

Face Masks

The wearing of face masks is no longer mandated by the government. However, people may feel more comfortable wearing a mask and especially for singing, which we really appreciate being able to do again.

Social Distancing

Social- distancing is no longer required, and we have removed our seating plans in both churches. However, a number of people have indicated that they would still like to have a little space, so please respect others' need for space.

<u>Heating Installation and Interior Works</u> to St Philip and St James' Church

As you can see, we have started! It has been in the pipeline (pun intended!) for at least 18 years, and at long last, it is happening! Please bear with us as the works progress.

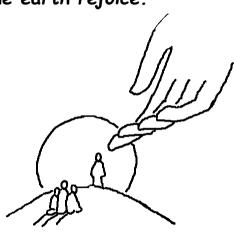
The Greeting

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.

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.

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 8th Sunday after Trinity

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who observe and keep your law:

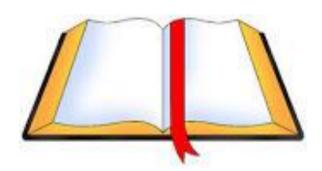
Help us to seek you with our whole heart,

to delight in your commandments and to walk in the glorious liberty

given us by your Son, Jesus Christ. **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 - 2 Peter 1: 16-19

The epistle is written in the second letter of Peter, chapter 1, beginning at verse 16.

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been

eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

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 - Luke 9: 28-36

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke, chapter 9, beginning at verse 28. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. 34While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a

voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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.



Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we are not permitted to share a sign of peace in the way that we usually would... maybe a smile or a wave would be good!

(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.

Offertory Hymn - No. 431 (Regent Square) [Verses 1-3]

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.

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

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 Great Silence

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

The Post Communion Prayer
Lord God,
whose Son is the true vine and
the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world
may live:
may we so receive within
ourselves
the power of his death and
passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be
made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 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. 431 (Regent Square)

[Verses 4-6]

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 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.



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 the hall is on your right!

Services in August 2022

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas'
Church

10.30 United Services in St Philip and St James' Church, which will also be live-streamed. Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, Morning Prayer on the 2nd Sunday of the month, Family Service on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Autumn Fair



After a gap of two years, we are very excited to be planning an **Autumn**Fair for Saturday 8th October

2022.

We have started the installation of a new and much-needed heating system in the church and the Autumn Fair will be a major fundraiser for that project so all hands are required 'on deck'!!! We need it to be bumper in spirit and fun, bumper in building and celebrating community, bumper in bargains and support!

contact Mike at mikelee2653@gmail.com

History of the Parishes

Michael Lee is compiling a history of our parishes for our forthcoming celebrations in 2024:

2021 - 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Parish of Booterstown
2024 - 200th anniversary of the

2024 - 200th anniversary of the consecration of St Philip and St James' Church

2024 – 150th anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas' Church
2026 - 200th anniversary of the foundation of Booterstown National
School

Mike has interviewed some of the parishioners of both churches, about their memories, stories and experience but he really would like more stories and photographs if you have them. "Do not think that your story is not interesting enough, all will help make up the wonderful different strands that will enrich the colourful weave of the story of these historic churches."

Please email your story/stories, or