

**Welcome and thank you, to the
Venerable Gordon Linney who is
celebrating and preaching at the 9.30
and 11.00 services this morning
whilst the Rector is on Annual Leave.
Thank you, Gordon!**



(Please stand, if you are able)

The Greeting

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Responses for Ascension- tide

We know you and we do not know you;
you are mysterious and full of joy.

You know us and you understand us;
you are loving and full of truth.

You welcome us and you live in us;
you are holy and full of hope.

We look for you in each other;
we look for you in our midst.

Hymn No. 266 (Llanfair)

[Omitting verses 3, 4, 5]

Hail the day that sees him arise,
alleluia!
to his throne above the skies; alleluia!
Christ the Lamb for sinners given,
alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven,
Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits;
alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin;
alleluia!
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight,
alleluia!
far above the starry height, alleluia!
grant our hearts may thither rise,
alleluia!
following thee beyond the skies.
Alleluia!

There we shall with thee remain,
alleluia!
partners of thine endless reign;
alleluia!
there thy face unclouded see, alleluia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee.
Alleluia!

(Please remain standing, if you are able)

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 Ascension

God our Father,
you exalted your Son to sit at your
right hand.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
you are the way, the truth and the
life.

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Holy Spirit, Counsellor,
you are sent to be with us for ever.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your
sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness
and keep you in eternal life, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Gloria - Hymn No. 355 (Holy is the Lord)

Verse 4 only

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 of the Seventh Sunday after Easter - the Sunday after Ascension Day

O God the King of Glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in
heaven:
mercifully give us faith to know
that, as he promised,
he abides with us on earth to the end
of time;
who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

(Please sit)

The First Reading - Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

*The First Reading is from the Book of Revelation,
chapter 22, beginning at verse 12.*

12 'See, I am coming soon; my reward
is with me, to repay according to
everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and
the Omega, the first and the last, the
beginning and the end.'

14 Blessed are those who wash their
robes, so that they will have the right
to the tree of life and may enter the
city by the gates.

16 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel
to you with this testimony for the
churches. I am the root and the
descendant of David, the bright
morning star.'

17 The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'
And let everyone who hears say,
'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water
of life as a gift.

20 The one who testifies to these
things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be
with all the saints. Amen.

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

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Gradual Hymn - - Hymn No. 102 Thanks and Praise (My Jesus, My Saviour)

My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands.

For ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.



The Holy Gospel - John 17: 20-26

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 17, beginning at verse 20.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

20 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become

completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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 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 Ascension

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my
peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world
gives. *John 14: 27,28*

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 - Hymn No. 285 (St. Magnus)

The head that once was crowned with
thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven
affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light.

The joy of all who dwell above:
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given:
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above,
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

The Cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

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:
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who after he had risen from the dead
ascended into heaven,
where he is seated at your right hand
to intercede for us
and to prepare a place for us in 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:

[Hymn No. 355 (Holy is the Lord)]
Verse 1 only

***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

*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

***Eternal Giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us
into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.
Confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news
we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen***

The Blessing for Ascension

Christ our exalted King
pour on you his abundant gifts
make you faithful and strong to do his
will
that you may reign with him in glory:
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. 263 (Diademata)

[Omitting verses 2 and 5]

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.

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.

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.

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

In the name of the Maker,
we go.

In the name of Jesus,
we go.

In the name of the Holy Spirit,
we go.

We go in wonder.
We go in hope and love.

Go in the peace of the Risen and
ascended 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 of St Philip and St James' Church after the 11.00 service.

Pastoral Care of the Parishes, the Blackrock Clinic and the Blackrock Hospice.

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne is looking after the parishes, the Blackrock Clinic and the Blackrock Hospice, until 8th June 2025, whilst the Rector is on leave.

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne
01-2806596 or 086-3467920

Parishioners who are in hospitals or in residential care will be looked after by the chaplains of those establishments.

Forthcoming Services

Wednesday 4th June 2025

No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 8th June 2025

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 11th June 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 15th June 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 18th June 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 22nd June 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of Holy Baptism in St Thomas' Church.

Wednesday 25th June 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 29th June 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Service of Wholeness and Healing in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of Wholeness and Healing in St Philip and St James' Church

Special Preacher – The Rev. Niall Stratford, former parishioner and former resident of the Monk Gibbon Hall Flat. Niall is now the Rector of Blessington Group of Parishes.



Healer Prayer Group

Monday 9th June 2025

Please note change of date

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

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Lenten Challenge

Gillian is finished!

Thank you to all who supported Gillian in her Lenten Challenge 2025 in aid of the Irish Cancer Society and the Blackrock Hospice.

The final amount raised is now at €3,000 which is fantastic! Thank you for your generous support!

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 23RD JUNE 2025

19.30 HOURS

THE COMMITTEE ROOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

2025

19.30 HOURS

ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH



St Thomas' 150th Anniversary BBQ

Saturday 21st June 2025 at 1pm

Tickets must be purchased by 8th June 2025

All enquiries to Joan Sherlock-Robertson at tommies150thbarbecue@gmail.com