



The Greeting

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Responses

Sharing stories, sharing food,
this is our life.

Sharing wisdom, sharing hope,
this is our truth.

Sharing laughter, sharing pain,
this is our way.

We are living stones,
We are the household of God.



Hymn No. 269 (St Ambrose (St Oswald))

Hark ten thousand voices sounding
far and wide throughout the sky,
'tis the voice of joy abounding,
Jesus lives, no more to die.

Jesus lives, his conflict over,
lives to claim his great reward;
angels round the Victor hover,
crowding to behold their Lord.

Yonder throne for him erected
now becomes the Victor's seat;
lo, the Man on earth rejected,
angels worship at his feet.

All the powers of heaven adore him,
all obey his sovereign word;
day and night they cry before him,
'Holy, Holy, holy, Lord!'

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it.
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these laws in our hearts.

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.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace.

(Please sit or kneel)

[Silence]

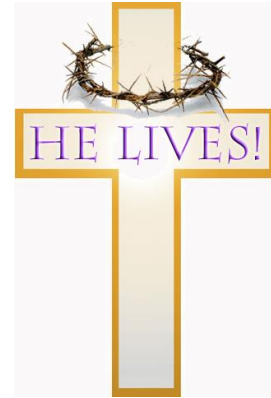
The Penitential Kyries for Easter

Lord God,
you raised your Son from the dead.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
through you we are more than conquerors.
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Holy Spirit,
you help us in our weakness.

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy



Gloria - Hymn No. 197 Thanks and Praise (Taizé)

Please sing twice!

(1) Gloria, gloria (2) in excelsis Deo!
(3) Gloria, gloria, (4) alleluia, alleluia.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Collect for 5th Sunday of Easter

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection
of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and
death
to make all things new in him:
Grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

The First Reading - Acts 7: 55-60

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 7, beginning at verse 55.

⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 273

(Led like a lamb)

Led like a lamb to the slaughter,
in silence and shame,
there on your back you carried
a world of violence and pain,
bleeding, dying, bleeding, dying.

*You're alive, you're alive, you have
risen,*

alleluia!

And the power and the glory is given,

*alleluia,
Jesus to you.*

At break of dawn, poor Mary,
still weeping she came,
when through her grief she heard
your voice
now speaking her name.
Mary! Master! Mary! Master!

At the right hand of the Father,
now seated on high,
you have begun your eternal reign
of justice and joy.
Glory, glory, glory, glory.

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - John 14: 1-14

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 14, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

14 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No

one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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 in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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



(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 have resumed taking up collections. But we do recognise that many people give online and via Standing Order, so please feel free and comfortable not to 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 - Hymn No. 373
(To God be the glory)

To God be the glory! Great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:
And give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

**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

In the interests of people feeling comfortable receiving Holy Communion, there will be the option of receiving from the common chalice or from individual cups. Both will be available at the altar rails. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please place your arms across your chest, to indicate this to the priest.

The Communion



The Great Silence

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

The Post Communion Prayer

*Eternal God,
in word and sacrament
we proclaim your truth in Jesus
Christ and share his life.
In his strength may we ever walk in
his way,
who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. 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. 263 (Diademata)

[Verses 1, 3, 4, 6]

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul and sing

of him who died for thee,
and hail him as they matchless King
through all eternity.

3. Crown him the Lord of love,
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
an angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his wondering
eye
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of life
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife,
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

6. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

The Dismissal

We are travelling the way of justice,
we are exploring the way of truth.

We are living the life of discoverers,
we are journeying home to God.

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.

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 10th May 2023

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*



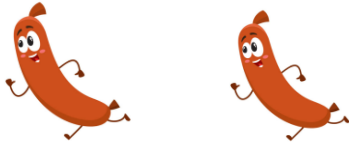
Sunday 14th May 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 NB Time 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 May 2023****10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church****Sunday 21st May 2023**

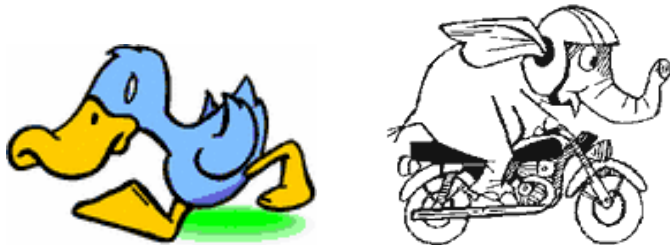
8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 24th May 2023**10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church****Sunday 28th May 2023**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time United Service with the Blessing of the Animals in St Philip and St James' Church**Wednesday 31st May 2023****10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church**

Our Sunday Clubs meet once a month, and as it happens, both Sunday Clubs will meet on the same morning. The remaining date is **Sunday 7th May 2023**

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet in the Monk Gibbon Hall at 9.30 and St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre at 11.00. The children and leaders will join the rest of the congregation before the end of the service in the respective churches.

All children who are aged three and over, and who are toilet-trained are very welcome to join the Sunday Club.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon 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
irene.reid1052@gmail.com

MOUNT MERRION
SELECT VESTRY MEETING
TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2023
19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND
CARYSFORT
SELECT VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 25TH MAY 2023
19.30 HOURS

History of the Parishes

Michael Lee has finished his research for a history of our parishes for our forthcoming celebrations in 2024. Thank you to all who spoke with him. He is still happy to receive photos – *contact Mike at mikelee2653@gmail.com*

Sponsor a Chair ***for*** ***St Philip and St James'*** ***Church***

In removing the pews from the east end of the nave and from some of both transepts, our desire was not to remove seating but to have seating that was more flexible, which could be arranged in a variety of ways and which would also facilitate those who are wheelchair users to be able to sit with the family and friends in the midst of the congregation rather than sitting in the aisle. The Select Vestry has been in discussions with Irish Contract Seating who are based in Dromod in County Leitrim—they are the same company that made the new Communion Table or Altar and the 'wedding chairs' in St Thomas' Church. Out of three samples, the Select Vestry has chosen the one called the Christ Church Chair and it is photographed here. The plan (and indeed, the advice from Irish Contract Seating) is to have the wood of the chair the same colour as the pews and the upholstery the same colour as the pew runners. The logo that will be carved on the back-rest is our parish logo without the lettering. There will be a provision for a small brass plaque on the top of the back-rest, to facilitate an engraving if someone would like to donate a chair in memory of someone or as a gift to

the church. The cost of a chair is €275 (including the brass plaque and engraving). 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. Irish Contract Seating are lending us forty chairs until we take delivery of the bespoke chairs in the middle of 2023.

