



[Please stand, if you are able]

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Welcome and Introduction

During the first hymn, people are invited to bring forward their food and hygiene items for The Alice Leahy Trust and the Capuchin Day Centre, and to place the items at the altar rails.



Hymn No. 37 (St. George)

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all is safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to thy final harvest-home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there for ever purified
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.



[Please kneel or sit]

The Penitence

Let us pray.

As we worship God, let us remember the times when we have misused and mistreated the planet and its resources.

[Silence]

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We have relished buying a bargain, with little thought that slave-labour has produced it at such a price. In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We have been thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. In your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you, heal you and strengthen you, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Collect of the 16th Sunday after Trinity

O Lord,
hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

The Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

Hymn - Allelu, Allelu,

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!
Praise ye the Lord!
Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!
Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord!
Alleluia!
Praise ye the Lord!
Alleluia!
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Alleluia!
Praise ye the Lord!

[Please sit]

The Word of God

The First Reading - Psalm 104

(adapted)

The first reading is an extract from the Book of Psalms, chapter 104.

O Lord, our God, how great you are,
and how wonderful this world is, that
we call home, and which has been
designed by you:
plants for people to bring forth food
from the earth:
seed to harvest,
wheat to bread,
grape to wine;
oil to make the face shine.

Grasses for animals to feed on;
trees for birds to nest in;
goats that roam on cliffs and
mountains;
rabbits that burrow in hills and
ditches.

The moon keeps track of the seasons,
the sun is in charge of each day.

What a wildly, wonderful world, God!
Abundant in plant and creatures.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

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



Hymn No. 39 (Ar Hyd Y Nos - No. 67)

For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God!
For his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God!
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping;
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God!

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done:
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing;
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God!
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God!
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us;
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God!

[Please sit]

The Reading - John 6: 1-15

This is a dramatised reading, given a slightly different perspective on the feeding of the 5,000.

[Please sit]

The Sermon

Hymn – O Lord of Every

Constellation

by Paul Ledington Wright

1. O Lord of every shining
constellation,
that wheels in splendour thro' the
midnight sky;
grant us your Spirit's true
illumination,
to read the secrets,
to read the secrets of your work on
high.

Verse 2 – Men and boys only

2. You, Lord, have made the atom's
hidden forces,
your laws its mighty energies fulfill;
teach us, to whom you give such rich
resources,
in all we use,
in all we use to serve your holy will.

Verse 3 – Women and girls only

3. O life, awaking life in cell and
tissue,
from flow'r to bird, from beast to
brain of man;
help us to trace from birth to final
issue,
the sure unfolding,
the sure unfolding of your age-long
plan.

Men and boys only

4. You, Lord, have stamped your image
on your creatures,
and tho' they mar that image, love
them still;

Women and girls only

lift up your eyes to Christ that in his
features,
we may discern,
we may discern the beauty of your
will.

5. Great Lord of nature, shaping and
renewing,
you made us more than nature's sons
to be;
you help us tread, with grace our souls
enduing,
the road to life,
the road to life and immortality.

[Please stand, if you are able]

An Affirmation of Faith at Harvest Thanksgiving

We say together in faith

*We believe in God whose goodness
is more than enough for all:
filling the universe with gifts of love
and resounding through our lives in
praise.*

*We will receive all that God gives
with reverence and joy;
we will share the blessings we have
received
with those around us,
so that all may see and experience
God's love.*

*We believe in Jesus the Christ
God's greatest gift of all:
who takes the smallest of seeds,
a mere whisper of faith,
and brings forth a harvest of good
things.*

*We will take all that Christ has
given us;
our gifts, our talents, our very
selves,
so that through us others may come
to know Christ.*

*We believe in God's Spirit of Truth,
bringing to fruition all that has
been given:*

*gentle as a breeze or shocking as a
storm,
we will allow God's gifts to be
stirred to life in us;
breathing, laughing, living in our
world,
so all may know of God's harvest of
love.*

Alleluia! Amen.



[Please kneel or sit]

The Prayers

Let us pray to God, God who hears our
prayers and sees our tears.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

TIME OF PRIVATE PRAYER...

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom the power
and the glory for ever and ever.
Amen.*

*During this hymn the offering in aid of the
Bishops' Appeal will be received. Bishops'
Appeal works with local communities to fight
global poverty, and to aid development in
areas of deprivation.*

Hymn No. 36 (Tryol)

*We thank you, God our Father,
for all your loving care;
We thank you that you made the
world
so very bright and fair.
We thank you for the sunshine,
and for the pleasant showers;
and we thank you, God our Father,
we thank you for the flowers.*

Out in the sunny meadows,
and in the woodlands cool,
and under every hedgerow,
and by each reedy pool,
and on the lonely moorland,
and by the broad highway
with colours bright, so pure and fresh,
they spring up every day.

And in the dusty city,
where busy crowds pass by;
and where the tall dark houses
stand up and hide the sky,
and where through lanes and alleys
no pleasant breezes blow,
dear God our Father, even there
you make the flowers grow.

And whether in the city
or in the fields they dwell,
always the same sweet message
the sweet young flowers tell.
For they are all so wonderful,
they show your power abroad;
and they are all so beautiful,
they tell your love, O God.



**Blessing of Booterstown National
School and the school year ahead.**

The Blessing for Harvest Thanksgiving



Hymn No.47 (Wir pflügen)

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the
Lord,
for all his love.*

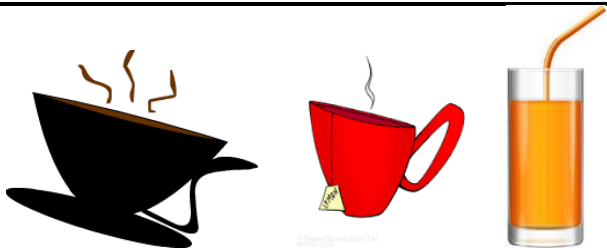
He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

We thank you, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,

the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer,
for all your love imparts,
and that which you most welcome,
our humble, thankful hearts.

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 parish hall
after this Service.*

*The parish hall is at the east end of
the church, go through the double
yellow doors, and follow the noise!*

FORTHCOMING **SERVICES**

Wednesday 27th September 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 1st October 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 and Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Wednesday 4th October 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

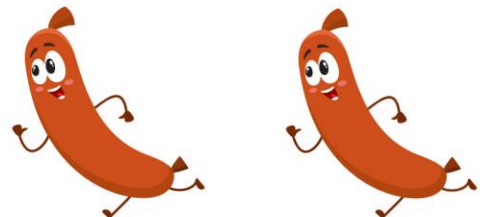
Sunday 8th October 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 NB Time Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church, followed by sausages and wedges



Wednesday 11th October 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 15th October 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 and Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Wednesday 18th October 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 22nd October 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 Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Wednesday 25th October 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 29th October 2023

NB Times and Venues due to Dublin City Marathon

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.3 United Service in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

St Philip and St James' Autumn Fair
Saturday 14th October 2023
12.00-15.00



The Autumn Fair will be upon us before we know it!!!

We need everyone to help!

We are already enjoying the new heating system and accessibility in the church. There is still more work to be done and the Autumn Fair will be a major fundraiser for that project so all hands are required 'on deck'!!! We need it to be bumper in spirit and fun,

bumper in building and celebrating community, bumper in bargains and support!

We need lots of items for the various stalls: Cakes, Biscuits, Tray Bakes, Scones, Bread, etc., Bags, Belts, Jewellery, Books, Plants, Jams, Marmalades, Gifts, Bottles, Toys, Bric-a-Brac etc.

Donations of fruit, especially raspberries,



sugar and label-less jam jars are needed ASAP!



For the Cakes/Deli and Household Stalls, we would appreciate if each family could cook, or donate, two items.

But don't limit your cooking skills...

these stalls always sell out fast!





Our Sunday Clubs are re-opening in October.

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet on the following Sundays at 9.30 in The Monk Gibbon Hall:

1 October 2023
12 November 2023
3 December 2023

St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet on the following Sundays at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre:

22 October 2023
19 November 2023
3 December 2023.

We would welcome more Sunday Club Leaders. If you would like to find out more about helping, please contact the Rector.

60+ Strong & Steady Classes *led by Charter Physio*

8 weeks for €150

Starting Monday 16 October 2023

Classes at 1.30pm and 2.30pm

Monk Gibbon Hall

Contact Dawn 087-6972171

MOUNT MERRION

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING
TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2023**

19.30 HOURS IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH

SINGLE ITEM AGENDA

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER
2023**

**19.30 HOURS IN THE PARISH
ROOM OF ST PHILIP AND ST
JAMES' PARISH CENTRE**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday 3.30pm—4.10pm

In-person meetings in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre but we will meet occasionally via Zoom.

Contact Irene on 087-2755423

irene.reid1052@gmail.com

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. Thank you to those who have so generously given to the Flower Fund.

Mind Matters

**Church of Ireland Initiative
on Mental Health**

Free conference

Friday 20 October 2023

Radisson Blu, Golden Lane

Booking required

<https://mindmatters.ireland.anglican.org/2023/04/26/booking-is-now-open-for-the-mindmatterscoi-conference-20th-october-2023/>

Female Medical Student at Trinity Requires Accommodation

Please contact the Rector.

Male Student at UCD Requires Accommodation

Please contact the Rector

Female French Language Assistant Requires Accommodation

Accommodation sought for a female French Foreign Language Assistant who is coming to Ireland as part of a cultural program administered by the Department of Education and who will be working in Newpark Comprehensive School from October 2023 to May 2024.

Rented Accommodation Required

Two-bedroomed property to rent required by a couple close to St Vincent's University Hospital. Maximum rent €2,000. Please contact the Rector.

Sponsor a Chair for St Philip and St James' 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 autumn of 2023.



Colouring Section

