



[Please stand, if you are able]

Welcome and Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

God of the morning, in the midst of uncertainty and fear, help us to see the things which are good and positive;
help us to hear words which are kind and affirming;
help us to appreciate afresh the world in which we live and the people with whom we share our lives.

Lord, your kingdom is...
among us all in surprising places,
hidden in the everyday,
small but precious,
above us and below us.
Your kingdom is here
and we gather as part of it to
worship and adore you, O God.

The Kingdom of God is...
within us all.

The Kingdom of God is...
found in the most surprising of places.

The Kingdom of God is...
hidden in the everyday things of life.

The Kingdom of God is...
small but very precious.

The Kingdom of God is...
here and now.

Hymn No. 328 (Come on and celebrate)

Come on and celebrate!
His gift of love we will celebrate,
the Son of God who loved us
and gave us life.
We'll shout your praise, O King:
you give us joy nothing else can
bring;
we'll give to you our offering
in celebration praise.

*Come on and celebrate,
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celebrate and sing,
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[Please kneel or sit]

Prayer of Penitence

Gracious, Loving God,
we come this day to worship and
praise your holy name.
We gather with thanksgiving on our
lips and love in our hearts;
to be touched and inspired by your
word;
to be part of your family in unity.

*Lord, forgive the times when we
choose not to look...
not to look out for those in need...
not to look for glimpses of your
glory...
Forgive us, Lord.*

Silence

***Open our eyes to You, O God...
May your Holy Spirit reinvigorate
us.***

***May we rub our eyes and focus on
what you call us to do this day
and every day.***

***Open our eyes, open our hearts,
open our mouths and open our
minds we pray. Amen***

[Please stand, if you are able]

Acclamation

Thank you, God, for this morning,
for the opportunity of being
amazed by your creation,
in every single way.

***We give you thanks and praise
your holy name.***

Thank you, Lord, for the small gold
pieces you planted in our daily life:
a smile, a hug, a singing bird,
a warm shower, a good cup of tea,
a stranger saying 'Hi' on the street,
the touch of raindrops on skin.

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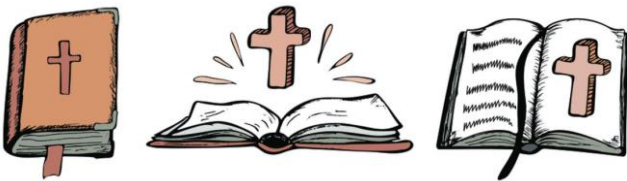
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Hymn No. 197 Thanks and Praise (Taizé)

(1) Gloria, gloria (2) in excelsis Deo!
(3) Gloria, gloria, (4) alleluia, alleluia.

The Collect of Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Blessed are you, O Lord,
and blessed are those who observe
and keep your law:
help us to seek you with our whole
heart,
to delight in your commandments
and to walk in the glorious liberty
given us by your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.



[Please sit]

The Word of God - Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

31 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

33 He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast

that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

44 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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

Hymn No. 154 Thanks and Praise
(My Desire)

To be in your presence,
 to sit at your feet,
 where you love surrounds me,
 and makes me complete.

*This is my desire, O Lord,
 this is my desire.*

*This is my desire, O Lord,
 this is my desire.*

To rest in your presence,
 not rushing away,
 to cherish each moment,
 here I would stay.

The Sermon

[Please stand, if you are able]

The Affirmation of Faith

With the whole church...
***we affirm that we are made in
 God's image,
 befriended by Christ, empowered
 by the Spirit.***

With people everywhere...
***we affirm God's goodness at the
 heart of
 humanity, planted more deeply
 than all that is wrong.***

With all creation...
***we celebrate the miracle and
 wonder of life;***

***the unfolding purposes of God,
 forever at work in
 ourselves and the world.***

**Hymn No. 514 (Ye banks and
 braes)**

We cannot measure how you heal
 or answer every sufferer's prayer;
 yet we believe your grace responds
 where faith and doubt unite to
 care.

Your hands, though bloodied on the
 cross,
 survive to hold and heal and warn,
 to carry all through death to life
 and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away,
 the guilt that clings from things
 long past,
 the fear of what the future holds,
 are present as if meant to last.
 But present too is love which tends
 the hurt we never hoped to find,
 the private agonies inside,
 the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your
 help,
 and some have come to make
 amends,
 as hands which shaped and saved
 the world
 are present in the touch of friends.
 Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
 to mend the body, mind and soul,
 to disentangle peace from pain
 and make your broken people whole.

[Please kneel or sit]

The Prayers

Let us pray.

God, put your ear close to our hearts:
and hear our prayers.



Invitation to the Laying-on-of-Hands

During the next hymns, those who wish to receive the laying on of hands should come forward and kneel at the Communion Rails. When hands have been laid and prayer said, you may return to your seat.

Look, Lord, on your children, who need love, tenderness and care.
Let your hands be known in the touch of friends.

Hymn No. 513 (Daniel)

O Christ, the Healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored, when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamour to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognise the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills:
is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach and prosper humankind.

Hymn No. 549 (Repton)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian Sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love.
interpreted by love.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess

the beauty of thy peace.
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and
fire,
O still small voice of calm.
O still small voice of calm.

The Lord's Prayer

The Collection/Offering will be received during the singing of this hymn. But we recognise that many people give online and via Standing Order, so please feel free and comfortable not to 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. 91 Thanks and Praise

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises;
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth
to show the way,
from the earth to the cross,
my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.

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The Blessing

From the smallest seed, comes life.
With the tiniest bit of yeast, bread
will grow.

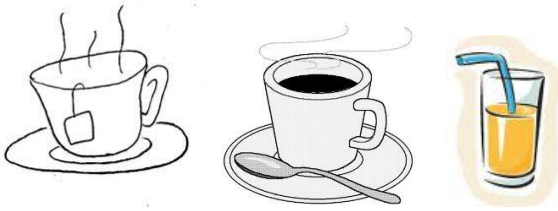
With the Spirit of God, that
treasure in our hearts, we can
flourish and make a difference to
others.

All these blessings and more are
from God, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit,
there for you and for all, today and
always. **Amen.**

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Thanks and Praise
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*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 hall after this Service.

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Services in August 2023

Sunday 6th August 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Sunday 13th August 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Sunday 20th August 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Sunday 27th August 2023

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).

Wednesdays in July and August 2023
As announced

Wednesday 2nd August 2023.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

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

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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 31st August 2023
19.00 hours in St Philip and
St James' Church**

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST
2023
20.00 HOURS IN ST PHILIP
AND ST JAMES' CHURCH**

**MOUNT MERRION
SELECT VESTRY MEETING
TUESDAY 5TH 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.



Gardening Blitz

**Friday 4th August 2023
14.00-16.00 hours
St Thomas' Church Grounds
Bring gardening tools and gloves**

Sponsor a Chair for St Philip and St James' Church

In removing the pews from the east end of the nave and from some of both transepts, our desire was not to remove seating but to have seating that was more flexible, which could be arranged in a variety of ways and which would also facilitate those who are wheelchair users to be able to sit with the family and friends in the midst of the congregation rather than sitting in the aisle. The Select

Vestry has been in discussions with Irish Contract Seating who are based in Dromod in County Leitrim—they are the same company that made the new Communion Table or Altar and the 'wedding chairs' in St Thomas' Church. Out of three samples, the Select Vestry has chosen the one called the Christ Church Chair and it is photographed here. The plan (and indeed, the advice from Irish Contract Seating) is to have the wood of the chair the same colour as the pews and the upholstery the same colour as the pew runners. The logo that will be carved on the back-rest is our parish logo without the lettering. There will be a provision for a small brass plaque on the top of the back-rest, to facilitate an engraving if someone would like to donate a chair in memory of someone or as a gift to the church. The cost of a chair is €275 (including the brass plaque and engraving). If you would like more information about donating or sponsoring a chair, please contact the Honorary Treasurer, Quentin Teggin at **qteggin@gmail.com** or the Rector. Irish Contract Seating are lending us forty chairs until we take delivery of the bespoke chairs in the autumn of 2023.

