

[Please stand, if you are able]

## The Greeting

The Lord be with you and also with you.

# Hymn No. 22 (You shall cross the barren desert)

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid, I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters, you shall not be drowned.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you!

#### 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]

# A Confession for the National Day of Commemoration

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

# <u>The First Reading - Romans 7: 15-</u> <u>25a</u>

The first reading is from the letter of Paul to the Romans, chapter 7, beginning at verse 15.

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Here ends the First Reading.

# <u>Psalm - Hymn No. 24 (Lasst uns</u> <u>erfreuen (Easter Song))</u> [Verses 1-3]

1. All creatures of our God and king, lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

- 2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice:
- 3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!
  Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest us both warmth and light:

[Please sit]

# The Second Reading - Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

The second reading is from the gospel according to St Matthew, chapter 11, beginning at verse 16.

- 16 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,
- <sup>17</sup> "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn."

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; 19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.' 25 At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you

Here ends the Second Reading.

[Please stand, if you are able]

# <u>Canticle - Hymn No. 24 (Lasst uns erfreuen (Easter Song))</u> [Verses 4-7]

will find rest for your souls. 30 For my

yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, O praise him, alleluia!

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,

let them his glory also show:

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5. All ye that are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,O sing ye, alleluia!Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care:

7. Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:

[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.

### Time of Remembrance

[Please remain standing, if it is comfortable for you to do so]

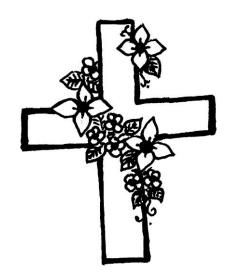
Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping those

who have died in the cause of peace, those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; all who have lived and died in the service of others: in the past and in recent years, in faraway places and on this island.

[Silence]

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love, and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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 of the People

Prayer for the National Day of Commemoration 2023

The Archbishop of Dublin wishes all clergy to use the prayer below in their services this weekend.

Almighty God, we remember before you all those who have given lives of service in the cause of freedom and justice

On the National Day of Commemoration we pause to reflect and to give thanks for men and women from Ireland who have taken risks, offered service and lost lives for the well-being of others in warfare and in peacekeeping across the globe. Protect those who today are involved in the arenas of war and the places which cry out for peace.

Bless them and enable us to honour their example as today we worship you the God of life, the prince of peace and the source of love. *Amen* 

The Grace

worldwide.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore.

Amen.

### Hymn No. 642 (Amazing Grace)

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound!) that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved: how precious did that grace appear

Through many dangers, toils and snares

the hour I first believed!

I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

#### The Sermon

## Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

went on.



Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you
and all humankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and
suffering, and for the praise of
your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and
always. Amen.

[The offering will be received during the singing of this hymn.]

## Hymn No. 93 (Lord of the dance)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with me and the Dance

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; the holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and they left me there on a Cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black - it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the Dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me - I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

## The Blessing

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 centre after this Service.

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

# FORTHCOMING SERVICES

### **Services in July and August 2023**

<u>First Sunday of the month:</u> 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church **10.30 NB Time** Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Second Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church 10.30 NB Time Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Third Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church 10.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Fourth Sunday of the month: 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Fifth Sunday of the month (only applies in July): 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

**10.30 NB Time** Service of Wholeness and Healing in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Wednesdays in July and August 2023
As announced

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023. 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

There will be no Christian Meditation in July.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st August 2023.

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 <u>irene.reid1052@gmail.com</u>



# 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.



# Autumn Fair Meeting

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 19.00 hours in St Philip and St James' Church

# BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SPECIAL SELECT VESTRY

MEETING

THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023

19.30 HOURS IN ST PHILIP AND

ST JAMES' CHURCH

# BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023
20.00 HOURS IN ST PHILIP AND
ST JAMES' CHURCH

# **MOUNT MERRION**

SELECT VESTRY MEETING
TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER
2023
19.30 HOURS IN ST THOMAS'
CHURCH

# Lay Ministry in the Church of Ireland

Do you think that you are being called to lay ministry at local parochial level or at a wider diocesan level? If so, please contact the Rector about it.

There will be an Enquirers' Morning for those who are considered suitable for commissioned Lay Ministry either at a local parochial level or at a wider diocesan level, on Saturday 2 September 2023 in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute.