



There are pieces of paper available for you to write the name(s) of those for whom you are praying today, and to write the names of those whom you are remembering today. The pieces of paper will be collected later in the service and placed on the Communion Table as we bring those people to God.



[Please stand if you are able]

Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
and also with you.



Opening Responses

Humble and riding on a donkey,
we greet you.

Acclaimed by crowds and carolled by children,
we cheer you.

Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,
we salute you, Christ our Lord.

You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity;
you are giving majesty
a new face;
you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.
**With them, with heart and voice,
we shout, 'Hosanna'.**

Hymn No. 217 (St Theodulph)

*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessèd one:

The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and mortal flesh, and all things
created, make reply.

The people of the Hebrews

with palms to meet thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:

To thee, before thy Passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise:

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:

[Please sit]

The Introduction

Prayer of Approach

We come in this service to God,
*in our need, and bringing with us,
the needs of the world.*

We come to God, who has come to us
in Jesus,
*and who walks with us the road of
our world's suffering.*

We come with our faith, and with our
doubts;
*we come with our hopes and with
our fears.*

We come with our requests, and with
our thanksgivings,
*we come with our memories, and
with our hearts' deepest desires.*

We come as we are, because it is God
who invites us to come,
***and God has promised never to turn
us away.***

A Prayer of Penitence on the Way to Jerusalem

*Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure
hearts.*

Psalm 24

O Living God,
age after age the children of dust
make their way to holy places to seek
you,
yet you are closer than hands or feet.

In temples and in churches
people make sacrifices and offerings,
but what you seek
is the love and well-being of your
children.

Your Word promises
that those whose hands are clean
and whose hearts are pure
can climb the heavenly hill;
but who are we to do that?

On our journey through life
our hearts and our hands
have become stained and dirtied.

If we have stretched out our hands in
greed, or lust, or love of money,
Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

If our hearts have been sullied by
pride or resentment,
Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

If we have turned aside from our
pilgrimage
to follow the world's ways,
or to seek false gods,
or spirits other than your Holy Spirit,
Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

Lord, you forgive the sins of all who
turn to you in sincerity;
you cleanse the penitent heart from
all uncleanness.

Lord, set our course according to your
word
so that we may take up afresh the
challenge of the journey to the holy
city.

Give us new strength to follow you on
our way,
so that even we may ascend the hill of
the Lord
and stand in the holy place.
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
who, in your tender love towards the
human race,
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:

grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his
resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



*The First Reading is Psalm 91 in the form of
a hymn:*

Hymn No. 173 Thanks and Praise (On Eagles' Wings)

*[based on Psalm 91. Written by Michael Joncas,
1979]*

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.



[Please sit]

The Second Reading - Mark 11: 1-11 *[adapted]*

The Second Reading is from the gospel according to Saint Mark, chapter 1, beginning at verse 1.

When they were going towards Jerusalem, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and just as you get there, you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden before; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a young donkey tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the

bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the donkey?' They told them what Jesus had said; and the crowd allowed Jesus' disciples to take it. They brought the donkey to Jesus and threw their coats on it; and he sat on it.

The people gave him a wonderful welcome; some people threw their coats onto the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Some people ran ahead of Jesus and others followed him; they were shouting:

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he arrived in the city of Jerusalem and went into the temple; and looked around at everything, taking it all in. By now, it was late, so he went back out to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn No. 238 (Winchester New)

Ride on, ride on in majesty,
hark, all the tribes, 'Hosanna' cry!
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments
strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty:
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty:
the angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wondering
eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty:
thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride, on, ride on in majesty:
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power, and
reign.



The Sermon

[Please stand if you are able]

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God:

We believe that God is love,

***and those who live in love,
live in God, and God lives in them.
God's love... a love that lifts the
heart,
and anchors the soul.***

***We believe that Jesus is love,
and that he came to show us a
challenging love...
a love that breaches borders and
battlelines;
a love that cracks convention,
and sows seeds of hope.***

***We believe that the Holy Spirit is
love, a tender love...
a love that stands with tear-soaked
eyes and grief-gripped souls,
and holds aloft for us a fragile
flame of reassurance and
understanding,
of solidarity and strength.***

***We believe in God, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, three, bound together
by love,
whose presence in our lives,
can bring hope and healing;
who gives us the strength to face
fear full- on.***

***We believe in God's love; a generous
love that lifts the heart,
and anchors the soul.***

*During the singing of this hymn, the baskets
will be passed around for you to collect any
pieces of paper with the names of those for*

whom you wish to pray. They will be placed on the Communion Table as we bring those people to God.

When I'm Confused

by Wendy Craig

When I'm confused Lord,
show me the way,
show me, show me the way;
baffled and bruised, Lord,
show me the way,
show me, show me the way.

Still my heart and clear my mind,
prepare my soul to hear
your still, small voice, your word of
truth:

peace be still! Your Lord is near;
always so close
to show you the way,
show you, show you the way.

When I'm afraid, Lord,
show me the way,
show me, show me the way;
weak and dismayed, Lord,
show me the way,
show me, show me the way.

Lift my spirit with your love,
bring courage, calm and peace:
you who bore all for my sake
so I could walk from fear released
with you beside me
showing the way,
showing, showing the way.



[Please kneel or sit]

The Prayers

Let us pray:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

In silence, we pray as God puts his ear close to our hearts and hears our prayers:

Silence, during which each person can bring their own particular prayers to God.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,

who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

***For thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory for ever and ever.
Amen.***



*[During this hymn, the collection in aid of the Irish
Cancer Society will be received.]*

Hymn - No. 294 (Down Ampney)

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour
glowing;

O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame
bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat
consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my
path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner
clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps
with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human
telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his
dwelling.

Closing Collect

The Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your
face;
and the rains fall soft upon your
fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his
hand.
May he go before you to protect you,
and stand behind you to give you
strength; and the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, Son and Holy
Spirit be with you, this day and for
evermore. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal - Lead Us Into Holy Week

We tell your story.
We follow in your footsteps.
Lead us into Holy Week.

We walk towards the city.
We wait in the garden.
Lead us onto holy ground.

We journey towards death.
We hope for resurrection.
Lead us into holy joy.

A Gaelic Blessing.

[Music by John Rutter]

You are invited to reflect upon these words as the music plays.

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.

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 and Bring-and-Buy
You are warmly invited to join us for tea/coffee/juice in the South Transept after the service.

There will be a basket for donations to the Irish Cancer Society and there will be a **Bring-and-Buy Stall** with a variety of items for sale, and a stall with merchandise from the Irish Cancer Society.
All proceeds will go the Irish Cancer Society.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Holy Week

Monday 25th March

20.00 Evening Service in St Thomas' Church

Tuesday 26th March 2024

20.00 Evening Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 27th March 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

20.00 Evening Service in St Thomas' Church

Thursday 28th March 2024 - Maundy Thursday

20.00 The Last Supper – Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Friday 29th March 2024 – Good Friday

14.00 Meditation on the Cross in St Thomas' Church

20.00 Ecumenical Prayers at the Cross in St Philip and St James' Church



Sunday 31st March 2024 –
Easter Day

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 (live-streamed)

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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MOUNT MERRION
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY MEETING
MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024
19.30 HOURS IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2024
19.30 HOURS
IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH

MOUNT MERRION
SELECT VESTRY MEETING
MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2024
19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM



Confirmation Class for teenagers

Next class is on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 18.30

St Philip and St James' Church

Confirmation and Enquirers Class for adults is on Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 20.15 hours on Zoom



Our Sunday Clubs have had very enjoyable gatherings over the past few months.

St Philip and St James' Sunday will meet on the following dates:

Sunday 28th April 2024

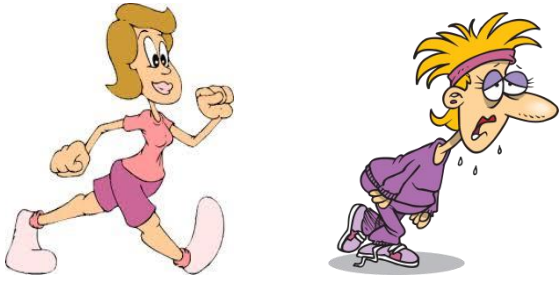
Sunday 12th May 2024

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet on the following dates:

Sunday 21st April 2024

Sunday 12th May 2024

All children who are toilet-trained are welcome!



Lenten Challenge

Gillian is walking at least 5km every day of Lent 2024.

**Wednesday 14th February –
Saturday 30th March 2024**

39 days done!

This year, I am walking 5km each day for my physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing and for the victims of the conflict between Palestine and Israel.

(channelled through the Bishops' Appeal to Christian Aid who are working on the ground with local agencies), and to assist with the re-building of Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza which was founded and is managed by the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem (which covers Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Israel). It is the only Christian hospital in the Gaza strip and the only cancer hospital in Gaza. It normally treats approximately 45,000 patients a year. Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza welcomes all people regardless of their faith or background.

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