



(Please stand, if you are able)

The Greeting

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Responses

God is loving and full of kindness:

God is at home in us.

God is welcoming and full of beauty:

God is at home in us.

God is forgiving and full of justice:

God is at home in us.

God is with us: we are God's people:

God is at home in us. Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 26 Thanks and Praise (Highland Cathedral)

Come, Lord, and meet us in this holy hour,

come, Lord and greet us; come to us in power;

come with refreshment for the weary soul;

come, Lord, with healing; make the broken whole.

Stand then before us as the rite begins;

cleanse and restore us; free us from our sins,
and, as we contemplate our foolish ways,
turn all our sadness into joy and praise.

Lord, our provider, when the feast is spread,
furnished with wine and everlasting bread,
fill us with goodness, strengthen us with grace,
ever enfold us all in love's embrace.

Lord, who invites us now to come and dine;
speak through the sacrament of bread and wine,
and, as we celebrate our Saviours' love,
fit us for glory in the realms above.

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 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



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

The Collect of the 5th Sunday of Easter

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection
of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and
death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. ***Amen.***

(Please sit)

The First Reading - Acts 11: 1-18

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 11, beginning at verse 1.

11 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸ But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us.

These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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

The Gradual Hymn - No. 515 (A new commandment)

[Sing twice!]

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples,

if you have love one to another.
 By this shall all know that you are my
 disciples,
 if you have love one to another.

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - John 13: 31-35

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 13 beginning at verse 31.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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.***

Please feel free to share the sign of peace in a manner that you and the person you are sharing the peace with are comfortable... it may be that a smile or a wave might be more appropriate than a handshake!

(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 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.

Offertory Hymn No. 525 (Let There Be Love)

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes.

May now your love sweep this nation,
cause us, O Lord, to arise;
give us a fresh understanding
of brotherly love that is real,
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes.

May now your love sweep this nation,
cause us, O Lord, to arise;
give us a fresh understanding
of sisterly love that is real,
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes.

May now your love sweep this nation,
cause us, O Lord, to arise;
give us a fresh understanding

of brotherly love that is real,
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

Let there be love shared among us,
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cause us, O Lord, to arise;
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of sisterly love that is real,
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

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:

8.30 Service

***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!***

9.30 and 11.00 Services

***Hymn No. 200 Thanks and Praise
(Scarborough Fair)***

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of endless power and might,
the earth, the heavens are full of your love.
Sing hosanna! Glory to God!***

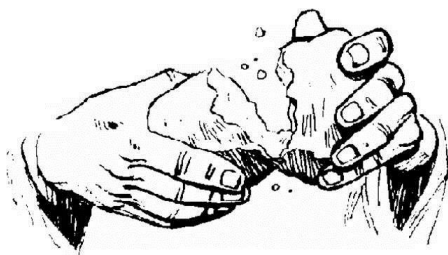
***Blest is he, the one who is sent
in the name of God the Most High.
O holy, holy, holy our Lord!
Sing hosanna! Glory to God!***

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.



The Invitation

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 Communion



The Great Silence

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

The Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
in word and sacrament
we proclaim your truth in Jesus Christ and share his life.
In his strength may we ever walk in his way,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. 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. 366 (Praise, my soul)

Praise my soul, the King of heaven;
 to his feet thy tribute bring.
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
 who like me his praise should sing?
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

The Closing Responses and Dismissal

We are loved, cherished, befriended,
accepted;
this is the truth.

We are not alone: God's live is in us;
God knows our hopes, our fears, our
questions;
this is the truth.

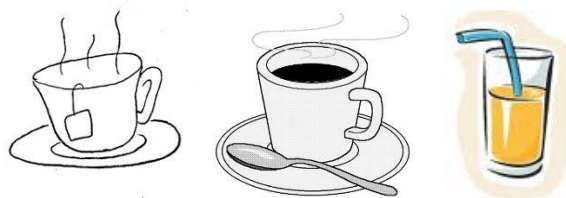
God is leading us deep into justice
and wonder;
God is joyfully walking us home.

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.



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 21st May 2025
***10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church***

Sunday 25th May 2025

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 as part of the School Fair, afterwards in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 28th May 2025

No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 1st June 2025

NB No 8.30 Service

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 4th June 2025

No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 8th June 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 11th June 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 15th June 2025

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 18th June 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 22nd June 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of Holy Baptism in St Thomas' Church.

Wednesday 25th June 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 29th June 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Service of Wholeness and Healing in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of Wholeness and Healing in St Philip and St James' Church

Special Preacher – The Rev. Niall Stratford, former parishioner and former resident of the Monk Gibbon Hall Flat. Niall is now the Rector of Blessington Group of Parishes.



Healer Prayer Group

Monday 9th June 2025

Please note change of date

19.30 hours *via Zoom*

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon

3.30pm—4.10pm

in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St
Philip and St James' Parish Centre
Contact Irene on 087-2755423
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Lenten Challenge

Gillian is finished!

Thank you to all who supported
Gillian in her Lenten Challenge 2025
in aid of the Irish Cancer Society and
the Blackrock Hospice.

*The total amount raised is €2,845
which is fantastic! Thank you!*

BOOTERSTOWN AND

CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2025

19.30 HOURS

**ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH**

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 23RD JUNE 2025

19.30 HOURS

THE COMMITTEE ROOM



Parish Fete

at

St Thomas' Church

**Thank you to everyone
who worked and
supported St Thomas'
Fete yesterday.**

**Particular thanks to
Joan Sherlock-
Robertson who co-
ordinated it all.**

Colouring Section

