



(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

Jesus is coming,
riding on a donkey.

Shout Hosanna.

Through the hosannas and the waving
palms, the singing and the joy.
Through the betrayal and the denial,
the shouting and the sorrow.
Through the waving palms and
passion, the prayers and the pain,
come, and walk the road with Christ.

***We will walk with him. Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.***

Hymn No. 238 (Winchester New)

Ride on, ride on in majesty,
hark, all the tribes, 'Hosanna' cry!

O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments
strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty:
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty:
the angel armies of the sky
look; down with sad and wondering
eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty:
thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride, on, ride on in majesty:
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power, and
reign.

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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.***

A Prayer of Penitence on the Way to Jerusalem

*Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts.*
Psalm 24

O Living God,
age after age the children of dust
make their way to holy places to
seek you,
yet you are closer than hands or
feet.

In temples and in churches
people make sacrifices and
offerings,
but what you seek
is the love and well-being of your
children.

Your Word promises
that those whose hands are clean
and whose hearts are pure
can climb the heavenly hill;
but who are we to do that?

On our journey through life
our hearts and our hands
have become stained and dirtied.

If we have stretched out our hands
in greed, or lust, or love of money,
Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

If our hearts have been sullied by
pride or resentment,
Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

If we have turned aside from our
pilgrimage
to follow the world's ways,
or to seek false gods,
or spirits other than your Holy
Spirit,
Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

Lord, you forgive the sins of all who
turn to you in sincerity;
you cleanse the penitent heart from
all uncleanness.
Lord, set our course according to
your word
so that we may take up afresh the
challenge of the journey to the holy
city.

Give us new strength to follow you on
our way,
so that even we may ascend the hill
of the Lord
and stand in the holy place.
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

***The Gloria – we omit the Gloria during
Advent and Lent***



The Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
 who, in your tender love towards the
 human race,
 sent your Son our Saviour Jesus
 Christ
 to take upon him our flesh
 and to suffer death upon the cross:
 grant that we may follow the
 example
 of his patience and humility,
 and also be made partakers of his
 resurrection;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Thou art the King of Israel,
 thou David's royal Son,
 who in the Lord's name comest,
 the King and blessed one:

The company of angels
 are praising thee on high;
 and mortal flesh, and all things
 created, make reply.

(Please remain standing, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - Matthew 21: 1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 21, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



The Epistle – there is no epistle appointed for the Liturgy of the Palms

The Gradual Hymn - No. 217 (St Theodulph)

[Verses 1-2]

*All glory, laud, and honour
 to thee, Redeemer, King,
 to whom the lips of children
 made sweet hosannas ring.*

²¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought

the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

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

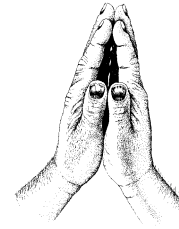
The Sermon

(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

***Make us strong:
to do your will in all things.***

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

(Please stand, if you are able)

*We are continuing to be cautious as
COVID-19 has not gone away so we are
suggesting that people do not share a sign
of peace in the way that we usually
would... maybe a smile or a wave would be
good!*



The Introduction to the Peace for Passiontide and Holy Week

Now in union with Christ Jesus, you who were once far off have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood; for he is our peace.

Ephesians 2: 17

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.*

The Offertory Hymn - No. 217 **(St Theodulph)** *[Verses 3-5]*

*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

The people of the Hebrews
with palms to meet thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:

To thee, before thy Passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise:

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:

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 Saviour,
who, for the redemption of the
world, humbled himself to death on
the cross; that, being lifted up from
the earth, he might draw all people
to himself:

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:

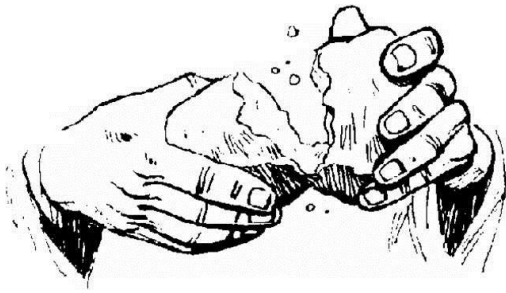
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
***all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.***

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.***



*Give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and
King,
to the glory of the Father. Amen*

The Invitation

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and in the interests of having as little movement of the congregation as possible, please remain in your seat to receive Holy Communion.

The Blessing for Passiontide and Holy Week

Christ draw you to himself and grant that you find in his cross a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven: and the blessing...

The Communion



Hymn No. 570 (Sing hosanna)

Give me oil in my lamp, keep my burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep my burning till the break of day.

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!*

The Great Silence

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

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day.

The Post Communion Prayer

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the
form of a servant
and, in obedience, died on the
cross for our salvation.*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,

give me peace in my heart, I pray;
 give me peace in my heart, keep me
 loving,
 keep me loving till the break of day.

Give me love in my heart, keep me
 serving,
 give me love in my heart, I pray;
 give me love in my heart, keep me
 serving,
 keep me serving till the break of day.

The Dismissal - Lead Us Into Holy Week

We tell your story.
 We follow in your footsteps.
Lead us into Holy Week.

We walk towards the city.
 We wait in the garden.
Lead us onto holy ground.

We journey towards death.
 We hope for resurrection.
Lead us into holy joy.

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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
 Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm
 We usually meet via Zoom, except for
 the last Tuesday of the month, when
 we meet in-person in the Canon
 Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St
 James' Parish Centre.

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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

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

Sunday 9th April 2023 –

Easter Day

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 12th April 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

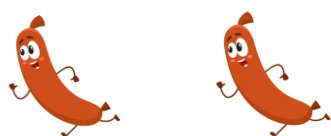
Sunday 16th April 2023

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

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 19th April 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 23rd April 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 NB Time Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 26th April 2023

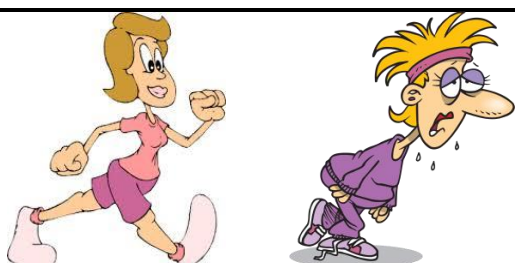
10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 30th April 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 NB Time Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church



Lenten Challenge

Gillian is walking at least 6km every day of Lent 2023 – 39 days done so far!

Wednesday 22nd February – Saturday 8th April 2023

in aid of:

The victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria (*channelled through the Bishops' Appeal to Christian Aid who are working on the ground with local agencies*), **and parish funds**

You can make a donation by online banking to

Boosterstown and Mount Merrion Account

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Join Gillian for the final 6km walk (or part of) on 8th April 2023 – Starting point at St Philip and St James' 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 10.00 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.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to lead our Sunday Clubs.

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

History of the Parishes

Michael Lee has finished his research for a history of our parishes for our forthcoming celebrations in 2024. All interviews have now been done. He is still happy to receive photos – *contact Mike at mikelee2653@gmail.com*

Decorating the Churches for Easter Saturday 8 April 2023



St Thomas' Church - 10.00. Please drop-off any flowers foliage, etc. before 10.30.

St Philip and St James' Church – 10.30

All donations of flowers and foliage and help will be gratefully accepted in both churches!

Both churches also 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.

EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES

Both Easter General Vestries will be held in person.

MOUNT MERRION
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2023
20.00 HOURS
ST THOMAS' CHURCH

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
THURSDAY 20TH APRIL 2023
20.00 HOURS
ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH



Gardening Blitz

Monday 3rd April 2023

14.00-16.00 hours

St Thomas' Church Grounds
Bring gardening tools and gloves

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

BOOTERSTOWN AND
CARYSFORT
SELECT VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 18TH MAY 2023
19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM



**MOUNT MERRION
 ECUMENICAL SOCIETY GOLF
 OUTING**

Friday 14th April 2023. All members of our two parishes are welcome to play. The timesheet is currently available in John O'Reilly's Butchers (01-2889949) on Deerpark Road. If you are not able to play golf that day, but would like to go to the dinner in the evening in Elm Park Golf Club, you are more than welcome to do that too. Again, please contact John O'Reilly.

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.