



(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. 421 (St Botolph)

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us
share,
each proud division ends.
the love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and, as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

(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]

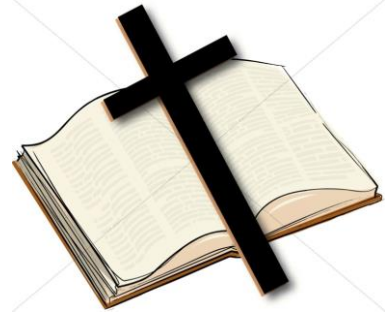
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God,
 who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
 upon your Church in the burning fire
 of your love:
 Grant that your people may be
 fervent
 in the fellowship of the gospel;
 that, always abiding in you,
 they may be found steadfast in faith
 and active in service;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Please sit)

The First Reading - Romans 14: 1 - 12

The first reading is from the letter of Paul to the Romans, chapter 14, beginning at verse 1.

14 Welcome those who are weak in

faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

7 We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,
'As I live, says the Lord, every knee

shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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 18: 21-35

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 18, beginning at verse 21.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

21 Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

23 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he

refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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 - Hymn No. 480 (Freely, freely)

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name;
I've been born again in Jesus' name,

and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.

He said:

*'Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give;
go in my name and because you
believe,
others will know that I live'.*

All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to.

God gives us life in Jesus' name,
he lives in us in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his peace as he told me to.

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

*Eternal God,
we have received these tokens of
your promise.
May we who have been nourished
with holy things
live as faithful heirs of your
promised kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Blessing

Hymn No. 350 (England's Lane)

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

*Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled.

For each perfect gift of thine
to the world so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

For thy Church for evermore
lifting holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,

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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 20th September 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 24th September 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time United Harvest Thanksgiving and Start of the Year School Service in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)



Wednesday 27th September 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 1st October 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 and Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Wednesday 4th October 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 8th October 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 NB Time Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Wednesday 11th October 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 15th October 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 and Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

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)

Ad hoc Choir!

We would love to have a choir to sing on special occasions, such as Harvest, Christmas, the special services for our anniversaries next year. It would not be an ongoing weekly commitment, but we would rehearse for a couple of weeks coming up to the particular service.

Please talk to June Burgess (086-8157748) or the Rector. You don't have to be a wonderful singer – just an enthusiastic one!

**Practice on Wednesday 20th
September 2023 at 7.30pm in St
Philip and St James' Church.**

Decorating for Harvest Thanksgiving in St Philip and St James' Church is on Saturday 23rd September 2023 at 10.30



All gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables would be really appreciated but could you please deliver them before 11.00, so that they can be used. We would also love your help to decorate. You don't need to be artistic! – there is a variety of very important jobs! We are also appealing for gifts of **non-perishable** food items which we will pass on to the Capuchin Day Centre

and the Alice Leahy Trust... items such as pasta, rice, noodles, pot-porridge, pot-curry, cereals, tinned foods, biscuits, etc.



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:

1 October 2023
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.

60+ Strong & Steady Classes *led by Charter Physio*

8 weeks for €150

Starting Monday 16 October 2023

Classes at 1.30pm and 2.30pm

Monk Gibbon Hall

Contact Dawn 087-6972171

St Philip and St James' Autumn Fair

Saturday 14th October 2023
12.00-15.00



The Autumn Fair will be upon us before we know it!!!

We need everyone to help!

We are already enjoying the new heating system and accessibility in the church. There is still more work to be done 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!

We need lots of items for the various stalls: Cakes, Biscuits, Tray Bakes, Scones, Bread, etc., Bags, Belts, Jewellery, Books, Plants, Jams, Marmalades, Gifts, Bottles, Toys, Bric-a-Brac etc.

Donations of fruit, especially raspberries,



sugar and label-less jam jars are needed ASAP!



For the Cakes/Deli and Household Stalls, we would appreciate if each family could cook, or donate, two items.

But don't limit your cooking skills... these stalls always sell out fast!



200th Anniversary Celebrations for St Philip and St James' Church

Meeting re the 200th Anniversary Celebrations in 2024.

Thursday 21st September 2023
20.00 hours

in The Parish Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre.
All welcome.

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY MEETING
TUESDAY 10th 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

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.

Mind Matters

**Church of Ireland Initiative
on Mental Health**

Free conference

Friday 20 October 2023

Radisson Blu, Golden Lane

Booking required

<https://mindmatters.ireland.anglican.org/2023/04/26/booking-is-now-open-for-the-mindmatterscoi-conference-20th-october-2023/>

Female Medical Student at Trinity 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.

Car Parking Required

A student at UCD requires a car-parking space for one car, adjacent to UCD, 8.00-17.00, Monday-Friday. They are willing to pay for the use of the space. Please contact the Rector.

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 Teggan at qteggan@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.

