



### The Gathering of God's People

Christ is risen!

***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*1 Peter 1:3*

### Hymn No. 285 (St Magnus)

The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
and heaven's eternal light.

The joy of all who dwell above:  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love,  
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,  
with all its grace, is given:

their name an everlasting name,  
their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above,  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love.

The Cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

### The Preface

Beloved in Christ,  
we come together to offer to  
Almighty God  
our worship and praise and  
thanksgiving,  
to confess our sins and to receive  
God's forgiveness,  
to hear his holy word proclaimed,  
to bring before him our needs and the  
needs of the world,  
and to pray that in the power of his  
Spirit  
we may serve him and know the  
greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our  
Father.

*[Please kneel or sit]*

### **The Penitential Kyries for Ascension-tide**

God our Father,  
you exalted your Son to sit at your  
right hand.

Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

Lord Jesus,  
 you are the way, the truth and the  
 life.

Christ, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**

Holy Spirit, Counsellor,  
 you are sent to be with us for ever.  
 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.**

*[Please stand if you are able]*

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your  
 praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
 and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now,  
 and shall be forever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

*[Please sit]*

### **The First Reading - Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26**

*The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles,  
 chapter 1, beginning at verse 15.*

**15** In those days Peter stood up  
 among the believers (together the  
 crowd numbered about one hundred  
 and twenty people) and said,  
<sup>16</sup>'Friends, the scripture had to be  
 fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit  
 through David foretold concerning  
 Judas, who became a guide for those  
 who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup>for he was  
 numbered among us and was allotted  
 his share in this ministry.'

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have  
 accompanied us throughout the time  
 that the Lord Jesus went in and out  
 among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the  
 baptism of John until the day when he  
 was taken up from us—one of these  
 must become a witness with us to his  
 resurrection.' <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two,  
 Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also  
 known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then  
 they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know  
 everyone's heart. Show us which one  
 of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to  
 take the place in this ministry and  
 apostleship from which Judas turned  
 aside to go to his own place.' <sup>26</sup>And  
 they cast lots for them, and the lot  
 fell on Matthias; and he was added to  
 the eleven apostles.

Here ends the first reading.

## Psalm 1 - Hymn - Blessed is the Man

Blessed is the man, the man who does not walk

in the counsel of the ungodly -  
blessed is that man.

He who rejects the way, rejects the way of sin

and who turns away from scoffing -  
blessed is that man.

But his delight - by day and night -  
is the law of God Almighty.

He is like a tree - a tree that flourishes

being planted by the water - blessed is that man.

He will bring forth fruit - his leaf will wither not -

for in all he does he prospers -  
blessed is that man.

For his delight - by day and night -  
is the law of God Almighty.

The ungodly are not so - for they are like the chaff  
which the wind blows clean away - the ungodly are not so.

The ungodly will not stand - upon the judgement day  
nor belong to God's own people - the ungodly will not stand.

But God knows the way of righteous men  
and ungodly ways will perish.

Blessed is the man, the man who does not walk  
in the counsel of the ungodly -  
blessed is that man.

*[Please sit]*

## The Second Reading - John 17: 6-19

*The second reading is from the Gospel according to St John, chapter 17, beginning at verse 6.*

6 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not

belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Here ends the second reading.

**Canticle: Hymn No. 263**

**(Diademata)** [Verses 1, 3 and 4]

1. Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne,  
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as they matchless King  
through all eternity.

3. Crown him the Lord of love,  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified:  
an angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his wondering  
eye  
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of life  
who triumphed o'er the grave,

and rose victorious in the strife,  
for those he came to save:  
his glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

*[Please stand, if you are able]*

**The Apostles' Creed**

***I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of  
the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the  
living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**The Prayers of the People**

The Lord be with you

***and also with you.***

*[Please sit or kneel]*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.

***Christ, have mercy.***

Lord, have mercy.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **The Versicles and Responses**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
***and grant us your salvation.***

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers  
***and grant our government wisdom.***

Let your ministers be clothed with  
righteousness  
***and let your servants shout for joy.***

O Lord, save your people  
***and bless those whom you have  
chosen.***

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
***and let your glory be over all the  
earth.***

O God, make clean our hearts within  
us  
***and renew us by your Holy Spirit.***

### **The Collect of the Seventh Sunday of Easter (The Sunday after Ascension Day)**

O God the King of Glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus  
Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in  
heaven:  
Mercifully give us faith to know  
that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth to the end  
of time;  
who is alive and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

#### **Collect for use at Morning Prayer**

***Go before us, Lord in all our doings,  
with your most gracious favour,  
and further us with your continual  
help;  
that in all our works begun,  
continued and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name, and  
finally by your mercy attain  
everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.***

### **The Prayers**

#### **Hymn No. 263 (Diademata)**

*[Verses 5 and 6]*

5. Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may  
cease,  
and all be love and praise:

his reign shall know no end;  
and round his pierced feet  
the thousand tones of earth shall  
blend  
in concord ever sweet.

6. Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

## The Sermon

*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.*

### Hymn No. 259 (Guiting Power)

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, th'eternal name!*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-  
treated,  
victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

### The Blessing for Ascension-tide

Christ our exalted King  
pour on you his abundant gifts  
make you faithful and strong to do his  
will  
that you may reign with him in glory.:  
and the Blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit, be with you and remain with  
you always. **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.*

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*May the glory of the Resurrection  
and Ascension fill you with joy  
and hope this Easter-time.*

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# Ad Hoc Choir



Last practice at **19.00** hours in St Philip and St James' Church on:

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

and we will also practise at **9.30** on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024** in the church.

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

### TONIGHT

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church, at which those who were recently confirmed will be presented with their confirmation certificates and a small gift from the parishes.



Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 United Special Service to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of St Philip and St James' Church**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 United Service with the Blessing of the Animals in St Philip and St James' Church**



## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

In the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre

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## Healer Prayer Group

*via Zoom*

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 19.30 hours**

**MOUNT MERRION**  
**SELECT VESTRY MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2024**  
**19.30 HOURS ON ZOOM**

**BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT**  
**SELECT VESTRY**  
**THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2024**  
**DATE TO BE CONFIRMED**  
**19.30 HOURS**  
**IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH**