



(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 Responses

God of glory, at home in the
universe,
loving Jesus, at home in Bethany,
Holy Spirit, at home in humanity,
make your home in us.

Hymn No. 712 (Woodlands)

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit
voice;
tender to me the promise of his
word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart
rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
his name:

make known his might, the deeds his
arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the
same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty
One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory
by;
proud hearts and stubborn will are
put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted
high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his
word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy
sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of
the Lord
to children's children and for
evermore.

(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 Lent

In the wilderness we find your grace:

you love us with an everlasting love.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

There is none but you to uphold our cause;

our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed;

restore us and we shall know your joy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Absolution

The Gloria – we omit the Gloria during Advent and Lent

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



The Collect of the 5th Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God,
 who by the death and resurrection
 of your Son Jesus Christ
 delivered and saved the world:
 grant that by faith in him who
 suffered on the cross,
 we may triumph in the power of
 his victory;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Epistle - Philippians 3: 4b-14

*The Epistle is from the Letter to the Philippians,
 chapter 3, beginning at verse 4.*

⁴even though I, too, have reason for
 confidence in the flesh.
 If anyone else has reason to be
 confident in the flesh, I have
 more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth
 day, a member of the people of
 Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a
 Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the
 law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a
 persecutor of the church; as to
 righteousness under the law,
 blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I
 have come to regard as loss because
 of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard
 everything as loss because of the
 surpassing value of knowing Christ
 Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have
 suffered the loss of all things, and I
 regard them as rubbish, in order

that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found
 in him, not having a righteousness of
 my own that comes from the law, but
 one that comes through faith in
 Christ, the righteousness from God
 based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know
 Christ and the power of his
 resurrection and the sharing of his
 sufferings by becoming like him in
 his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain
 the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained
 this or have already reached the
 goal; but I press on to make it my
 own, because Christ Jesus has made
 me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not
 consider that I have made it my
 own; but this one thing I do:
 forgetting what lies behind and
 straining forward to what lies
 ahead, ¹⁴I press on towards the goal
 for the prize of the heavenly call of
 God in Christ Jesus.

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

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 219 (The Servant King)

From heav'n you came, helpless babe,
 entered our world, your glory veiled;
 not to be served but to serve,
 and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
 he calls us now to follow him,*

to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours', he said.

Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

(Please remain standing, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel – John 12: 1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 12, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵'Why was this perfume

not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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

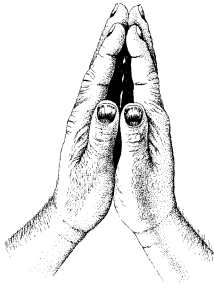


The Sermon

(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.***



Intercessions *(Please kneel or sit)*

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

**Merciful Father,
accept these our 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 Lent

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5: 1, 2

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. 319
(Rivaulx)

Father, of heaven, whose love
profound
a ransom for our souls has found,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our prophet, priest, redeemer, Lord,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before your throne we sinners bend;
to us your quickening power extend.

Thrice holy, Father, Spirit, Son,
mysterious Godhead, Three in One;
before your throne we sinners bend;
grace, pardon, life to us extend.

**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: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to overcome all our temptations:

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

The 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

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

***God of hope,
in this eucharist we have tasted
the promise of your heavenly banquet
and the richness of eternal life.
May we who bear witness to the
death of your Son,
also proclaim the glory of his
resurrection,
for he is Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.***

The Blessing for Lent

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves,
and take up your cross and follow him; and the blessing...

Hymn No. 587 (Misericordia)

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy Blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose Blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears, within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.
Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,

O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love,
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

The Closing Responses and Dismissal

Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
keep our eyes on the way ahead.

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 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 9th April 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 13th April 2025 – Palm

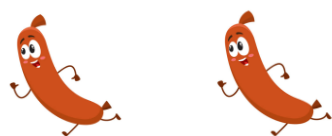
Sunday

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

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church



Holy Week

Monday – 20.00 in St Thomas' Church

Tuesday – 20.00 in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday - 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
20.00 in St Thomas' Church

Maundy Thursday – 20.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Good Friday – 14.00 Prayer at the Cross in St Thomas' Church

19.00 - Ecumenical Prayer around the Cross in The Church of the Assumption

Sunday 20th April 2025 – Easter Day

6.30 Sunrise on Sandymount Strand *TBC*

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 23rd April 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 27th April 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

Wednesday 30th April 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church



St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet today, **Sunday 6th April 2025**, at 9.30 in the Monk Gibbon Hall and St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet next Sunday, **Sunday 13th April 2025**

at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre.

All children who are toilet-trained are welcome.

The leaders have been Garda-vetted and have undergone Safeguarding Trust Training.





Healer Prayer Group

Monday 28th April 2025

19.30 hours *via Zoom*

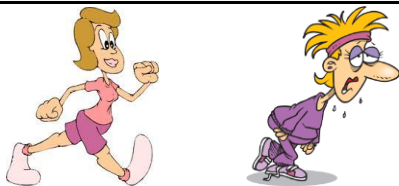
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon 3.30pm—4.10pm

**In the Canon Osborne Barr Room of
St Philip and St James' Parish Centre**

Contact Irene on 087-2755423

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Lenten Challenge

Gillian is off again!

This year, she is walking/cross-training/cycling/rowing at least 5km every day of Lent 2025.

***Wednesday 5th March – Saturday 19th
April 2025 inclusive!***

Lent is the season for examining ourselves and seeing how we can more fully reflect the life and love of Christ and his commandment to us to love our neighbour as ourselves. That means respecting and caring for others and for ourselves.

Therefore, again, this Lent, I am encouraging people to take up something that gives you a focus each day and that benefits you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

This year, I will doing 5km each day - using a variety of ways of moving as I have been

battling with plantar fasciitis for the last year! - for my physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing and for the Irish Cancer Society and Blackrock Hospice.

You can make a donation by online banking to

Boooterstown and Mount Merrion

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What to do in Lent!

Join **Christ Church Cathedral**

and **[Fr Kieran O'Mahony](#)**

[OSA](#) present 'Salvation in the Gospel of John'.

This is a 6 week course beginning at 19:30 each Wednesday in Lent. You are warmly encouraged to attend.

Keys for unlocking the message today.

This is a free hybrid event. Participants can attend in person in the Music Room at Christ Church or via Zoom.

Please note that the Music Room is only accessible by stairs.

<https://christchurchcathedral.ie/lenten-series-2025.../>

EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES

Both Easter General Vestries will be held in person.

**MOUNT MERRION
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 2025
20.00 HOURS
ST THOMAS' CHURCH**

**BOOTERSTOWN
AND CARYSFORT
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
THURSDAY 10TH APRIL
2025
20.00 HOURS
ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH**



Parish Fete

at

St Thomas' Church

Foster Avenue, Mount
Merrion

**Barbecue, Books, Cakes
& Deli, Bottles, Plants,
Handmade Cards, Games
for Children, Raffle and
more!**

**Tea & Coffee Served
Saturday 17th May 2025**

12.00pm - 3.00 pm

**Admission €2—Children
Free**

We need lots and lots of homemade
goods for the Cake and Deli Stall...
cakes, biscuits, scones, breads,

jams, marmalades, preserves, tarts,
pies, etc.

We are also looking for books and
new (un-opened) gifts, bottles
plants, seedlings and slips to be
given to Julie-Anne Hudson before
the Fete so that she can pot them!

Anyone who would like to get
involved on the day would be very
welcome and should contact you or
me

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to let us know



Colouring Section

