



*(Please stand, if you are able)*

### Greeting

Christ is risen!

***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

### Opening Responses for Ascension-tide

We know you and we do not know you;  
***You are mysterious and full of joy.***

You know us and understand us;  
***You are loving and full of truth.***

You welcome us and you live in us;  
***You are holy and full of hope.***

We look for you in each other;  
***We look for you in our midst.***

### Opening Hymn - - Hymn No. 86 (Vulpius (Gelobt sei Gott))

Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice;  
brothers and sisters, with one voice  
let the world know he is your choice.

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise

for Christ's brave saints of ancient  
days.

They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful servants true.

O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the way disciples followed then.

Christ through all ages is the same:  
place the same hope in his great name;  
with the same faith his word proclaim.

Let love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.

So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun  
and the whole Church at last be one.

*(Please remain standing, 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.

*(Please sit or kneel)*

*[Silence]*

### **The Penitential Kyries for Ascension**

God our Father,  
you exalted your Son to sit at your  
right hand.

Lord, have mercy

***Lord, have mercy***

Lord Jesus,  
you are the way, the truth and the  
life.

Christ, have mercy

***Christ, have mercy***

Holy Spirit, Counsellor,  
you are sent to be with us for ever.

Lord, have mercy

***Lord, have mercy***

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.***

*(Please stand, if you are able)*

### **Gloria - Hymn No. 355 (Holy is the Lord)** *Verse 4 only*

Glory, glory, glory to the Lord;  
glory to the Lord God almighty!  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord;  
glory to the Lord God almighty!  
who was, and is, and is to come:  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord!

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **The Collect of the Seventh Sunday of Easter - the Sunday after Ascension Day**

O God the King of Glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus

Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in  
heaven:  
mercifully give us faith to know  
that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth to the end  
of time;  
who is alive and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



*(Please sit)*

### **The First Reading - Acts 1: 6-14**

*The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1, beginning at verse 6.*

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' 7 He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud

took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

*(Please stand, if you are able)*

### **The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 4** **Thanks and Praise (All hail the lamb)** *Sing twice!*

All hail the Lamb, enthroned on high;  
his praise shall be our battle cry;  
he reigns victorious, forever glorious,  
his name is Jesus, he is the Lord.

*(Please remain standing, if you are able)*

### **The Holy Gospel - John 17: 1-11**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 17, beginning at verse 1.*

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours

are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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**

Your kingdom come.

***Your will be done.***

Give to us, O God,  
***a vision of your kingdom,  
a glimpse of your glory,  
an openness to your rule,***

**and your Spirit to guide us.  
Hear us, we pray, through Christ,  
the risen and ascended one. Amen.**

*(Please stand, if you are able)*

### **The Introduction to the Peace for Ascension**

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my  
peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world  
gives.

*John 14: 27,28*

The peace of the Lord be always with  
you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of  
peace.



*We recognise that many people give online and  
via Standing Order, and do not 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. There are QR codes available  
at the doors of St Philip and St James' to  
facilitate you making a donation.*

### **Offertory Hymn No. 267 (Regent Square)**

Hail the risen Lord, ascending  
to his holy Father's side,

angels, lost in awe and wonder,  
now acclaim the Lord who died.

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
Christ triumphant, glorified.*

He who once, from royal splendour,  
came to share our state of blame,  
now ascends, in clouds of glory,  
to the heights from which he came.

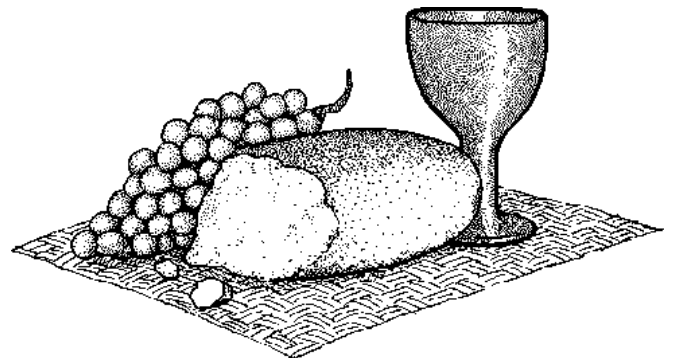
*Alleluia, alleluia,  
Christ for evermore the same!*

He will grant his praying servants,  
from the riches of his pow'r,  
grace to live as risen people  
in this present watching hour.

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
God on us his blessing shower.*

Now he bids us tell the story,  
where the lost and fearful roam:  
he will come again triumphant,  
and will lead his people home.

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
Maranatha! Come, Lord, come.*



*(Please remain standing, if you are able)*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

*using a form of consecration written specially for Ascension-tide, by David Hamflett, in 'Fire and Bread'.*

### The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Look, here is bread!

Look, here is wine!

***Let us celebrate the feast of God!***

### The Great Thanksgiving - Ascension-tide

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.***

To you...

Creator God, who spoke the universe into being through your Word,  
who formed us in your own image,  
who called us by name,  
to you we lift our hearts  
***and give our thanks and praise.***

To you...

Redeeming God, who was born as one of us in Jesus,  
who told stories, restored the lost and broken, and broke barriers,  
who died and rose for us, and lives and reigns for ever,

to you we lift our hearts,  
***and give our thanks and praise.***

To you...

Sustaining God, who is ever-present with us through the Holy Spirit,  
who calls us, leads us, inspires and upholds us,  
who brings us into a fellowship beyond earthly ties,  
to you we lift our hearts,  
***and give our thanks and praise.***

And now we join our voices with those of your people of every time and place as we praise you with the song of heaven:

[Hymn No. 355 (Holy is the Lord)]

Verse 1 only

***Holy, holy holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty!  
Holy, holy holy is the Lord;  
holy is the Lord God almighty!  
who was, and is, and is to come:  
holy, holy holy is the Lord!***

Before he parted from his friends,  
Jesus prepared a last supper to share with them.

He took some bread, and gave thanks for it.

Then he broke it and gave it to them.  
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.***

When supper was all but over,  
he took a cup of wine,  
gave thanks for it and gave it to them  
to drink.

This cup is the new relationship with  
God,  
sealed with my blood, the blood of the  
new covenant,  
Take and drink from it. It is for all.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in  
remembrance of me.  
**Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
you are the true vine.**

Ascension Christ,  
in the breaking of the bread and the  
pouring of the wine,  
**come to us.**

As we do now what you once did on  
earth,  
**be present with us.**

Breathe your Spirit upon this bread  
and wine.  
**May they become our spiritual food  
and drink.**

Breathe your Spirit upon us.  
**May we be your body, revealing  
your presence in the world. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

#### 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

*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 Communion**



### **The Great Silence**

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

### The Post-Communion Prayer

**Eternal Giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us  
into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.  
Confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news  
we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

### **The Blessing for Ascension**

Christ our exalted King  
pour on you his abundant gifts  
make you faithful and strong to do his  
will

that you may reign with him in glory:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you  
always. **Amen.**

*(Please stand, if you are able)*

### **Hymn No. 259 (Guiting Power)**

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, th'eternal name!*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-  
treated,  
victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

### **The Dismissal**

In the name of the Maker;  
in the name of Jesus;  
in the name of the Holy Spirit;  
**we go.**

We go in wonder;  
**we go in hope and love.**

We go in the peace of the Risen and  
ascended Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*May the glory of the Resurrection  
fill you with joy and hope this  
Easter-time.*

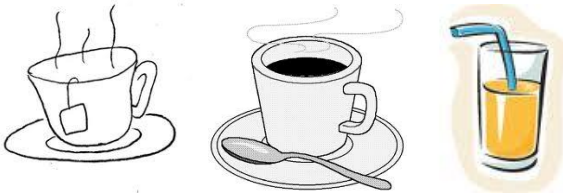
*Please take away this service sheet and any  
other items that you may have brought with  
you or used in church this morning. Thank  
you.*

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### **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.

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## Tea/Coffee/Juice

*You are warmly invited to join us for tea/coffee/juice in the Monk Gibbon Hall after the 9.30 service in St Thomas' Church, and in the South Transept of St Philip and St James' Church after the 11.00 service.*

# FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 United Service – Blessing of the Animals** in St Philip and St James' Church.



All are very welcome to this Service with their animals.

We ask you to keep your animals under control as we do not want any unplanned eating episodes!!!!

*Pooper-scooper rules apply!!!*



There will be Tea/Coffee afterwards in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026

*No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026

*No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – NB Change of Times and Venues

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 United Service to celebrate 200 years of Booterstown National School in St Philip and St James' Church**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

No Midweek Services in July and August unless announced

Sunday Services in July 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Sunday Services in August 2026

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service in St Thomas' Church

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## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

on Tuesdays 3.30pm—4.10pm

in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre

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## Healer Prayer Group

— Please note change of time

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026

19.00 hours via Zoom

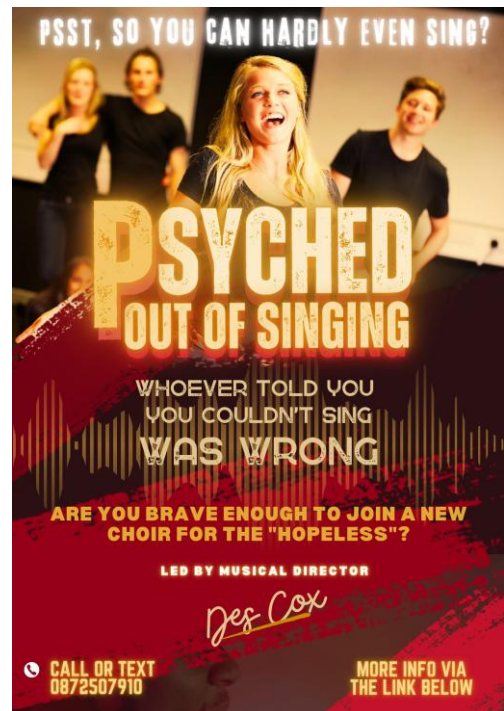
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Any child (who has been toilet-trained) is very welcome to join the Sunday Club.

**St Thomas' Sunday Club** will meet, for the last time before the summer break on **17<sup>th</sup> May 2026** at 9.30 in the Monk Gibbon Hall.

*The children and their leaders will join the congregation later on, during the service.*



A choir, especially for those who were told that they couldn't sing!

Directed by Des Cox who sometimes deputises for our organist Charles Pearson when Charles is away.

Wednesdays, 7.30pm-9pm  
St Philip and St James' Church

All welcome!

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**MOUNT MERRION**  
**SELECT VESTRY**

**MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**  
**19.30 HOURS**  
**THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE**  
**MONK GIBBON HALL**

**BOOTERSTOWN AND**  
**CARYSFORT**

**SELECT VESTRY**

**TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**  
**19.45 HOURS**  
**ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'**  
**CHURCH**



**ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN**  
**HOCKEY CHALLENGE**  
**CUP**

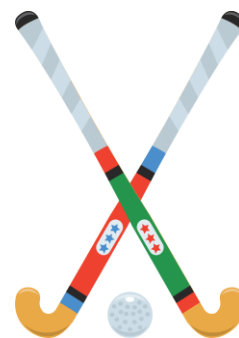
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**  
**4pm**  
**St Columba's College**  
**Mixed 6-aside**

*Team to consist of 3 men and 3 women and  
no goalkeepers.*

*It is hoped that this would be a sociable  
event and there will be food provided after  
the competition.*

*We wish to thank Corinthians Hockey Club  
for allowing their facilities to be used.*

*Contact Gillian if you are interested in  
playing.*



Church's  
Ministry  
of Healing  
Ireland

**Everyone has a vocation.**  
**Find yours.**

United Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough  
Vocation Day

Saturday 27 June 2026

10 am – 1pm (lunch provided)

Crinken Church, Bray, A98 VX58

Email [rector@crinken.ie](mailto:rector@crinken.ie) or

[suziesharris@gmail.com](mailto:suziesharris@gmail.com) to book or enquire.

If you feel a wish to serve God but aren't sure what to do  
next, then this day is for you. Come as you are, with your  
doubts and your questions. Everyone welcome!