



*(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.**

*(Please sit)*

### **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, <sup>35</sup>but in every  
nation anyone who fears him and does  
what is right is acceptable to  
him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent  
to the people of Israel, preaching  
peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of  
all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout  
Judea, beginning in Galilee after the  
baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how  
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. <sup>39</sup>We are  
witnesses to all that he did both in  
Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him  
to death by hanging him on a  
tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the  
third day and allowed him to  
appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He  
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. <sup>43</sup>All 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 - Luke 24: 1-12**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke, chapter 24, beginning at verse 1.*

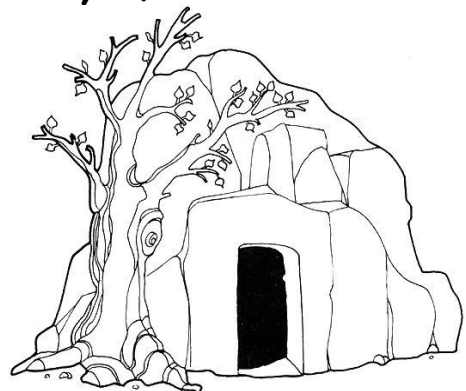
***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

<sup>24</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when

they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women\* were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***



## The Sermon

*(Please stand if you are able)*

### The Nicene Creed (shortened version)

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord,  
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
Amen.**



*(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.

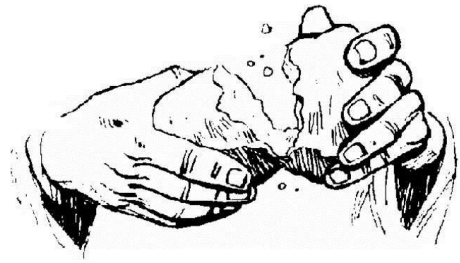
Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

***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

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St  
Thomas' Church*

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St  
James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St  
Thomas' Church

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St  
Thomas' Church*

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St  
James' Church

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St  
Thomas' Church*

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church

9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St  
James' Church

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St  
Thomas' Church*

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St  
James' Church

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St  
Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church  
 10.30 United Service – Blessing of the  
 Animals in St Philip and St James' Church

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

*No Midweek Holy Communion in St  
 Thomas' Church*



Both Sunday Clubs will meet on Sunday  
 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet at 9.30  
 in the Monk Gibbon Hall and St Philip  
 and St James' Sunday Club will meet at  
 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish  
 Centre.

All children who are toilet-trained are  
 welcome.

The leaders have been Garda-vetted and  
 have undergone Safeguarding Trust  
 Training.

**Healer Prayer Group**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
 19.30 hours *via Zoom*

**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  
[irene.reid1052@gmail.com](mailto:irene.reid1052@gmail.com)

**Lenten Challenge**

**Gillian is finished!**

This Lent, she walked/cross-  
 trained/rowed at least 5km every day  
 of Lent 2025 in aid of the Irish Cancer  
 Society and the Blackrock Hospice.

Thank you to all who supported these two  
 worthy causes.

You can make a donation by online banking to  
**Boooterstown and Mount Merrion Account**  
**IBAN: IE30IPBS99062932796541**  
**BIC: IPBSIE2D**

**MOUNT MERRION**

**SELECT VESTRY**  
**MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025**  
**19.30 HOURS**  
**THE COMMITTEE ROOM**

**BOOTERSTOWN AND  
 CARYSFORT**

**SELECT VESTRY**  
**THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2025**  
**19.30 HOURS**  
**ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH**

**Mount Merrion Ecumenical  
 Golf Society Outing**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
**The Castle Golf Club, Rathfarnham**

This is open to all parishioners of both parishes.

Timesheet is now available in John O'Reilly Butchers on Deerpark Road.

If you are not able to play golf that day but would like to go to the dinner that evening, please let John O'Reilly know.



## **Parish Fete** at **St Thomas' Church** Foster Avenue, Mount Merrion

**Barbecue, Books, Cakes  
& Deli, Bottles, Plants,  
Handmade Cards, Games  
for Children, Raffle, and  
more!**

**Tea & Coffee Served**  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**12.00pm - 3.00 pm**  
**Admission €2—Children Free**

We need lots and lots of homemade goods for the Cake and Deli Stall... cakes, biscuits, scones, breads, jams, marmalades, preserves, tarts, pies, etc.

We are also looking for books and new (un-opened) gifts, bottles plants, seedlings and slips to be given to Julie-Anne Hudson before the Fete so that she can pot them!

Anyone who would like to get involved on the day would be very welcome and should contact Joan at  
[joansherlockrobertson@gmail.com](mailto:joansherlockrobertson@gmail.com)  
to let her know



**Date for your Diary!**



**St Thomas' 150<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary BBQ**  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025**