

Fáilte



The Gathering of God's People

Go raibh an Tiarna libh.

Agus leat féin.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Opening Responses

Wanderers, gatherers,
homemakers, travellers,
we come to God.

Questioners, adventurers,
believers, doubters,
we come to God.

Workers, menders,
seekers, dreamers,
we come to God.

Opening Hymn Hymn No. 207

(Heinlein (Aus der Tiefe)

Forty days and forty nights

thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:

sunbeams, scorching all the day,
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about thy way;
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Let us thy endurance share,
and from earthly joys abstain,
with thee watching unto prayer,
with thee strong to suffer pain.

And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine;
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

The Preface

A lucht na páirte i gCríost,
táimid cruinnithe le chéile anseo
lenár n-adhradh agus ár moladh agus
ár mbuíochas
a thairiscint do Dhia
uilechumhachtach;
lenár bpeacá a admháil agus le
maithiúnas Dé a fháil,

le fógairt a bhriathair naofa a
chloisteáil,
lenár riachtanais féin agus riachtanais
an domhain mhóir a chur roimhe,
agus le guí air trí chumhacht a
Spioraid
go ndéana muid seirbhís dó
ionas go mb'eol dúinn liacht a ghrá.

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.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who
truly repent,
have mercy on us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all
goodness, and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

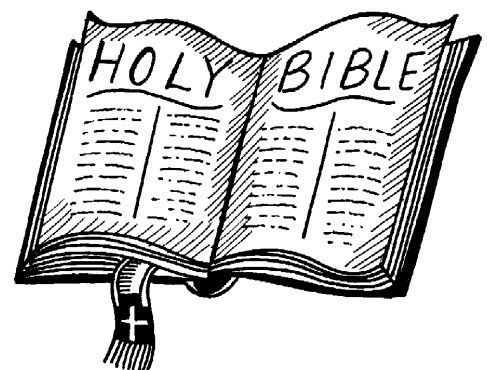
[Please stand, if you are able]

**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.



The First Reading - Deuteronomy

26: 1-11

The first reading is from the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 26, beginning at verse 1.

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, ²you 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. ³You 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.' ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you 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. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The 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; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So 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. ¹¹Then 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.

Here ends the First Reading.

Hymn No. 39 (Ar Hyd Y Nos)

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 Second Reading - Luke 4: 1-13

The second reading is from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 4, beginning at verse 1.

⁴Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,
 returned from the Jordan and was led
 by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where
 for forty days he was tempted by the
 devil. He ate nothing at all during
 those days, and when they were over,
 he was famished. ³The devil said to
 him, 'If you are the Son of God,
 command this stone to become a loaf
 of bread.' ⁴Jesus answered him, 'It is
 written, "One does not live by bread
 alone." '

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed
 him in an instant all the kingdoms of
 the world. ⁶And the devil* said to him,
 'To you I will give their glory and all
 this authority; for it has been given
 over to me, and I give it to anyone I
 please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me,
 it will all be yours.' ⁸Jesus answered
 him, 'It is written,
 "Worship the Lord your God,
 and serve only him." '

⁹ Then the devil took him to
 Jerusalem, and placed him on the

pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,
 'If you are the Son of God, throw
 yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is
 written,
 "He will command his angels concerning
 you, to protect you",
¹¹and

"On their hands they will bear you up,
 so that you will not dash your foot
 against a stone." '

¹²Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do
 not put the Lord your God to the
 test." ' ¹³When the devil had finished
 every test, he departed from him until
 an opportune time.

Here ends the Second Reading.

Psalms 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.

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.*

[Please stand, if you are able]

The Apostles' Creed *[shortened version]*

*I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

*Go raibh an Tiarna libh.
Agus leat féin.*

*The Lord be with you
and also with you.*

[Please kneel or sit]

Let us pray.

A Thiarna, déan trócaire.
A Chríost, déan trócaire.
A Thiarna, déan trócaire.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

*Ár nAthair, atá ar neamh
go naofar d'ainm,
go dtaga do ríocht,
go ndéantar do thoil
ar talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn
inniu,
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha,
mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna
féin.*

*Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú,
ach saor sinn ón olc.
Óir is leatsa an ríocht, agus an
chumhacht, agus an ghlóir, trí shaol
na saol. Áiméan.*

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.

**An Ortha an Chéad Domhnach i
Tráth an Charghais**

A Dhia uilechumhachtaigh,
rinne do Mhac troscadh ar feadh
daichead lá san fhásach,
ar aon dul linn féin tháinig cathú air,
ach níor pheacaigh:
tabhair dúinn grásta chun smacht a
chur orainn féin
in umhlaíocht do do Spiorad;
agus, mar is eol duit ár laigeacht,
gurb eol dúinn do chumhacht chun
slánaithe;
trí Íosa Críost ár dTiarna.
Áiméan.

The Collect of the 1st Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in
the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
Give us grace to discipline ourselves
in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for use during Lent

***Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who
are penitent:
create and make in us new and
contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins***

***and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of
all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

The Prayers



Hymn No. 665 (Ag Críost an síol)

Ag Críost an síol;
ag Críost an fómhar.
In iothlainn Dé
go dtugtar sinn.

Ag Críost an mhuir;
ag Críost an t-iasc.
I líonta Dé
go gcastar sinn.

Ó fhás go haois,
is ó aois go bás,
do dhá láimh, a Chríost,
anall tharainn.

Ó bhás go críoch,
ní críoch ach athfhás,
i bParthas na nGrást
go rabhaimid.

The seed is Christ's,
and his the sheaf;

within God's barn
may we be stored.

The sea is Christ's;
and his the fish;
in the nets of God
may we be caught.

From birth to youth,
and from youth till death,
your two hands, O Christ,
stretch over us.

From death – the end?
No end, but new life;
in sweet Paradise
may we be found.

The Sermon

Hymn No. 652 (Mannheim)

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
self denying, death defying,
thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;

thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

The Blessing for Lent

Go dtuga Críost grásta daoibh chun go
bhfása sibh in naofacht,
go ndiúltaí sibh daoibh féin,
agus go dtóga sibh bhur gcros agus go
leana sibh é:
agus go raibh beannacht Dé
uilechumhachtaigh,
an tAthair, an Mac, agus an Spiorad
Naomh oraibh is in bhur measc i
gcónaí. *Áiméan.*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves,
and to take up your cross and follow him:
and the Blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be
with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Wherever we travel,
God is on our track.

Wherever we settle,
God is in our midst.

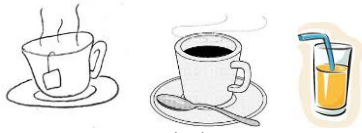
Whatever is ahead of us,
God will be there before us.

God's angels are among us,
To keep us in our our way.s

*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 Monk Gibbon Hall after the 9.30 Service in St Thomas' Church and in the South Transept after the 11.00 Service in St Philip and St James' Church.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

TONIGHT!!!

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church



Wednesday 12th March 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 16th March 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 19th March 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 23rd March 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Daffodil Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 26th March 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 30th March 2025 – Mothering Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church



Healer Prayer Group

Tuesday 25th March 2025

19.30 hours *via Zoom*



St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet at 9.30 in the Monk Gibbon Hall and St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre on the following Sundays:

Sunday 9th March 2025

Sunday 6th April 2025

All children who are toilet-trained are

welcome.

The leaders have been Garda-vetted and have undergone Safeguarding Trust Training.

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 2025

19.30 HOURS

IN THE PARISH ROOM OF ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' PARISH CENTRE

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MEETING

MONDAY 24TH MARCH 2025

19.30 HOURS

IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE MONK GIBBON HALL

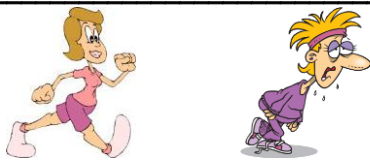
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon 3.30pm—4.10pm

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

Contact Irene on 087-2755423

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Lenten Challenge

Gillian is off again!

This year, she is walking/cross-training/cycling/rowing at least 5km every day of Lent 2025.

*Wednesday 5th March – Saturday 19th April
2025 inclusive!*

Lent is the season for examining ourselves and seeing how we can more fully reflect the life and love of Christ and his commandment to us to love our neighbour as ourselves. That means respecting and caring for others and for ourselves.

Therefore, again, this Lent, I am encouraging people to take up something that gives you a focus each day and that benefits you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

This year, I will do 5km each day - using a variety of ways of moving as I have been battling with plantar fasciitis for the last year! - for my physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing and for the Irish Cancer Society and Blackrock Hospice.

You can make a donation by online banking to **Boooterstown and Mount Merrion Account**

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What to do in Lent!

Join **Christ Church Cathedral** and **Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA** present 'Salvation in the Gospel of John'.

This is a 6 week course beginning at 19:30 on **Ash Wednesday after Eucharist at 18:00** which you are warmly encouraged to attend.

Keys for unlocking the message today.

This is a free hybrid event. Participants can attend in person in the Music Room at Christ Church or via Zoom.

Please note that the Music Room is only accessible by stairs.

<https://christchurchcathedral.ie/lenten-series-2025.../>



Daffodil Service

**followed by Daffodil Coffee
Morning with Bring-and-
Buy**

*Sunday 23rd March
2025*

8.30 Holy Communion - St Thomas'
Church

**10.30 United Family Service
for Daffodil Day - St Philip
and St James' Church**

At this Service, we will pray for all who have been affected by cancer in any way, either themselves or through someone else. We will also pray for those involved in the healing and care of people with cancer; and for those who are undertaking research into the treatment and cure of cancer.

Tea/coffee will be served after the service, in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, and there will also be a Bring and Buy Stall in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.

EASTER GENERAL VESTRIES

*Both Easter General Vestries will be held in
person.*

**MOUNT MERRION
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 2025
20.00 HOURS
ST THOMAS' CHURCH**

**BOOTERSTOWN AND
CARYSFORT
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
THURSDAY 10TH APRIL
2025
20.00 HOURS
ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH**

Saturday 22nd March,
10am - 3pm

Newcastle Parish Centre,
Co. Wicklow, A63 X782.

HE RESTORES MY SOUL

A Quiet Day reflecting on Psalm 23

Facilitated by Lydia Monds, CMH:I

Sessions will include:

Time exploring the Psalm in new ways.

Contemplative prayer practices

Time for silence, personal reflection
& creative response.



Tea, Coffee & Soup provided. B.Y.O. lunch

Free Event. Donations welcome. To book, contact Jeanne:
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