



### The Greeting

Christ is risen!

***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

### Opening Responses

God is a God of grace and salvation.

There is no way we can buy God's favour.

***God has no favourites, God is love.***

Jesus shared his life with all kinds of people.

Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan.

***Jesus has no favourites, Jesus is love.***

The Holy Spirit dances in the mystery of creation.

The Holy spirit delights in wisdom and in justice.

***The Holy Spirit has no favourites, the Holy Spirit is love.***

### Hymn No. 634 (Blaenwern)

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown;

Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art,  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

### 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.***

### 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]*

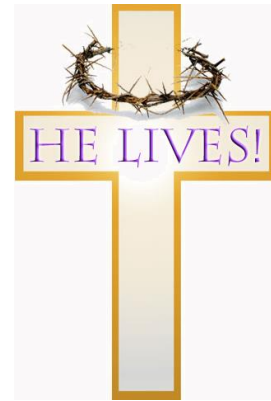
### **The Penitential Kyries for Easter**

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. 355 (Holy is the Lord)**

Glory, glory, glory to the Lord;  
glory to the Lord God almighty!  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord;  
glory to the Lord God almighty!  
who was, and is, and is to come:  
glory, glory, glory to the Lord!

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **The Collect for Sixth Sunday of Easter**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power  
of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of

your Son:  
 grant, that as by his death he has  
 recalled us to life,  
 so by his continual presence in us he  
 may raise us to eternal joy;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The First Reading - Acts 10: 44-48**

*The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 10, beginning at verse 44.*

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

### **The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 432 (Cresswell)**

*[Verses 1-3]*

Love is his word, love is his way,  
 feasting with friends, fasting alone,  
 living and dying, rising again,

love, only love is his way:

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,  
 better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his way, love is his mark,  
 sharing his last Passover feast.  
 Christ at this table, host to the twelve,

love, only love is his mark:

Love is his mark, love is his sign,  
 bread for our strength, wine for our joy,  
 'This is my body, this is my blood' -  
 love, only love, is his sign:

*(Please stand, if you are able)*

### **The Holy Gospel - John 15: 9-17**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 15, beginning at verse 9.*

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

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call

you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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. 432 (Cresswell)

*[Verses 4-7]*

Love is his sign, love is his news,  
'Do this, he said, 'lest you forget

all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood'  
-  
love, only love, is his news:

*Richer than gold is the love of my  
Lord,  
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his news, love is his name,  
we are his own, chosen and called,  
sisters and brothers, parents and kin,  
love, only love, is his name:

Love is his name, love is his law,  
hear his command, all who are his:  
'Love one another, I have loved you' -  
love, only love, is his law:

Love is his law, love is his word:  
love of the Lord, Father and Word,  
love of the Spirit, God, ever one,  
love, only love, is his word:

## 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:

[Hymn No. 355 (Holy is the Lord)]

***Holy, holy holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty!  
Holy, holy holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty!  
who was, and is, and is to come:  
holy, holy holy is the Lord!***

*(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

*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

***God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the  
water of eternal life:  
may we also thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of  
goodness,  
through him 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. 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 Dismissal

***Into our streets and homes we go,  
living our lives in God's love.***

Into our joys and sorrows we go,  
*living our lives in God's love.*

Into the fight for justice we go.  
*living our lives in God's love.*

Blessed with the friendship of God we go,  
*living our lives in God's love.*

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*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.*



Please keep the following who were confirmed, or who re-

*affirmed their confirmation vows recently in St Brigid's Church Stillorgan in your prayers:*

*Ruairí Brew, Ryan Brew, Sophie Burns, Lynne Cole, Jasmine Lyons, George Kenney, Chloë Miller, Max Miller, Sawyer Ness, Lucas Perkmann, Aryana Purser, Tallis Rynhart, Eimear Spence, Ellie Stokes, Charlie Trotter, Alexey Varlashkin and Arabelle Wymes, and Matthew Phelan who will be confirmed on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in Christ Church Taney.*

## **Ad Hoc Choir**



*We are getting together to practise for the special service to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of St Philip and St James' Church*

*Practices at 19.30 hours in St Philip and St James' Church on:*

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES**



Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

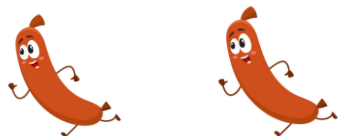
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' 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, at which those who were recently confirmed will be presented with their confirmation certificates and a small gift from the parishes.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 United Special Service to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of St Philip and St James' Church**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 United Service with the Blessing of the Animals 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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**Healer Prayer Group**

**via Zoom**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**at 19.30 hours**

**MOUNT MERRION**

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2024**

**19.30 HOURS ON ZOOM**

**BOOTERSTOWN AND**

**CARYSFORT**

**SELECT VESTRY**

**THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2024**

**19.30 HOURS**

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



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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

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

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

*All children who are toilet-trained are welcome!*



# A Spring Fling

at

## St Thomas' Church

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the Spring Fling last weekend. It was a lovely day and the feedback that we have received has been very positive. As a community event, to start the celebrations for our 150<sup>th</sup> Year, we think it kicked them off nicely.

It would not have been possible to run such a good day without a lot of help and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the day, from both ends of the parish. Each stall had a team of people helping and everyone of them did trojan work in order for the day to run smoothly.

The following businesses contributed to the day by donating items or sponsoring a raffle prize:

Radisson St Helen's Hotel  
 John O'Reilly butchers  
 The Food Shop, Mt Merrion  
 Meadows and Byrne,  
 Churchtown  
 Supervalu, Mount Merrion  
 Insomnia, Montrose  
 Kilmacud TotalHealth  
 Pharmacy

And finally to 25<sup>th</sup> Dublin (our Mount Merrion) Scout Troop and Venture Scout Unit, we would like to thank them for the help that they gave so willingly and cheerfully over the course of the 2 days – from set up, to the last of the clean-up, and to Cedric Heather for coordinating, Thank you.

Thank you all,  
 Joan Sherlock-Robertson

And thank you to Joan for coordinating the Spring Fling and inspiring us and encouraging us that we could do it!

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# The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

10.30

## St Philip and St James' Church

Special Preacher: The Archbishop of Armagh

President: The Archbishop of Dublin

All welcome

*It would help with arrangements if you could let us know that you are attending!*

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### Colouring Section

