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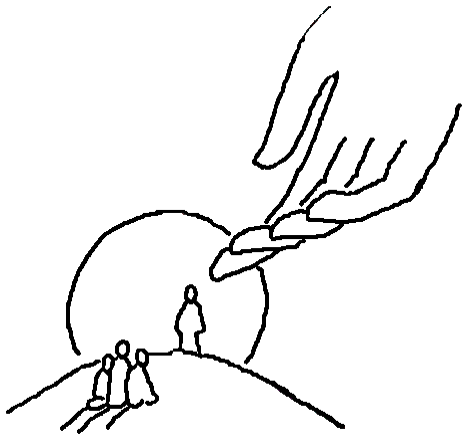
The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you all
and also with you.

Creativity and light belong to God:
let all the earth rejoice.

Justice and glory belong to God:
let all the earth rejoice.

Wisdom and wonder belong to God:
let all the earth rejoice.



Hymn No. 325 (Be still)

Be still, for the presence of the
Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with
reverence and fear.

In him, no sin is found, we stand on
holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the
Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is
shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with
splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our
radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is
shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal, to
minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith
receive from him;

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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.

[Please kneel or sit]

A Prayer of Confession for the Transfiguration

by Pat Bennett, 'Bare Feet and Buttercups'

Father,
you are the source of all time.
Yet it neither contains nor
constrains you.

***We who are time-bound
confess
that often we do not take the
time,
or make the time
to enter into your great stillness
and gaze on you.***

Silence

***Forgive us
for all those times***

***when the restless pursuit of the
next thing
has distracted and deflected us
from spending time with you.***

Silence

***Help us to escape the bondage of
busyness
and find those moments
of intersection with eternity,
when your time and our time come
together
and we can grow in our awareness
of you
and of your purposes.***

***We ask this in the name of Christ
- the one who came into the world
to make visible the Time of God.
Amen.***

[Please stand, if you are able]

Gloria - A Prayer of Praise and Adoration for the Transfiguration

by Jan Berry, 'Bare Feet and Buttercups'

God of the ordinary,
we praise you.

You take the drabness of our
thoughts,
***and brighten them into vivid
imagination.***

You take our everyday lives,
***and transform them into holy,
precious moments.***

You take our meagre offerings,
*and multiply them into an
 abundance of delight.*

Extraordinary God,
*you light up our thoughts, our
 lives, our selves
 with the wonder of your call.
 We praise you. Amen.*

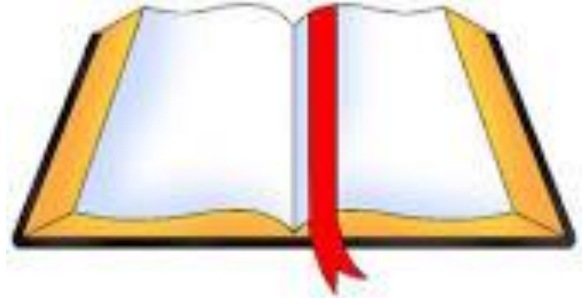
The Collect of the 9th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
 who sent your Holy Spirit
 to be the life and light of your
 Church:
 open our hearts to the riches of his
 grace,
 that we may bring forth the fruit
 of the Spirit
 in love and joy and peace;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect for the Transfiguration - 6 August

Father in heaven,
 whose Son Jesus Christ was
 wonderfully transfigured
 before chosen witnesses upon the
 holy mountain,
 and spoke of the exodus he would
 accomplish at Jerusalem:
 give us strength so to hear his voice
 and bear our cross in this world,
 that in the world to come, we may
 see him as he is;

where he is alive and reigns with
 you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God now and for ever. **Amen.**



The Ministry of the Word

[Please sit]

The Epistle - Romans 9: 1-5

*The epistle is written in the letter of Paul to the
 Romans, chapter 9, beginning at verse 1.*

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—
 I am not lying; my conscience
 confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ²I
 have great sorrow and unceasing
 anguish in my heart. ³For I could
 wish that I myself were accursed
 and cut off from Christ for the
 sake of my own people, my kindred
 according to the flesh. ⁴They are
 Israelites, and to them belong the
 adoption, the glory, the covenants,
 the giving of the law, the worship,
 and the promises; ⁵to them belong
 the patriarchs, and from them,
 according to the flesh, comes the
 Messiah, who is over all, God
 blessed for ever. Amen.

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

The Gradual Hymn - No. 112
(There is a Redeemer)

There is a Redeemer,
 Jesus, God's own Son,
 precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
 Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
 for giving us your Son,
 and leaving your Spirit
 till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,
 name above all names,
 precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
 O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory
 I will see his face,
 and there I'll serve my King forever
 in that holy place.

[Please stand, if you are able]

The Holy Gospel - Matthew 14:
13-21

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according
 to Matthew, chapter 14, beginning at verse 13.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to

him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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 as you wish, be it a handshake, a smile or a wave!

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Peace for Transfiguration

Christ will transfigure our human body

And give it a form like that of his own glorious body. We are the body of Christ. We share his peace.

cf Philippians 3: 21, 1 Corinthians 11: 27, Romans 5: 1

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

If you wish to donate to the church online or electronically, the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.

Offertory Hymn - No. 431 (Regent Square)

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesus, true and living bread.

Here for faith's discernment
praying
lest we fail to know thee now,
here our deepest homage paying,
we in loving reverence bow;
Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Now though lowliest form do veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
angels in thy mystery hail thee;
we in worship join with them.
Alleluia, alleluia,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.

Paschal Lamb, thine offering
finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

Great High Priest of our profession,
through the veil thou wentest in,
by the mighty intercession
grace and peace for us to win;
Alleluia, alleluia,
only sacrifice for sin.

Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with one hosanna,
worship thee, the Lamb that died,
Alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified!

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,
whose divine glory shone forth upon
the holy mountain
before chosen witnesses of his
majesty;

when your own voice from heaven
proclaimed him your beloved
Son: and so with all your people,
with angels and archangels, and with
all the company of heaven, we
proclaim your great and glorious
name, forever 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.***



The Communion

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 Great Silence

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

The Post Communion Prayer

***Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the
table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
In that new world where you
reveal the fulness of your peace,
gather people of every race and
language***

***to share in the eternal banquet
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

A Blessing for Transfiguration

[adapted]

by Ruth Burgess, 'Bare Feet and Buttercups'

May we listen to God in creation's
beauty and wonder.

May we listen to Jesus in the words
that are recorded.

May we listen to the Holy Spirit
speaking to us in our world.

And may God bless us with hope and
courage

all our nights and days. ***Amen.***

Hymn No. 195 - (Shine Jesus Shine)

Lord, the light of your love is
shining

in the midst of the darkness
shining;

Jesus, Light of the world, shine
upon us,

set us free by the truth you now
bring us,

shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,

*fill this land with the Father's
glory;*

blaze, spirit, blaze,

set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river flow,

*flood the nations with grace and
mercy;*

send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

The Dismissal

When we get it amazingly wrong,
God loves us.

When we get it superbly right,
God loves us.

When we have no idea at all what is happening,
God loves us.

When we walk with God,
we do not need to be afraid.

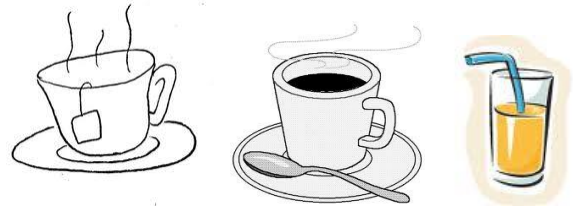
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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 tea/coffee/juice in the parish hall after this Service.

The parish hall is at the east end of the church, go through the double yellow doors, and follow the noise!

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 13th August 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Sunday 20th August 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Sunday 27th August 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Wednesdays in July and August 2023
As announced

Wednesday 30th August 2023.
10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday 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

**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. Thank you to those who have so generously given to the Flower Fund.



Autumn Fair Meeting
Thursday 31st August 2023
19.00 hours in St Philip and St James' Church

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT
SELECT VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST 2023
20.00 HOURS IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH

MOUNT MERRION
SELECT VESTRY MEETING
TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2023
19.30 HOURS IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Lay Ministry in the Church of Ireland

Do you think that you are being called to lay ministry at local parochial level or at a wider diocesan level? If so, please contact the Rector about it. There will be an Enquirers' Morning for those who are considered suitable for commissioned Lay Ministry either at a local parochial level or at a wider diocesan level, on Saturday 2 September 2023 in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute.



Gardening Blitz

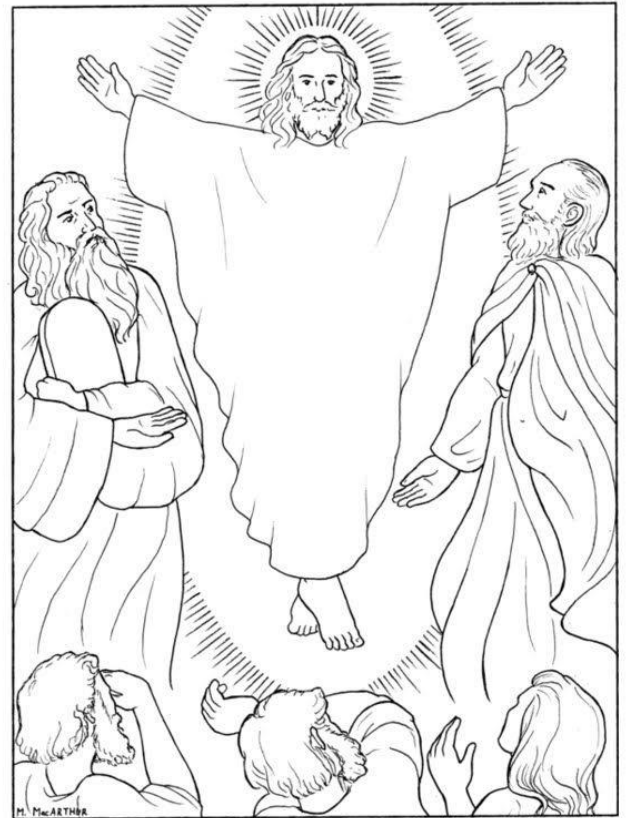
Thank you to all who helped at the Gardening Blitz in St Thomas' Church grounds on Friday.

Sponsor a Chair ***for*** ***St Philip and St James' 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 autumn of 2023.



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