

(Please stand if you are able)

<u>The Greeting</u> The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Opening Responses

God, as planet earth reveals opening buds and ripening grain: we celebrate your purpose and determination in creation.

God, as planet earth provides spaces to bring us tranquility and timelessness:

we celebrate your grace and serenity in creation.

God, as planet earth sparkles with running, living water:

we celebrate your wholeness and healing in creation.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, help us to preserve all that gives and enhances life:

in celebration of your creation.

Hymn No. 75 Thanks and Praise Jesu's love is very wonderful, Jesu's love is very wonderful, Jesu's love is very wonderful, O wonderful love!

So high you can't get over it, so low you can't get under it, so wide you can't get round it, O wonderful love!

[Please kneel or sit]

The Penitence

In a world which teaches us always to be serious,

God gives us children who love to make silly faces.

In a world which searches for perfection, God loves us just as we are.

In a world which forces us to look ahead, God asks us to live in the moment.

Let us speak to God of our reluctance to be playful, imperfect or to live in the moment.

God, you were willing to put aside divine dignity to become one of us. *Forgive us,*

for forgetting to enjoy, to laugh, to play.

Forgive us for taking ourselves so seriously that we lose sight of the wonder of your gifts.

Forgive us when we try to be so proper all the time, that we have

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forgotten the joy, the laughter and the delight, which Jesus Christ, brought into our lives.

[Silence]

The Absolution

The good news is this: imagination, play and fun go hand-inhand with prayer, with service, with worship, with life.

God takes delight when we take the time to enjoy and play in the planet we call home and with the people that we

encounter. Amen.

<u>The Collect of the 4th Sunday after</u> <u>Trinity</u>

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,

without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:

Increase and multiply upon us your mercy;

that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal

that we finally lose not the things eternal:

Grant this, heavenly Father,

for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. *Amen*.



<u> Psalm – Hymn No. 64 Thanks and</u> <u>Praise (In Christ Alone)</u>

[Verses 1 and 2]

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song; this Corner-stone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My comforter, my all-in-all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save: till on that cross, as Jesus died, the love of God was magnified for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

The First Reading – Psalms 133:1–5

The first reading is from the book of Psalms, chapter 33, beginning at verse 1.

¹ How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head,

running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

running down over the collar of his robes.

³ It is like the dew of Hermon,

which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his blessing,

life for evermore.

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

Canticle - Hymn No. 64 Thanks and Praise (In Christ Alone) [Verses 3 and 4]

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain: then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand; till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand!

<u>The Second Reading – Mark 4: 35–</u> <u>41</u>

The second reading is from the Gospel according to Saint Mark, chapter 4, beginning at verse 35.

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' ³⁶And

leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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

Canticle – You'll Never Walk Alone

(Rodgers and Hammerstein)

When you walk through a storm, hold your head up high and don't be afraid of the dark. At the end of a storm, there's a golden sky and the sweet silver song of a lark. Walk on through the wind, walk on through the rain, though your dreams be tossed and blown. Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart and you'll never walk alone. You'll never walk alone. Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart and you'll never walk alone, You'll never walk alone.

The Sermon

(Please stand, if you are able)

Affirmation of Faith

God, you loved your child, Jesus, and could have kept him close to you, but you sent him to show us your love.

When he was older, he was a friend to people who felt that no one liked them;

he loved the people everyone else picked on;

he would gather up kids in his lap, and tell them how much God loved them.

Then he died and rose again, for his friends and for those who didn't like him.

You sent the Holy Spirit to whisper in our ears that God loves us

So, we believe, that you are God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, showing us how to live and love. Hymn No. 640 (Purify my heart) Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver; purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord; I chose to be holy, set apart for you, my master, ready to do your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy; purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.



The Prayers Let us pray.

Prayers for, and of, the People and the Community

Thanksgiving for Summer

Thank you, Creator God, for summer's warmth and light, your gift. Help us to joy in the promise of each day.

Thank you, Jesus, for summer's peace and stillness, your gift. Help us to rest in the beauty of each day. Thank you, gentle Spirit, for summer's colour and life, your gift. *Help us to thrive in the hope of each day.*

Holy Trinity, dynamic and loving, we thank you for seasons and cycles. But especially for today in this season of summer.



The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 593 (Hatherop Castle)

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou for ever near me, my Master and my Friend. I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me: the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control: O speak and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks, and in them plant mine own; my hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone. O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end; and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

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.



<u>Tea/Coffee/Juice</u> You are warmly invited to join us for tea/coffee/juice in the South Transept after the 11.00 service in St Philip and St James' Church.

Thank You!

What a great evening we had at the 200th Anniversary Party! A relaxing evening of camaraderie, fun and friendship with fabulous food, chat and music, and bubbles and activities for the children. Thank you to Andrew Bradley, Alexa Mitchell, Rachel Neeson, Denise Richards and Viola Brady.



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.

Forthcoming Services

<u>Wednesday 26th June 2024</u> 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 30th June 2024

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 the Wholeness and Healing in St Philip and St James' Church

Services in July 2024

Sunday 7th July 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

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

Sunday 14th July 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

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

Sunday 21st July 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

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

Special Preacher – The Rev. Canon Paul Willoughby (Rector of Booterstown and Carysfort 1992-1994)

Sunday 28th July 2024

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).

Services in August 2024

8.30 and 10.30 - Venues to be confirmed

<u>Wednesdays in July and August 2023</u> As announced

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 irene.reid1052@gmail.com

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY MEETING Monday 24th June 2024 19.30 hours in St Thomas' Church

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY MEETING THURSDAY 27th JUNE 2024 19.30 HOURS *IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH*

Colouring Section

