



*[Please stand, if you are able]*

### The Greeting

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Creator God, we come this day to praise you,  
to give thanks for the world you have designed, and for all that grows around us,  
all that provides our food and clothing.

We come with thanksgiving, joy and wonder:

**gladly we rejoice.**



### Face Masks

*As per government guidelines, please wear a face covering in church. Those who are leading/reading at the service may remove their face covering whilst they are leading/reading but must observe social-distancing whilst doing so.*

### Contact Tracing

*We are obliged to get the contact details of everyone who attends this service. These will only be used in the event of someone attending the service being diagnosed with Covid-19, in which event, they will be passed to the health authorities for Contact Tracing purposes. Please complete the form which is available at the church doors and drop into the box provided. If they are not required for Contact Tracing purposes, they will be destroyed after 28 days.*

### Hymn Singing

*Due to the Covid-19 restrictions we are not permitted to sing in church this morning. Charles Pearson, our organist, is going to play the tune of the hymns chosen for this service and I invite you to reflect upon the words which have been included in this service sheet as you listen to the music.*

*During the first hymn, parishioners are invited to bring forward their items for The Alice Leahy Trust and the Capuchin Day Centre, and to place the items on 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 not been good  
 stewards of his gifts, when we have  
 forgotten people in need, and have not  
 proclaimed his gospel to others by the  
 way we have lived.

*[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 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Trinity**

O God,  
without you we are not able to please you;  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
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 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 Word of God**

**The First Reading - Deuteronomy  
26: 1-11**

*The first reading is from the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 26, beginning at verse 11.*

26 When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare

to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

## **Hymn No. 682 (Kum ba yah)**

*[Verses 1–3]*

All created things, bless the Lord;  
all you heavens, bless the Lord;  
all you angels, bless the Lord;  
sing to God and praise his name.

Sun and moon and stars of heaven,  
rain and dew and winds that blow,  
fire and heat and ice and snow,  
sing to God and praise his name.

Bless the Lord, you nights and days;  
light and darkness, praise him too;  
clouds and lightnings in the sky  
sing to God and praise his name.

*[Please sit]*

## **The Second Reading - John 6: 25-35**

*The second reading is from the Gospel according to John, chapter 6, beginning at verse 25.*

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, 'This is

the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sup>34</sup> They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn No. 682 (Kum ba yah)

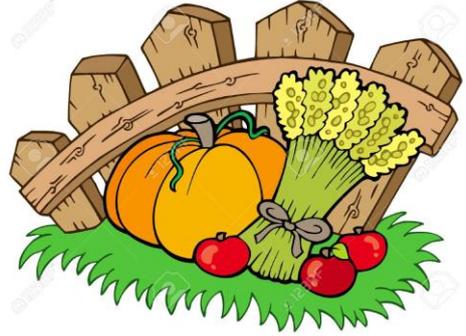
[Verses 4-6]

Hills and mountains, bless the Lord;  
flowing rivers with the seas,  
flying birds and earthly beasts,  
sing to God and praise his name.

All who dwell upon the earth,  
priests and servants of the Lord,  
humble people, holy ones,  
sing to God and praise his name.

Bless the Father, bless the Son,

bless the Spirit, Three in One;  
sound his glory, all your days;  
give to God exalted praise.



[Please sit]

### The Sermon

We are delighted to welcome **The Rev. John Marchant**, recently retired Rector of Donnybrook and Irishtown as our guest preacher speaker this morning.

### Hymn - O Lord of Every Constellation

by Paul Ledington Wright

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.

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.

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.

You, Lord, have stamped your image  
 on your creatures,  
 and tho' they mar that image, love  
 them still;  
 lift up your eyes to Christ that in his  
 features,  
 we may discern,  
 we may discern the beauty of your  
 will.

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**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

### ***TIME OF PRIVATE PRAYER...***

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our 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.***

### **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.

### **The Blessing for Harvest Thanksgiving**

In our sowing and our harvesting,  
in our cooking and our eating:

***let us  
till the earth gently,  
fish the seas wisely,  
tend the animals lovingly,  
share with the hungry generously,  
pay the worker fairly,  
enjoy the food thankfully,  
praise the Giver abundantly.***

So may God the Father who provides  
for all creatures,  
God the Son who encompasses all in  
his mercy,  
God the Holy Spirit who gives breath  
to all living things,  
bless our lives with goodness and  
guide us in generous living. **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.*



***Everyone is warmly invited to tea, coffee and juice in the Monk Gibbon Hall (St Thomas' Church Hall) in the grounds of the church, after this service.***

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

Contact Irene on 087-2755423

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Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022

10.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – NB

Changes due to the Dublin City

Marathon

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

10.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church



*At our services on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022, we will be remembering those who have died and whose loved ones have asked us to remember. If you would like someone to be remembered at the services today, please email or text the Rector with their name.*

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022 –  
Remembering our Loved Ones**

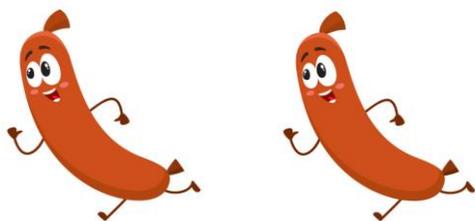
8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
10.00 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

*10.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022 –**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
10.00 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church  
11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church  
18.30 The Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church, followed by sausages and wedges in the Parish Centre.



**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

*10.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

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

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**

*10.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*



**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Advent  
Sunday**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
10.30 United Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church, followed by tea/coffee in the Parish Centre.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

*10.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

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## Sunday Clubs

We are working towards re-opening the Sunday Clubs this autumn. We are looking for people to join the team of leaders so that the responsibility can be shared and is, therefore, not too onerous on any individual. We are particularly looking for male leaders in order to have a gender balance amongst the leaders. Thank you to those who have volunteered so far and who will be undergoing Garda vetting, Safeguarding Trust training. If you would like to find out more about helping, please contact the Rector.

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# Autumn Fair

Thank you to all who helped at St Philip and St James' Autumn Fair on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

A wonderful crowd, great atmosphere and lots of fun and €14,000 approx towards our Heating and Alterations Project.

Thank you to everyone!

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## **Healer Prayer Group**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

19.00 hours *via Zoom*

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## **BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT**

**SELECT VESTRY**

**THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

**19.30 HOURS**

*IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH*

## **MOUNT MERRION**

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING**

**MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**2022**

**20.00 HOURS *VIA ZOOM***

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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

Mike has interviewed some of the parishioners of both churches, about their memories, stories and experience but he really would like more stories and photographs if you have them. *"Do not think that your story is not interesting enough, all will help make up the wonderful different strands that will enrich the colourful weave of the story of these historic churches."*

*Please email your story/stories, or contact Mike at [mikelee2653@gmail.com](mailto:mikelee2653@gmail.com)*

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## History of the Parishes

Michael Lee is compiling a history of our parishes for our forthcoming celebrations in 2024:

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

2024 - 200th anniversary of the