



(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.***

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, 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.

(Please stand if you are able)

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 remain standing, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - Matthew 28: 1-10

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 28, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

28After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there

was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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.**



(Please stand if you are able)

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.*

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.



Tea/Coffee/Juice

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 8th April 2026

*No Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*

Sunday 12th April 2026

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

Wednesday 15th April 2026

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*

Sunday 19th April 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church

Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church

*18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and
St James' Church*



Wednesday 22nd April 2026

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*

Sunday 26th April 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St
Thomas' Church

Wednesday 29th April 2026

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

on Tuesdays 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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Healer Prayer Group

Tuesday 28th April 2026

19.30 hours via Zoom



Any child (who has been toilet-trained) is very welcome to join the Sunday Club.

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet at 9.30 in the Monk Gibbon Hall on the following

Sundays:

12th April 2026

17th May 2026

St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre on the following Sundays:

12th April 2026

10th May 2026

The children and their leaders will join the respective congregations later on, during the service.

MOUNT MERRION

EASTER GENERAL

VESTRY

MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2026

19.30 HOURS

ST THOMAS' CHURCH

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

EASTER GENERAL

VESTRY

THURSDAY 16TH APRIL 2026

19.30 HOURS

ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH



Lenten Challenge 2026

Done and Dusted!

Gillian walked/cross-training/rowed 5km every day of Lent, and was joined on all seven Saturdays of Lent by parishioners for a 5km walk and coffee and chat!

46 days, Wednesday 18th February – Saturday 4th April 2026 inclusive!

This year, the Challenge was to encourage physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing and any donations are being given to Pieta and Aware.



We provide professional counselling, support and education to those experiencing suicidal thoughts, self-harming behaviour and to those impacted by suicide and self-harm. <https://www.pieta.ie>

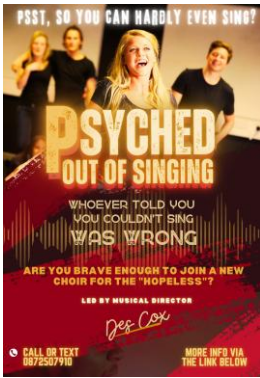


You can make a donation by online banking to **Boooterstown and Mount Merrion Account**

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or by cash/cheque in an envelope marked Lenten Challenge on the collection plate.



A choir, especially for those who were told that they couldn't sing!

Directed by Des Cox who sometimes deputises for our organist Charles Pearson when Charles is away.

**Wednesdays, starting on 15th April 2026, 7.30pm-9pm
St Philip and St James' Church**

All welcome!

Spring Fling



at
St Thomas' Church

BBQ, Books, Cakes & Deli,
Plant Stall, New Gifts,
Cream Teas, Bottle Stall,
Children's Entertainment,
Face Painting, Raffle and more!

Magic Show at 12.30pm

Saturday 25th April 2026

12noon till 3pm

We are particularly looking for someone to head up the Children's Games...

For other areas, please contact the team leader if you are able to help with any of the following:

Books - John 087 2635670

Plants – Julie-Anne 086 0809209

Cakes – Hilary 087 6417230

Teas – Marianne 087 2698395

Bottles – Denis 087 814 0423

Ice Cream – Catherine 087 902 5531

Children's Games -

Raffle - Susan 087 687 6005

Barbeque - John 087 6114376

Gifts – Judith 087 7983389

Facepainting - Claire 086 191 6748

Co-ordinator - Joan 086 870 4444

Please let your friends with young children know that the

MAGIC SHOW is at 12.30pm