



The Greeting

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Opening Responses

In the breaking of the bread and in prayers,
in the telling of stories and in signs,
in the sharing of resources and in justice,
in this place and in this moment,
Jesus is among us.



Hymn No. 252 (Alleluia No. 1)

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord!

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news through all the earth,
Jesus has died and is risen:

We have been crucified with Christ -
now we shall live for ever:

God has proclaimed the just reward -
life for the world, alleluia!

Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour!

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.***

(Please sit or kneel)

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 Easter

Lord God,
you raised your Son from the dead.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Lord Jesus,
through you we are more than
conquerors.
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Holy Spirit,
you help us in our weakness.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

The Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,

and raise us to new life in Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

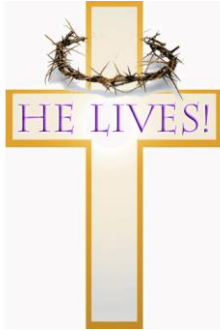
Gloria to the tune of 'In An English Country Garden'

Glory to God, to God in the height,
bringing peace to every nation.
Lord God Almighty, Father and King,
and the author of salvation.
"Glory"! let the people sing,
let the whole creation ring,
telling out redemption's story,
As we worship Your name with
thankful songs of praise,
for the love that is Your glory.

Jesus, the Father's one holy Son,
all creation bows before You.
You are the God, the God we acclaim,
and we worship and adore you.
Lamb of God, to You we pray,
You who take our sin away,
mercy, grace and truth revealing.
At the right hand of God, receive our
humble prayer
for forgiveness, hope and healing.

You, Jesus Christ, alone are the Lord,
by Your own eternal merit;
sharing by right the glory of God
in the presence of the Spirit.
You alone are Lord Most High,
You alone we glorify,
reigning over all creation.
To the Father, the Son and Spirit,
Three in One,
be eternal acclamation!

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
 you have given your only Son to die
 for our sins
 and to rise again for our justification:
 grant us so to put away the leaven
 of malice and wickedness
 that we may always serve you in
 pureness of living and truth;
 through the merits of your Son
 Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The First Reading - 1 Peter 1: 3-9

The first reading is from the first letter of Peter, chapter 1, beginning at verse 3.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,⁵ who are being protected by the power of God

through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

The Gradual Hymn - No. 338 (St. Barnabas)

Jesus, stand among us
 in your risen power;
 let this time of worship
 be a hallowed hour.

Breathe your Holy Spirit
 into every heart;
 bid the fears and sorrows
 from each soul depart.

Thus with quickened footsteps
 we will go our way,
 watching for the dawning
 of the eternal day.

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - John 20: 19-31

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 20, beginning at verse 19.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among

them and said, 'Peace be with you.'²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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, we are Easter people:
let 'Alleluia' be our song.

**Merciful Father, accept these
prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*We are continuing to be cautious. 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 Introduction to the Peace
for Easter

The risen Christ came and stood
among his disciples and said, Peace be
with you. Then were they glad when
they saw the Lord. *John 20: 19,20*

The peace of the Lord be always with
you.

And also with you.

*We have resumed taking up collections. But
we do recognise that many people give
online and via Standing Order, so please
feel free and comfortable not to 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.*

Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 250
(Miles Lane)

All hail the power of Jesu's name,
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol him in whose path ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng,
we at his feet may fall;
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

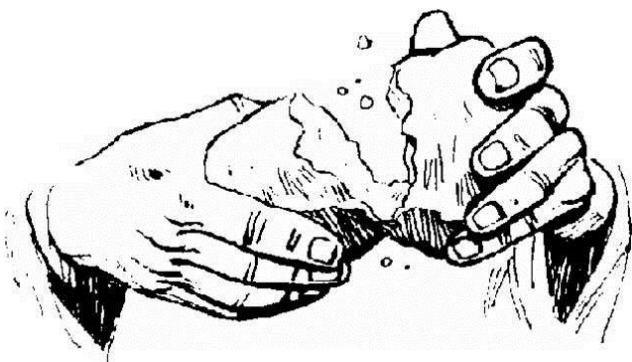
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and saying:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!***

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

Invitation

In the interests of people feeling comfortable receiving Holy Communion, there will be the option of receiving from the common chalice or from individual cups. Both will be available at the altar rails. 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

***Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of
eternal life
and in baptism have made us one
with him.***

*Deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your
love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ. Amen.*

The Blessing

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from
the dead,
raise you up to walk with him in the
newness of his risen life:
and the Blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit,
be with you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**



Hymn No. 255 (Morgenlied)

Christ is risen, alleluia!
risen our victorious head;
sing his praises, alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead.
gratefully our hearts adore him,
as his light once more appears,
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from grief and tears.

*Christ is risen, alleluia!
risen our victorious head;*

*sing his praises, alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead.*

Christ is risen! all the sadness
of this earthly life is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending,
he doth rise the victor now,
angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow:

Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall,
we are Christ's, in him for ever
we have triumphed over all;
all the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased.
'Tis the day of resurrection;
let us rise and keep the feast.

The Dismissal

A great mercy and a sure hope.
A new birth and a deep peace.
A strong love and a rich blessing.
God is sending us out in joy.

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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.

Thank You!



Thank you to those who decorated both of our churches so beautifully for Easter.

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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

TONIGHT!!!

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church



Wednesday 19th April 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 23rd April 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 Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 26th April 2023

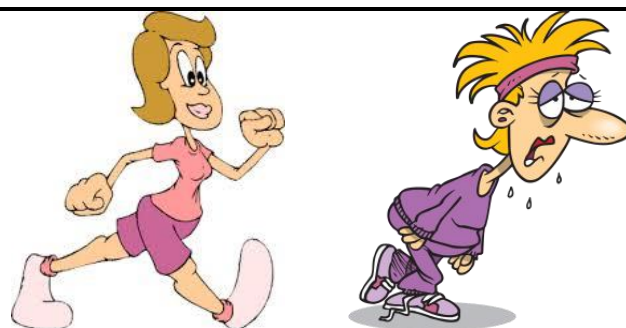
10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 30th April 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 Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church



Lenten Challenge... DONE!

Thank you to all who donated towards the Lenten 2023 Challenge and to those who joined me for a walk!

Over €2,800 has been raised for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria (channelled through the Bishops' Appeal to Christian Aid who are working on the ground with local agencies), and parish funds.
Thank you!



Our Sunday Clubs meet once a month, and as it happens, both Sunday Clubs will meet on the same morning. The remaining date is **Sunday 7th May 2023**

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet in the Monk Gibbon Hall at 9.30 and St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre at 11.00. The children and leaders will join the rest of the congregation before the end of the service in the respective churches.

All children who are aged three and over, and who are toilet-trained are very welcome to join the Sunday Club.

EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES

Both Easter General Vestries will be held in person.

MOUNT MERRION
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2023
20.00 HOURS
ST THOMAS' CHURCH

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
THURSDAY 20TH APRIL 2023
20.00 HOURS
ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
 Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm
 We usually meet via Zoom, except for the last Tuesday of the month, when we meet in-person in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre.

Contact Irene on 087-2755423
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History of the Parishes

Michael Lee has finished his research for a history of our parishes for our forthcoming celebrations in 2024. All interviews have now been done. He is still happy to receive photos – contact Mike at mikelee2653@gmail.com

MOUNT MERRION
SELECT VESTRY MEETING
TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2023
19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT
SELECT VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 18TH MAY 2023
19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

Sponsor a Chair
for
St Philip and St James' Church

In removing the pews from the east end of the nave and from some of both transepts, our desire was not to remove seating but to have seating that was more flexible, which could be arranged in a variety of ways and which would also facilitate those who are wheelchair users to be able to sit with the family and friends in the midst of the congregation rather than sitting in the aisle. The Select Vestry has been in discussions with Irish Contract Seating who are based in Dromod in County Leitrim—they are the same company that made the new Communion Table or Altar and the 'wedding chairs' in St Thomas' Church. Out of three samples, the Select Vestry has chosen the one called the Christ Church Chair and it is photographed here. The plan (and indeed, the advice from Irish Contract Seating) is to have the wood of the chair the same colour as the pews and the upholstery the same colour as the pew runners. The logo that will be carved on the back-rest is our parish logo without the lettering. There will be a provision for a small brass plaque on the top of the back-rest, to facilitate an engraving if someone would like to donate a chair in memory of someone or as a gift to the 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 middle of 2023.



Colouring Section!

