



[Please stand, if you are able]

The Gathering of God's People - Welcome and Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be
with you all
and also with you.

Opening 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!

The Introduction to Baptism

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and
the Spirit, and he has given us
baptism as the sign and seal of this
new birth. Here we are washed by
the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen
life. As children of God, we have a
new dignity and God calls us to
fullness of life.



[Please kneel or sit]

The Penitence

O God,
we thank you for the gift of this
precious child Belle; pure and
innocent.

We now think of the things that we
have done, said or thought or not

done that have tarnished our purity
and shattered our innocence.

*[Silence as we bring to mind those things for which
we desire God's forgiveness.]*

Let us affirm our trust in God's
mercy, and confess that we need
forgiveness.

Lord God, you created the world, and
made us in your own image.

Forgive us when we turn away from
you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you
overcame evil and death.

Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit you restore
us to fellowship with you and with one
another.

Breathe your love and freedom into
our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Listen then to Jesus,
feel his touch, know his love,
for through him God says to us:
'Your sins are forgiven, you are loved,
you are free.' **Amen.**

The Collect of the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants
grace,

by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the
eternal Trinity

and in the power of the divine
majesty to worship the Unity:

Keep us steadfast in this faith,

that we may evermore be defended
from all adversities;

for you live and reign, one God, for
ever and ever. **Amen**

The Collect for St Thomas - 3rd July

Almighty and eternal God,
who, for the firmer foundation of our
faith,

allowed your holy apostle Thomas
to doubt the resurrection of your
Son

till word and sight convinced him:

Grant to us, who have not seen, that
we also may believe

and so confess Christ as our Lord and
our God;

who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



[Please sit]

The First Reading - St Mark 10: 13-16

The first reading is from the gospel according to Mark, chapter 10, beginning at verse 13.

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Hymn No. 362 (Thaxted)

[Verse 1]

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

[Please sit]

The Second Reading - The Epistle - 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

The second reading is from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 13, beginning at verse 11.

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. 13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

Hymn No. 362 (Thaxted)*[Verse 2]*

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
 accept the love we bring,
 that we who know your favour
 may serve you as our King:
 and whether our tomorrows
 be filled with good or ill,
 we'll triumph through our sorrows
 and rise to bless you still:
 to marvel at your beauty
 and glory in your ways,
 and make a joyful duty
 our sacrifice of praise!

*[Please remain standing, if you are able]*The Third Reading - The Holy Gospel - Matthew 28: 16-20*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 28, beginning at verse 16.****Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded

you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

The Sermon**The Presentation**

We welcome this child who comes to be baptized. I invite her sponsors to present her now.

Sponsors:

We present Belle Esmé Phibbs to be baptized.

Parents and godparents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Belle Esmé for baptism and answer on her behalf? By your own prayers and example, by your teaching and love, will you encourage her in the life and faith of the Christian Community?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism this child begins her journey of faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

In baptism, God calls us from darkness to his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

I do.

Do you then renounce the devil and all his works?

I do, by God's help.

Will you obey and serve Christ?

I will, by God's help.

The priest says to the whole congregation:

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

The congregation answers:

We will support them.

Hymn No. 515 (A new commandment)

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,

that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all know that you are my disciples,

if you have love one to another.

By this shall all know that you are my disciples,

if you have love one to another.

The Baptism

The priest, Belle Esmé, her family and godparents gather at the font and the priest begins the thanksgiving prayer. Water is poured into the font.



Praise God who made heaven and earth.

Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

[Shortened version of the Blessing of the Water]

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life, and we thank you for the water of baptism.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, she may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may she walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The priest asks the parents and godparents:

Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which Belle Esmé is to be baptized?

I do.

The priest addresses the whole congregation:
Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried: he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



The priest baptizes by pouring water over Belle Esmé saying:

Belle Esmé, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Belle Esmé, saying:

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.



Live as a disciple of Christ, fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

The priest continues:

God has called you into his Church.

The congregation joins the priest, saying:

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.



Belle Esmé is presented with a Children's Bible and a lit candle. The Bible is to help her to learn more about God and his Son Jesus Christ and to grow in her faith, and the candle symbolises the light of Christ, which has been passed down through the centuries and which is today extended to Belle Esmé, that she may shine forth the light of Christ throughout her life.

The Peace

We are the body of Christ.
By one spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all

that makes for peace and builds up our common life together.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

[Let us offer each other the sign of peace. Please check that the person you are sharing the peace with that they are happy to shake, etc. It may be more appropriate to exchange a smile or a wave!]



[The offering will be received during the singing of this hymn.]

Offertory Hymn - No. 421 (St Botolph)

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
the love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and, as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Taking of the Bread and Wine
Christ, our Passover has been
sacrificed for us.
**therefore let us celebrate the
feast.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 1

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;

because by water and the Holy
Spirit, you have made us a holy people
in Jesus Christ our Lord,
raised us to new life in him and
renewed in us, the image of your
glory:
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

*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.*

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.*

The Invitation

The Communion

It is 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, or you may prefer to remain seated. Please feel free and welcome to whichever is appropriate for you.



The Great Silence

The congregation is invited to reflect in silence for a short period of time.

[Please kneel or sit]

The Post Communion Prayer

***Almighty God,
may we who have received this holy communion,
worship you with lips and lives
proclaiming your majesty
and finally see you in your eternal
glory:
Holy and Eternal Trinity,
one God, now and for ever. Amen***

Prayers for Belle Esmé and her family.

Father, we thank you that Belle Esmé now been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and has become your own child by adoption, and a member of your Church.

Grant that she may grow in the faith in which she has been baptized;
grant that she herself may confess it when she comes to be confirmed;
grant that she may bear witness to it by a life of service to others;
and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in her;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, bless the home of this child. Bless her mum Ceri, her dad Paul, her big sisters Willow and Heidi, and her godparents Sarah and Edward, and give such grace and wisdom to all who have the care of Belle, that by their word and good example they may teach her to know and love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Blessing

As we come to the blessing, we have a time of quiet:
we give thanks to God for the gift that Belle is...

we ask God's blessing on all those who are a part of Belle's life, all who will influence her...

The God of all grace,
 who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
 establish, strengthen and settle you in
 the faith;
 and the Blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn No. 479 (GTIOTM)

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
 over the hills and ev'rywhere.
 Go, tell it on the mountain
 that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

O when I was a seeker,
 I sought both night and day;
 I asked the Lord to guide me,
 and he showed me the way.

Then he made me a watchman
 upon a city wall,
 to tell of his salvation,
 that Jesus died for all.

Go tell it to your neighbour
 in darkness here below;
 go with the words of Jesus,
 that all the world may know.

The Dismissal

God has delivered us from the domination of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Belle, you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Bless to us O God the road that is before us.

Bless to us O God the friends that are around us.

Bless to us O God your love which is within us. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord;

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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
tea/coffee/juice in the parish centre
after this Service.*

*The parish hall is at the east end of
the church, go through the double
yellow doors and follow the noise!*

FORTHCOMING **SERVICES**

Services in July and August 2023

First Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy
Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St
Philip and St James' Church (live-
streamed).

Second Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy
Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Morning Prayer in St Philip
and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Third Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy
Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St
Philip and St James' Church (live-
streamed).

Fourth Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy
Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Service of the Word in St
Philip and St James' Church (live-
streamed).

Fifth Sunday of the month (only applies in July):

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas'
Church

10.30 NB Time Service of Wholeness and
Healing in St Philip and St James' Church
(live-streamed).

Wednesdays in July and August 2023

As announced

*There is no Midweek Service on 5th July
2023. The next one will be on
Wednesday 12th July 2023.*

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

There will be no Christian
Meditation in July.

The next meeting will be on
Tuesday 1st August 2023.

3.30pm—4.10pm

In-person meetings in the Canon
Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St
James' Parish Centre but we will meet
occasionally via Zoom.

Contact Irene on 087-2755423

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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.



Autumn Fair Meeting

**Thursday 31st August
2023**

**19.00 hours in St Philip
and St James' Church**

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

**SPECIAL SELECT VESTRY
MEETING**

THURSDAY 27th JULY 2023

**19.30 HOURS IN ST PHILIP
AND ST JAMES' CHURCH**

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY MEETING

THURSDAY 31st AUGUST 2023

**20.00 HOURS IN ST PHILIP
AND ST JAMES' CHURCH**

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY MEETING

**TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER
2023**

**19.30 HOURS IN ST THOMAS'
CHURCH**

Sponsor a Chair for St Philip and St James' Church

If you would like more information about donating or sponsoring a chair, please contact the Honorary Treasurer, Quentin Teggin at qteggin@gmail.com or the Rector. The cost of a chair is €275 (including the brass plaque and engraving).

