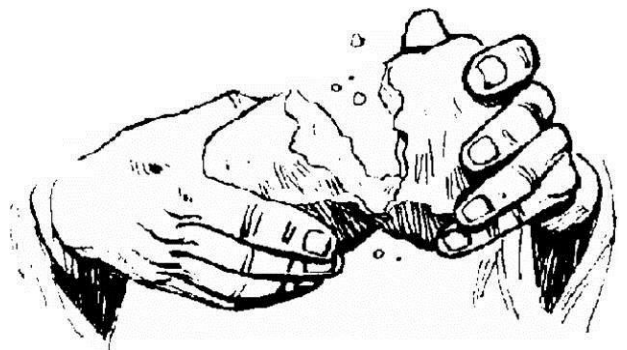
Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:
we remember his passion and death,

we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ***all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer



Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Invitation

It is the custom of the Church of Ireland to welcome to receive Holy Communion, all those who usually receive Holy Communion in their own tradition. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please indicate this to the priest. Please feel free and welcome to do whichever is appropriate for you.

The Communion



The Great Silence

You are invited to take some time to reflect, having received Holy Communion.

The Post Communion Prayer

***Living God,
for our redemption you gave your
only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of
our enemy.
Grant us so to die daily unto sin,***

***that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

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. 288 (Maccabeus)

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering
Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death
hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the
stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where
thy body lay:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering
Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death
hast won.

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
 lovingly he greets us, scatters fear
 and gloom;
 let the Church with gladness hymns of
 triumph sing,
 for her Lord now liveth, death hath
 lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious
 Prince of Life;
 life is nought without thee: aid us in
 our strife;
 make us more than conquerors
 through thy deathless love;
 bring us safe through Jordan to thy
 home above:

The Dismissal

Glory to God.

Jesus is risen. Alleluia!

What more can we say?!

Your life is our story.

Your love is our way.

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

***May the glory of the Resurrection
 fill you with joy and hope this
 Easter-time.***

*In the interests of trying to keep all who
 come to our churches safe, please take
 away this service sheet and any other items*

*that you may have brought with you or used
 in church this morning. Thank you.*

Stay well and stay safe.



Tea/Coffee/Juice

***You are warmly invited to join us for
 tea/coffee/juice in the Monk
 Gibbon Hall after the 9.30 service in
 St Thomas' Church and in the South
 Transept after the 11.00 service in St
 Philip and St James' Church.***

Thank You!



*Thank you to those who decorated
 both of our churches so beautifully for
 Easter.*

Flower Fund

Both churches have a flower fund which is used to pay for the flowers throughout the year. Donations to the respective flower funds would be very much appreciated. Sometimes, people may donate the flowers for a particular Sunday in memory of a loved one.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

No Midweek Service on Wednesday 3^d April 2024

Sunday 7th April 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church
9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 10th April 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 14th April 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church
9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church
18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church



Wednesday 17th April 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 21st April 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church
9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 24th April 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 28th April 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church
9.30 Holy Baptism in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm
In the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre
Contact Irene on 087-2755423
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MOUNT MERRION

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024
19.30 HOURS IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2024
19.30 HOURS
IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY MEETING
MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024
19.30 HOURS *VIA ZOOM*



Confirmation Class for teenagers

Next class is on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 18.30
St Philip and St James' Church

Confirmation and Enquirers Class for adults is on Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 20.15 hours on Zoom



St Philp and St James' Sunday will meet on the following dates:

Sunday 28th April 2024

Sunday 12th May 2024

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet on the following dates:

Sunday 21st April 2024

Sunday 12th May 2024

All children who are toilet-trained are welcome!



Lenten Challenge... DONE!
5km every day for all 46 days of Lent 2024!

Wednesday 14th February – Saturday 30th March 2024

in aid of the victims of the conflict between Palestine and Israel, (*channelled through the Diocesan Shine a Light Appeal and the Bishops' Appeal.*)

Thank you to all those who donated.
You can make a donation by online banking to

Boosterstown and Mount Merrion Account
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MOUNT MERRION ECUMENICAL SOCIETY GOLF OUTING

Friday 14th April 2024. All members of our two parishes are welcome to play. The timesheet is currently available in John O'Reilly's Butchers (01-2889949) on Deerpark Road.

If you are not able to play golf that day but would like to go to the dinner in the evening in The Castle Golf Club, you are more than welcome to do that too. Again, please contact John O'Reilly.



Spring Fling

St Thomas' Church

BBQ, Books, Cakes & Deli, Plant Stall, Handmade Cards, Gifts, Bottles, Childrens' Games, Raffle and more!

Tea & Coffee Served

Saturday 27th April 2024

12.00pm - 3.00 pm

