



(Please stand if you are able)

The Greeting

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

God of Unity

you created all of us,
you are the Lord of all nations.
We gather to worship here today -
in person, online and with Christians
all over the world, as one family.
Amen.

Hymn No. 517 (Servant Song)

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Won't you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

(Please stand 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]

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

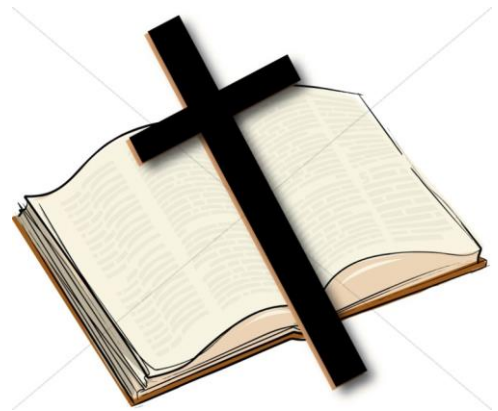
Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all

goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria - Hymn No. 197 Thanks and Praise (Taizé)

(1) Gloria, gloria (2) in excelsis Deo!
(3) Gloria, gloria, (4) alleluia, alleluia.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



(Please remain standing if you are able)

The Collect of the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

O God,
without you we are not able to please you;
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Please sit)

The First Reading – Philippians 4:

1-9 *The first reading is from the letter of Paul to the Philippians, chapter 4, beginning at verse 1.*

4¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn – Hymn No. 503 (St Francis)

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring
your love,
where there is injury, your pardon,
Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in
you:

*O Master, grant, that I may never
seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul!*

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me
bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy:
*O Master, grant, that I may never
seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul!*

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal
life.

(Please stand if you are able)

The Holy Gospel – Matthew 22: 1- 14

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 22, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and

foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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 our 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

Jesus said, A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. *John 13: 34*

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 - Peace is Flowing **(Pie Jesu by Lloyd Webber)**

Peace is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free,
Setting all the captives free.

Love is flowing...

Joy is flowing...

Faith is flowing...

Hope is flowing...

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 3

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, Lord of all creation, we praise you for your goodness and your love. When we turned away you did not reject us.

You came to meet us in your Son, welcomed us as your children and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened wide his arms upon the cross and, with love stronger than death, he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on the night before you died you came to table with your friends.

Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,
Take, eat, this is my body which is

given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

***Lord Jesus we bless you:
you are the bread of life.***

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,
Drink this, all of you; 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.
***Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the true vine.***

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:
***dying, you destroyed our death,
rising, you restored our life;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, 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!

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Jesus' disciples recognised him in the breaking of the bread:
***may we recognise him in our midst
and in each other.***

The Invitation

The Communion

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 Great Silence

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

The Post Communion Prayer

*Holy and blessed God,
you feed us with the body and blood
of your Son
and fill us with your Holy Spirit.
May we honour you,
not only with our lips but in lives
dedicated
to the service of Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.*

The Blessing

Hymn No. 509 (St. Cecilia)

Your kingdom come, O God;
your rule, O Christ, begin;
break with your iron rod
the tyrannies of sin.

Where is your reign of peace
and purity and love?
when shall all hatred cease
as in the realms above?

When comes the promised time,
the end of strife and war;
when lust, oppression, crime
and greed shall be no more?

O Lord our God, arise
and come in your great might!
Revive our longing eyes
which languish for your sight.

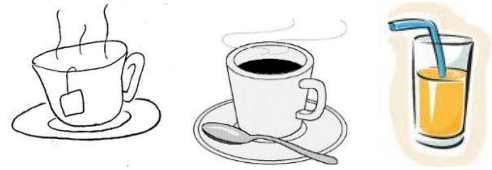
On lands both near and far
thick darkness broodeth yet:
arise, O Morning Star,
arise and never set!

The Dismissal

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 Monk
Gibbon Hall after the 9.30
Service in St Thomas' Church,
and in the South Transept after
the 11.00 Service in St Philip and
St James' Church.*

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 18th October 2023.

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church*

Sunday 22nd October 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 Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Wednesday 25th October 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 29th October 2023

NB Times and Venues due to Dublin City Marathon

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
10.3 United Service in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Sunday 5th November 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Holy Communion and Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Wednesday 8th November 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 12th November 2023

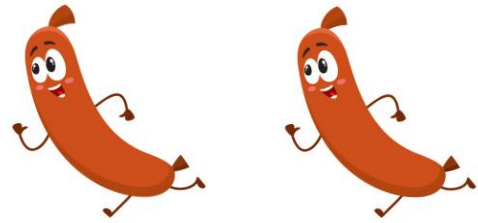
8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Wednesday 15th November 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 19th November 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)
18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church, followed by sausages and wedges



Wednesday 22nd November 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 26th November 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
10.30 United Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Wednesday 29th November 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church



Our Sunday Clubs are re-opening in October.

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet on the following Sundays at 9.30 in The Monk Gibbon Hall:

12 November 2023
3 December 2023

St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet on the following Sundays at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre:

22 October 2023
19 November 2023
3 December 2023.

We would welcome more Sunday Club Leaders. If you would like to find out more about helping, please contact the Rector.

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Monk Gibbon Hall

Contact Dawn 087-6972171



**Thank you to everyone
who worked so hard and
who made yesterday's
Autumn Fair a wonderful
event with a great
community spirit. Your
efforts and your support
are very much
appreciated.
Thank you!**



MOUNT MERRION

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING
TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2023
19.30 HOURS IN ST THOMAS'
CHURCH
SINGLE ITEM AGENDA**

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER
2023
19.30 HOURS IN THE PARISH
ROOM OF ST PHILIP AND ST
JAMES' PARISH CENTRE**

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

***Meeting for those considering
Confirmation and their
parents (if under 18 years) on
Wednesday 18th October 2023
at 20.00 hours in St Philip and
St James' Church.***

***Male Student at UCD is
looking for part-time work (20
hours a week).***

Anything considered.

Please contact the Rector.

Female Medical Student at Trinity Requires Accommodation

Please contact the Rector.

Male Student at UCD Requires Accommodation

Please contact the Rector.

Female French Language Assistant Requires Accommodation

Accommodation sought for a female French Foreign Language Assistant who is coming to Ireland as part of a cultural program administered by the Department of Education and who will be working in Newpark Comprehensive School from October 2023 to May 2024.

Rented Accommodation Required

Two-bedroomed property to rent required by a couple close to St Vincent's University Hospital. Maximum rent €2,000. Please contact the Rector.

Sponsor a Chair for St Philip and St James' Church

The chairs have arrived! And they are beautiful... beautiful to look at and to touch, and comfortable to sit on!

Thank you to those who have donated a chair, either in memory of a loved one or as a gift to the church. We will be in touch shortly with the wording of plaques that will be placed on the top of the back-rests. There are still chairs available for donation or sponsorship. 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 Tegg in at **qtegg@gmail.com** or the Rector.

