



[Please stand, if you are able]

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

Opening Hymn No. 655 (Buckland)

Loving Shepherd of your sheep,
keep your lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can your power withstand,
none can pluck me from your hand.

Loving Lord, you chose to give
your own life that we might live;
and your hands outstretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress.

Help me praise you every day,
gladly serve you and obey;
like your glorious ones above,
happy in your precious love.

Loving Shepherd ever near,
teach your lamb your voice to hear;
let my footsteps never stray
from the straight and narrow way.

Where you lead me I will go,
walking in your steps below;
till, before my Father's throne,
I shall know as I am known.

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]

***Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and
against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through
weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;***

by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

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.**

[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.

Psalm: Hymn No. 20 (Dominus regit me)

[Verses 1-2]

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

[Please sit]

The First Reading - Acts 9: 36-43

The first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 9, beginning at verse 36.

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing

Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Here ends the First Reading.

Canticle: Hymn No. 20 (The Followers) [Verses 3-4]

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

[Please sit]

**The New Testament Reading -
John 10: 22-30**

The second reading is from the Gospel according to John, chapter 10, beginning at verse 22.

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵Jesus

answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.'

Here ends the Second Reading.

Canticle: Hymn No. 20 (St Columba)
[Verses 5-6]

Thou spread'st a table in my sight,
thy unction grace bestoweth,
and O, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

[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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things which
are above,
where he 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.*



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The Prayers of the People

Hymn No. 21 (Crimond)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark
vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

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. 147 Thanks and Praise (The Lord's my Shepherd)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me lie in pastures green,
he leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

Descant for Chorus

*I will trust, I will trust in you.
I will trust, I will trust in you;
endless mercy follows me,
goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil;

and my cup - it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path -
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and
staff
are the comfort I need to know.

The Blessing for Easter

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from
the dead, raise you up to walk with
him in the newness of his risen life:
and the Blessing . . .

Closing Responses

When our way is joyful,
God will rejoice with us.

When the going is rough,
God will wipe away our tears.

We are God's people: we are held in
love.
Our hope is in the goodness of God.

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

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 join us for
tea/coffee/juice in the Monk
Gibbon Hall after the 9.30 service in
St Thomas' Church, and in the South
Transept of St Philip and St James'
Church after the 11.00 service.*

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 14th May 2025

***10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church***

Sunday 18th May 2025

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

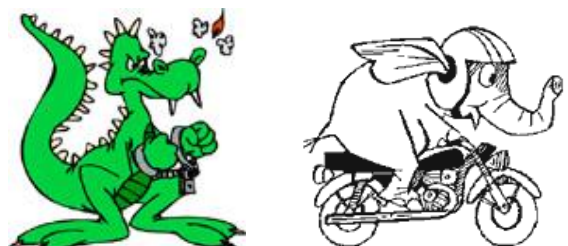
Wednesday 21st May 2025

***10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church***

Sunday 25th May 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas'
Church

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



All are very welcome to this Service with
their animals.

We ask you to keep your animals under control as we do not want any unplanned eating episodes!!!!

Pooper-scooper rules apply!!!



There will be Tea/Coffee as part of the School Fair, afterwards in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 28th May 2025

No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 1st June 2025

NB No 8.30 Service

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 4th June 2025

No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 8th June 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 11th June 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 15th June 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 18th June 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 22nd June 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of Holy Baptism in St Thomas' Church.

Wednesday 25th June 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 29th June 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Service of Wholeness and Healing in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of Wholeness and Healing in St Philip and St James' Church

Special Preacher – The Rev. Niall Stratford, former parishioner and former resident of the Monk Gibbon Hall Flat. Niall is now the Rector of Blessington Group of Parishes.



Healer Prayer Group

Tuesday 10th June 2025

19.30 hours *via Zoom*

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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Lenten Challenge

Gillian is finished!

Thank you to all who supported Gillian in her Lenten Challenge 2025 in aid of the Irish Cancer Society and the Blackrock Hospice.

The total amount raised is €2,600 which is fantastic! Thank you!

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2025

19.30 HOURS

ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 23RD JUNE 2025

19.30 HOURS

THE COMMITTEE ROOM



Parish Fete

at

St Thomas' Church

Foster Avenue, Mount Merrion

Barbecue, Books, Cakes
& Deli, Bottles, Plants,

Handmade Cards, Games
for Children, Raffle, and
more!

Tea & Coffee Served

Saturday 17th May 2025

12.00pm - 3.00 pm

Admission €2—Children Free

We need lots and lots of homemade goods for the Cake and Deli Stall... cakes, biscuits, scones, breads, jams, marmalades, preserves, tarts, pies, etc.

We are also looking for books and new (un-opened) gifts, bottles plants, seedlings and slips to be given to Julie-Anne Hudson before the Fete so that she can pot them!

Anyone who would like to get involved on the day would be very welcome and should contact

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to let her know