

<u>The Greeting</u> Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all **and also with you**.

Hymn No. 611 (Bunessan)

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ in my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, light of my life. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me, Christ be on all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me, in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

(Please remain standing, if you are able)

<u>Collect for Purity</u> 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

The Penitence

Lord Amen

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.

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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 Irish Saints

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are those who trust in him. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants and none who trust in him will be destroyed.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Come my children, listen to me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord. 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.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

<u>The Collect for the Fourth Sunday</u> <u>in Lent</u>

Lord God

whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame:

give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



<u>The Old Testament Reading –</u> Micah 7: 18–20

The Old Testament Reading is from the book of the prophet Micah, chapter 7, beginning at verse 18.

¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity

and passing over the transgression of the remnant of

your possession?

He does not retain his anger for ever,

because he delights in showing clemency.

¹⁹ He will again have compassion upon us;

he will tread our iniquities under foot.

You will cast all our sins

into the depths of the sea.

²⁰ You will show faithfulness to Jacob

and unswerving loyalty to Abraham,

as you have sworn to our ancestors from the days of old.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. <u>The Gradual Hymn - Psalm 23</u> <u>Hymn No. 21 (Crimond)</u>

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,

he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,

yet will I fear none ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

(Please remain standing, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel: John 3: 14-21

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapter 3, beginning at verse 14. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned: but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

(Please stand, if you are able)

<u>The Nicene Creed (shortened version)</u> 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)

<u>Intercessions</u> Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

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



(Please stand, if you are able)

We are continuing to be cautious as COVID-19 has not gone away so we are suggesting that people do not share a sign of peace in the way that we usually would... maybe a smile or a wave would be good!

<u>The Introduction to the Peace for</u> <u>Irish Saints' Days</u>

Peace be to you, and peace to your hose, and peace to all who are yours. 1 Samuel 25: 6

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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.

<u>Offertory Hymn - No. 322 (St.</u> <u>Patrick's Breastplate & Gartan)</u>

[Verses 1 & 8]

 I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

8. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

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.

<u>The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 3</u> 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

<u>The Breaking of the Bread</u> 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. We are continuing to administer Holy Communion using individual cups.

The Communion



The Great Silence

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

<u>The Post Communion Prayer</u> Father,

through your goodness we are refreshed through your Son in word and sacrament. May our faith be so strengthened and guarded that we may witness to your eternal love by our words and in our lives. Grant this for Jesus' sake, our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing for Lent

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, and to take up your cross and follow him: and the Blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn - No. 322 (St. Patrick's Breastplate & Gartan) [Verse 9]

9. I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three; of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation: Salvation is of Christ the Lord.
Amen.

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.

Thank you and Welcome!

Thank you and welcome to Archdeacon Gordon Linney who is taking the 10.00 and 11.00 services today as the Rector is in residence in St Patrick's Cathedral.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm— 4.10pm

Our meeting on Tuesday 21st March 2023 will be via Zoom. We usually meet via Zoom, except for the last Tuesday of the month, when we meet in-person, so please note that we will meet in-person on Tuesday 28th March 2023, in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre.

Contact Irene on 087-2755423 irene.reid1052@gmail.com

Forthcoming SERVICES

Wednesday 22nd March 2023 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 26th March 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church 10.30 United Daffodil Service in St Philip and St James' Church No 10.00 and 11.00 services

Wednesday 29th March 2023 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 2nd April 2023 – Palm Sunday 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 in St Philip and St James' Church

Holy Week

Monday – 20.00 in St Thomas' Church

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Wednesday - 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church 20.00 in St Thomas' Church

Maundy Thursday – 20.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Good Friday – 14.00 Prayer at the Cross in St Thomas' Church

19.30 - Ecumenical Prayer around the Cross in The Church of the Assumption

Sunday 9th April 2023 – **Easter Day**

6.30 Sonrise on Sandymount Strand TBC 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 in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 12th April 2023 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 16th April 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 in St Philip and St James' Church

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church





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<u>Wednesday 19th April 2023</u> 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



Daffodil Service and Daffodil Coffee Morning with Bring-and-Buy

Sunday 26th March 2023

8.30 Holy Communion - St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Family Service for Daffodil Day - St Philip and St James' Church

At this Service, we will pray for those

who are undergoing treatment for cancer, and for all who are involved in the healing and care of people with cancer; and for those who are undertaking research into the treatment and cure of cancer. We are going to give thanks for the recovery of those who have survived cancer, and remember those who have died from cancer.

Tea/coffee will be served after the service in the parish hall, in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, and there will also be a Bring and Buy Stall in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.



Lenten Challenge

Gillian is off again!

She is walking at least 6km every day of Lent 2023. Wednesday 22nd February – Saturday 8th April 2023 in aid of:

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

Again, this Lent, I am encouraging

people to take up something that gives you a focus each day and that benefits you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

You can make a donation by online banking to

Booterstown and Mount Merrion Account IBAN: IE30IPBS99062932796541 BIC: IPBSIE2D

Join Gillian for a 6km walk (or part of) on all or any of the following Saturdays at 2pm:

25th March 2023 – meet at St Philip and St James' Church f^t April 2023 – meet at St Thomas' Church 8th April 2023 – Starting point to be confirmed!



We are delighted that both of our Sunday Clubs re-opened in February. They meet once a month, and as it happens, both Sunday Clubs will meet on the same morning. The remaining dates are:

Sunday 2nd April 2023 Sunday 7th May 2023

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet in the Monk Gibbon Hall at 10.00 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.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to lead our Sunday Clubs. All children who are aged three and over, and who are toilet-trained are very welcome to join the Sunday Club.



History of the Parishes

Michael Lee is almost finished his research for a history of our parishes for our forthcoming celebrations in 2024. If you have any stories about either parish or the school, please contact Mike <u>STRAIGHT AWAY</u>. He will finish the writing of the book within the next couple of weeks so needs to hear from you urgently if you

have something to contribute. *Please email your story/stories, or contact Mike at <u>mikelee2653@gmail.com</u>*

2021 – 200th anniversary of the foundation of the Parish of Booterstown

2024 – 200th anniversary of the consecration of St Philip and St James' Church

2024 – 150th anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas' Church
2026 – 200th anniversary of the foundation of Booterstown National School

BOOTERSTOWN AND <u>CARYSFORT</u> SELECT VESTRY MEETING THURSDAY 23RD MARCH 2023 19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

MOUNT MERRION SELECT VESTRY MEETING TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2023

19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

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

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