



Welcome!

We are delighted that you are joining with us in St Philip and St James' Church this morning as we gather to celebrate 200 years of worship in this church, and we are particularly delighted that the Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Rev. John McDowell, is the special preacher, and that the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Rev. Michael Jackson, is presiding at this service. Today is a momentous occasion in the life of this community of faith.

On Sunday 16th May 1824, the newly completed church, dedicated to St Philip and St James, was consecrated by The Most Rev. William Magee, Archbishop of Dublin.

Three years previously, the Parish of Booterstown had been formed when the formal deeds for the Parish of Booterstown, which was 'carved out' of the Parish of Donnybrook, were registered on 29th June 1821. Traditionally, the parish has marked the anniversaries of the foundation of the parish but restrictions due to the COVID pandemic limited our celebrations three years ago.

Today, we do not just give thanks for the church as a building; we give thanks for the church as a community of people, the Body of Christ; for those whose faith and vision saw the foundation of the parish and the building of this church; for those who have been a part of this parish community over the past 203 years and for those whose presence and prayers have hallowed the walls and fabric of this church for 200 years and made it a house of prayer.

Over the past number of years, the parish has undertaken a number of projects in the church: replacing the entire roof, installing a new heating system, an enhanced sound system, facilities to live-stream services, alternations to make the church more wheelchair-friendly and accessible for those with mobility challenges, a more flexible seating arrangement to facilitate a great variety of worship, activities and hospitality. All has been done for the future, for this parish and wider community, to be a place of greater inclusion and accessibility.

Whilst we give thanks this morning for all that has been in the past, we also come to pray for the future, that we would faithfully reflect God as revealed by Christ, that we would be a community of warm welcome and inclusion so that all who come get an experience of God's love and compassion.

Gillian V. Wharton

Rector of Booterstown and Carysfort with Mount Merrion

(Please stand if you are able)

Opening Hymn - No. 81 (Lord of the years)

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for this and every nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world, when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Music: Michael Baughen (b.1930)

The Greeting

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Responses for Pentecost

God says: I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Christ says: I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever.

The Spirit has come. Alleluia!

(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 Pentecost

Great and wonderful are your deeds,
Lord God the Almighty.
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

You are the King of glory, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

The Absolution

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.***

Gloria - Hymn No. 693 (Camberwell)

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!

Peace to all your people through the earth be given!

Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,

singing Alleluia to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son!

With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!

Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,

show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,

seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:

Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:

in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

Words: Christopher Idle (b.1938)

based on 'Gloria in Excelsis'

Music: Michael Brierley (b.1932)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Collect for Pentecost

Almighty God,
 who on the day of Pentecost
 sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
 with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
 filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
 by the power of the same Spirit
 strengthen us to witness to your truth
 and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

(Please sit)

The First Reading - Acts 2: 2-21

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, beginning at verse 2.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind,
 and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.³Divided tongues, as of
 fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them
 were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the
 Spirit gave them ability.
⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in
 Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered,
 because each one heard them speaking in the native language of
 each.⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking
 Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native
 language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea
 and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts
 of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and
 proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking
 about God's deeds of power.'¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one
 another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled
 with new wine.'
¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:
 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and
 listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only
 nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet

Joel:

- ¹⁷ “In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91 - Hymn No. 173 Thanks and Praise (On Eagles’ Wings)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust."

*And he will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under his wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield.

*And he will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

For to his angels he's given a command,
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

*And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*Words and Music: Michael Joncas (b.1951)
based on Psalm 91 and Isaiah 40:31*

(Please sit)

The Epistle – Romans 8: 22-27

The epistle is from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans, chapter 8, beginning at verse 22.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please sit – the Gradual Hymn will be sung by the choir)

The Gradual Hymn - How Great Is Our God

*Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves
Choral Setting by Jack Schrader*

(Please stand if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - John 15: 26-27, 16:4b-15

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to John, chapters 15 and 16, beginning at verse 26 of chapter 15.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

26 'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ⁴But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

12 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

(Please stand if you are able)

The Nicene Creed

***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,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.***

Through him all things were made.

***For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;***

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

***He will come again to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.***

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

***We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

(Please kneel or sit)

The Intercessions

Come, Holy Spirit:

renew and refresh us.

Merciful Father,

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

(Please stand if you are able)

Prayer of Rededication

Almighty God

to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of work completed in this house of prayer;

we praise you for the many blessings

you have given to those who worship here,

and we pray that all who see you in this place,

may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,

may become a living temple acceptable to you,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Our help is in the name of the Lord

who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord

now and for ever. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

The Introduction to the Peace for Pentecost

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5: 22

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Offering will be received during this hymn.

The Offertory Hymn – Hymn No. 294 (Down Ampney)

Come down, O Love divine,
 seek thou this soul of mine,
 and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near,
 within my heart appear,
 and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
 till earthly passions turn
 to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 and let thy glorious light
 shine ever on my sight,
 and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
 mine outward vesture be,
 and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
 true lowliness of heart,
 which takes the humbler part,
 and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
 with which the soul will long,
 shall far outpass the power of human telling;
 for none can guess its grace,
 till we become the place
 wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d.1434)

Tr. Richard f. Littledale (1833-1890 based on John 14: 16,26)

Music: R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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 singing:

Hymn No. 355 (Holy is the Lord)

***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!***

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 gifts of God for the people of God.

***Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.***

Please follow the directions of the churchwardens and the stewards.

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 bishop or priest, or you may prefer to remain seated. 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.

(Please remain kneeling or sitting)

The Post Communion Prayers

Faithful God,
 who fulfilled the promises of Easter
 by sending us your Holy Spirit
 and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal:
 open our lips by your Spirit,
 that every tongue may tell of your glory;
 through 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 for Pentecost

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
 give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 and to proclaim the words and works of God:
 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. 303 (Londonderry Air)

Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing:

Christ over all, our undivided aim.

Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,

wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!

We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,

the will that lacks the courage to be free,

the weary labours, all but unavailing,

to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the Church, we seek a Father's blessing,

a true repentance and a faith restored,

a swift obedience and a new possessing,

filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!

We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,

unnumbered voices with a single prayer:

the living water for our soul's reviving,

in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the Church, we long for our uniting,

true to one calling, by one vision stirred;

one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,

one in the truth of Jesus and his word!

So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,

one Church triumphant one new song shall sing,

to praise his glory, risen and ascended,

Christ over all, the everlasting King!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Music: Irish traditional melody

The Dismissal

God of fire and beauty: **warm us.**

God of peace and justice: **disturb us.**

God of wind and wonder: **amaze us.**

God of Pentecost: **kindle your love in our lives.**

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!