

(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.

Hymn No. 80 (Faithfulness)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,

there is no shadow of turning with thee:

thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not,

as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,

morning by morning new mercies I see:

all I have needed thy hand hath provided,

great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,

sun, moon and stars in their courses above,

join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

(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.

(Please stand if you are able)

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 9th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:

Open our hearts to the riches of his grace,

that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit

in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Please sit)

The First Reading - Isaiah 5: 1-7

The first reading is from the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 5, beginning at verse 1.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it.

and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

- ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.
- ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard

that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

- ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
- I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
- I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
- ⁶ I will make it a waste;

it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

(Please stand if you are able)

The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 15 Thanks and Praise (Bless the Lord O My Soul)

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship his holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes:

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger, your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your Holy name.

I'll worship Your Holy name. Yes, I will worship your holy name.

(Please stand if you are able)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12: 49-56 Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke, chapter 12, beginning at verse 49. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

49 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is

completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

54 He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens.

⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens.

⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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 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 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.

The collection will be taken up and received during the Offertory Hymn. 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.

In St Philip and St James' Church, there are QR codes available at the doors to enable you to donate electronically.

Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 452 (Gift of finest wheat)

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,

they know and heed his voice; so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice.

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude, that you should count us worthy, Lord,

to share this heav'nly food.

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf declare our oneness in the Lord?

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell: whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.

You give yourself to us, O Lord: then selfless let us be,

to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.

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!

(10.30 Service)

<u>Hymn No. 200 Thanks and Praise</u> (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



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 Prayers

Holy Father,

who gathered us here around the table of your Son

to share this meal with the whole household of God:

In that new world where you reveal the fulness of your peace, gather people of every race and language

to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit

to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ, Amen.

(Please stand if you are able)

Hymn No. 680 (Will your anchor hold)

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,

when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?

When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,

will your anchor drift or firm remain?

We have an anchor that keeps the soul

steadfast and sure while the billows roll,

fastened to the rock which cannot move,

grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.

It will firmly hold in the straits of fear,

when the breakers have told the reef is near,

though the tempest rage and the wild winds blow,

not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow.

It will surely hold in the floods of death,

when the waters cold chill our latest breath:

on the rising tide it can never fail, when our hopes abide within the veil.

When our eyes behold through the morning light,

the city of gold, our harbour bright,

we shall anchor fast by the heav'nly shore,

with the storms all past for evermore.

Interment of the ashes of William Kenneth (Ken) Hunt

The interment of the ashes of the late Ken Hunt will take place in St Thomas' Garden of Remembrance, immediately after this service. Ken's family invite you to join them for the interment in the Garden of Remembrance.

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 tea/coffee/juice in the Monk Gibbon Hall after this Service.



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

Sunday 24th August 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 NB Time Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church (live-streamed).

Sunday 31st August 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 NB Time United Service in St Thomas' Church (live-streamed).

No Midweek Services on Wednesdays in July and August.

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 7th September 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas'Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

<u>Wednesday 10th September 2025</u> 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 14th September 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church

9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Blessing of the School Bags and the School Year Ahead

in St Philip and St James' Church

<u>Wednesday 17th September 2025</u> 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 21st September 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church 9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 24th September 2025 No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 28th September 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in Thomas' Church 10.30 United Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Healer Prayer Group

Monday 1st September 2025 19.30 hours via Zoom

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon
3.30pm—4.10pm
in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St
Nicolas and St James' Parish Centre
Contact Irene on 087-2755423

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BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2025 19.30 HOURS ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY
MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER
2025
19.30 HOURS
THE COMMITTEE ROOM

Autumn Fair Meeting

Tuesday 26th August 2025 St Philip and St James' Church 7.30pm



Autumn Fair -Saturday 11th October 2025

HERITAGE WEEK

Both Select Vestries have decided to open the churches during Heritage Week to facilitate people popping in to see inside both churches. Volunteers to be present in the churches for those times would be appreciated.

St Philip and St James' Church

Sunday 17 August 2025 12pm-3pm. Thursday 21 August 2025 5pm-8pm

St Thomas' Church

Friday 22 August 2025 – 5pm-7pm

ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT

1. An elderly gentleman is returning to Dublin from England to be near extended family (who are parishioners). He is looking for short-term accommodation while he searches for a permanent residence.

A small one-bed apartment or granny-flat would be ideal, or even a bedroom with an ensuite.

2, A mother from Ukraine, who has been living in Ireland for three years and is well-known to one of our parishioners, is looking for accommodation. She is working and studying. Her son is boarding, so if the accommodation could also provide for him staying at weekends and holidays, that would be great.

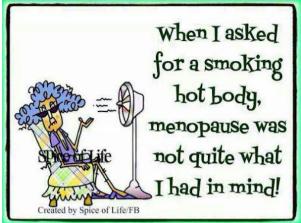
If anyone can help with either of the above, please contact the Rector asap.

Age Action Digital Training for Older People

Marie Keegan, the Development Officer for the Dublin/Wicklow region asked parishes to let their parishioners know of the following digital training...

Age Action's Getting Started One-To-One Digital Training for Older People is resuming in Ballywaltrim Library on Friday,12th September 2025 running until 10th October 2025, from 11:00–13:00. If you would like to learn or brush-up on your digital skills, please phone Age Action on 01-4756989 to enrol on this course.

www.ageaction.ie



Am I losing my marbles or is it the menopause??

Building on the initiative of the Church of Ireland on mental health and wellbeing Mind Matters, there is an open evening on Thursday 16th October 2025 at 7.30pm in St Philip and St James', to start a discussion on peri-menopause and menopause. This is for women and men (who need to understand what is going on for the women in their lives and workplace). Whilst this subject is now beginning to be talked about, some aspects of it, such as brain fog, emotional and mental well-being, mood swings, etc are still hidden and silent. All are welcome. It would be helpful to know for catering purposes, if you are coming, so do let us know on

bootesrtownandmountmerrion@gmail.com.

However, if you find yourself free on the night and want to come, please do, even if you haven't let us know beforehand. The speakers are Dr Nicola Cochrane (Doctor in the Complex Menopause Clinic in the National Maternity Hospital and Board Member of the Menopause Society of Ireland); Ms Eabhann O'Connor (Consultant Urologist in St Vincent's University Hospital); Helene Fitzpatrick (Pharmacist in Booterstown Pharmacy and Mount Merrion Pharmacy).