



(Please stand, if you are able)

The Gathering of God's People - Welcome and Greeting

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

Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
a light no darkness can quench.

As God's people we have gathered:
let us worship him together.

Like Simeon,
***may we grow old in hope and in
wonder.***

Like Anna,
***may we be in love with you all our
days.***

***May we be open to truth,
open to surprises.
May we let your Spirit into our
lives.
May we let your justice change our
behaviour.
May we live in the brightness of
your joy.***



*[During this hymn, the congregational candles will
be lit.]*

Hymn No. 203 (Lourdes)

1. When candles are lighted on
Candlemas Day,
the dark is behind us and spring's on
the way.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ, the fullness of
grace.*

2. The kings have departed, the
shepherds have gone,
the child and his parents are left on
their own.

3. They go to the temple, obeying the
law,
And offer two pigeons, the gift of the
poor.

4. But Anna and Simeon recognise
there
the Christ-child who came at the turn
of the year.

8. They see before Mary a heart-
piercing grief,
but trust is complete at the end of
their life.

9. For Mary will follow, with tears in
her eyes,

her saviour and son to the foot of the cross.

12. Like Anna, like Simeon, may we have trust,
the eyes to see Jesus and peace at the last.

13. The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.

[Silence while the candles on the Advent Wreath are lit for the last time.]



(Please remain standing)

Collect for Purity

***Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***

The Penitence

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these laws in our hearts.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace.

(Please sit or kneel)

[Silence]

***Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.***

The Absolution

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.

Gloria - Hymn No. 355 (Holy is the Lord)

[Verse 4 only]

Glory, glory, glory to the Lord;
 glory to the Lord God almighty!
 Glory, glory, glory to the Lord;
 glory to the Lord God almighty!
 who was, and is, and is to come:
 glory, glory, glory to the Lord!

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

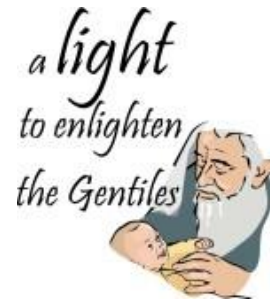
The Collect of the 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Creator God,
 who in the beginning
 commanded the light to shine out of
 darkness:
 we pray that the light of the glorious
 gospel of Christ
 may dispel the darkness of ignorance
 and unbelief,
 shine into the hearts of all your
 people,

and reveal the knowledge of your
 glory
 in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Presentation of Christ in The Temple - 2nd February

Almighty and everliving God,
 clothed in majesty,
 whose beloved Son was this day
 presented in the temple
 in the substance of our mortal nature:
 may we be presented to you with pure
 and clean hearts,
 by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



(Please sit)

The Epistle - Hebrews 2: 14-18

The Epistle is from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews, chapter 2, beginning at verse 14.

14 Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

[During the Nunc Dimittis, the candles are extinguished and the lights put on.]

The Gradual Hymn - The Nunc Dimittis - The Song of Simeon - Luke 2: 29-32

1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
de|part in | peace:
ac|cording | to thy | word.
2 For mine eyes have seen | thy
sal|vation
which thou hast prepared be|fore the
| face of · all | people;
3 To be a light to | lighten · the |
Gentiles
and to be the glory of thy | people |
Isra|el.
Glory | be · to the | Father,
and to the Son, | and · to the | Holy |
Spirit;
as it | was in · the be|ginning,
is now and ever shall be, | world
with·out | end. A|men.

(Please remain standing if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - Luke 2: 22-40

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke, chapter 2, beginning at verse 22.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the

presence of all peoples,
³² a light for revelation to the
 Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'

33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



The Sermon

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Nicene Creed *(shortened version)*

***We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord,
 Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life.
 Amen.***



(Please kneel or sit)

Intercessions

***Jesus Christ, Light of the World:
 scatter the darkness and lead us on
 your path.***

***Merciful Father,
 accept these our prayers
 for the sake of your Son, our
 Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.***

Please feel free to share the sign of peace in a manner that you and the person you are sharing the peace with are comfortable... it may be that a smile or a wave might be more appropriate than a handshake!



[Please stand, if you are able]

Jesus said, A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. *John 13: 34*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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.

Offertory Hymn - Hymn No. 88
Thanks and Praise (Christ Be Our Light)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts, that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Christ, our passover has been sacrificed for us,
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 1

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
 at all times and in all places it is right
 to give you thanks and praise:
 for Jesus Christ our Lord
 who in human likeness revealed your
 glory,
 to bring us out of darkness
 into the splendour of his light:
 and so with all your people, with
 angels and archangels,
 and with all the company of heaven,
 we proclaim your great and glorious
 name,
 for ever praising you and saying:

8.30 Service

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might.
 Heaven and earth are full of your
 glory.
 Hosanna in the highest!
 Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest!*

9.30 and 11.00 Services

(Verse 1 of Hymn 355)

*Holy, holy holy is the Lord;
 holy is the Lord God almighty!
 Holy, holy holy is the Lord;
 holy is the Lord God almighty!
 who was, and is, and is to come:
 holy, holy holy is the Lord!*

(Please feel free to stand, sit or kneel)

Blessed are you, Father, the creator
 and sustainer of all things; you made
 us in your own image; male and female
 you created us; even when we turned
 away from you, you never ceased to
 care for us, but in your love and
 mercy you freed us from the slavery
 of sin, giving your only begotten Son
 to become man and suffer death on
 the cross to redeem us; he made
 there the one complete and all-
 sufficient sacrifice for the sins of
 the whole world: he instituted, and in
 his holy Gospel commanded us to
 continue, a perpetual memory of his
 precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he
 took bread; and when he had given
 thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it
 to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this
 is my body which is given for you. Do
 this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took
 the cup; and when he had given thanks
 to you, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ***all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer



Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation

It is the custom of the Church of Ireland to welcome to receive Holy Communion, all those who usually receive Holy Communion in their own tradition. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please indicate this to the priest. Please feel free and welcome to do whichever is appropriate for you.

The Communion



The Great Silence

You are invited to take some time to reflect, having received Holy Communion.

The Post Communion Prayer

God, for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hopes of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that in Christ we may see your salvation,

*for he is Lord for ever and ever.
Amen*

The Blessing

Hymn No. 195 - (Shine Jesus Shine)

Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon
us,
set us free by the truth you now bring
us,
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow,
flood the nations with grace and
mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let
there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome
presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your
brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my
darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,

mirrored here may our lives tell your
story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

The Closing Responses and Dismissal

As Anna and Simeon recognised you in
the temple
*may we recognise you in those we
meet.*

As Brigid kept your light shining in
times of darkness
may we be light for those in need.

As Jesus grew and became strong and
wise
*may we grow in wisdom and wonder
and joy. Amen.*

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Mine eyes have
seen Thy
Salvation*



*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.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 5th February 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 9th February 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church

Sunday Clubs meet in both churches at 9.30 and 11.00 respectively.

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church



Wednesday 12th February 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 16th February 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

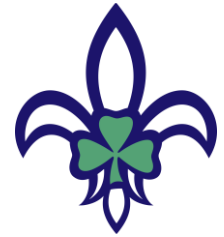
Wednesday 19th February 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 23rd February 2025 – NB Times and Venues

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service for Founder's Day (Scouting) in St Thomas' Church



Wednesday 26th February 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church



St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet at 9.30 in the Monk Gibbon Hall on the following Sundays:

Sunday 9th February 2025

Sunday 9th March 2025

Sunday 6th April 2025

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 February 2025

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 FEBRUARY
2025**

19.30 HOURS

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

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MEETING

**TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
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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Healer Prayer

Group

**Monday 24th February 2025
19.30 hours *via Zoom***

Colouring Section



**Presentation of Christ in
the Temple**

CANDLEMAS

FEB. 2

