



(Please stand if you are able)

The Greeting

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

Hymn No. 108 (Richmond)

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

and that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence, and his very self
and essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he who smote
in Man, for man, the foe,
the double agony in Man,
for man, should undergo;

and in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

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.

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 to the tune of 'In An English Country Garden'

Glory to God, to God in the height,
bringing peace to every nation.
Lord God Almighty, Father and King,
and the author of salvation.
"Glory"! let the people sing,
let the whole creation ring,
telling out redemption's story,
As we worship Your name with
thankful songs of praise,
for the love that is Your glory.

Jesus, the Father's one holy Son,
all creation bows before You.
You are the God, the God we acclaim,
and we worship and adore you.
Lamb of God, to You we pray,
You who take our sin away,
mercy, grace and truth revealing.
At the right hand of God, receive our
humble prayer
for forgiveness, hope and healing.

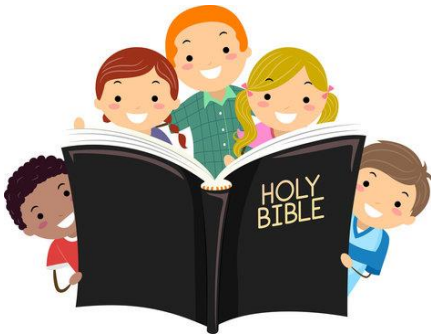
You, Jesus Christ, alone are the Lord,
by Your own eternal merit;
sharing by right the glory of God
in the presence of the Spirit.
You alone are Lord Most High,
You alone we glorify,
reigning over all creation.

To the Father, the Son and Spirit,
Three in One,
be eternal acclamation!

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your
presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast
wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The First Reading - Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

*The first reading is from the Songs of Solomon,
chapter 2, beginning at verse 8.*

⁸ The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle

or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me:
'Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
¹¹ for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
¹² The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.
¹³ The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

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

The Gradual Hymn - 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.

(Please stand if you are able)

**The Holy Gospel - Mark 7: 1-8,
14-15, 21-23**

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Mark, chapter 7, beginning at verse 1.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as

doctrines."

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

**Merciful Father, accept these
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)

The Introduction to the Peace

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.

*The collection will be taken up and received
during the Offertory Hymn. We recognise that
many people give online and via Standing
Order, and do not 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. 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 MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

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

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:
 and so with all your people, with
 angels and archangels, and with all the
 company of heaven, we proclaim your
 great and glorious name, forever
 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)

Hymn No. 715 (Santo, Santo, Santo)

[Verses 3 and 4]

Holy, holy, holy,
 Lord God, the Lord almighty!
 Hosannas ring in heaven and earth:
 'You are holy, Lord!'

Blessed is he who comes,
 who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Hosanna in excelsis,
 in excelsis!

(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.

Invitation

The Communion



The Great Silence

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

[Please kneel or sit]

The Post-Communion Prayers

***Lord God,
the source of truth and love:
Keep us faithful to the apostles'
teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of***

bread,
 and one in joy and simplicity of
 heart,
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Almighty God,
 we thank you for feeding us with
 the spiritual food
 of the body and blood of your Son
 Jesus Christ.
 Through him we offer you our souls
 and bodies
 to be a living sacrifice.
 Send us out in the power of your
 Spirit
 to live and work to your praise and
 glory. Amen.

The Blessing

[Please stand if you able]

Hymn No. 32 (O Lord my God)

O Lord my God! When I in awesome
 wonder
 consider all the works thy hand hath
 made,
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty
 thunder,
 thy pow'r throughout the universe
 displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God,
 to thee,
 How great thou art! How great thou
 art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God,
 to thee,
 How great thou art! How great thou
 art!*

When through the woods and forest
 glades I wander,
 and hear the birds sing sweetly in the
 trees;
 when I look down from lofty mountain
 grandeur,
 and hear the brook, and feel the
 gentle breeze:

And when I think that God, his Son
 not sparing,
 sent him to die - I scarce can take it
 in,
 that on the cross, my burden gladly
 bearing,
 he bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of
 acclamation
 and take me home - what joy shall fill
 my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration
 and there proclaim, my God, how great
 thou art!

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the
 Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

*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 after the 9.30 Service in the Monk Gibbon Hall and after the 11.00 Service in the South Transept of St Philip and St James' Church.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 8th September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church
11.00 NB Time Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Sunday 15th September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
11.00 NB Time Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).
18.00 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church followed by sausages and wedges in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 18th September 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 22nd September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
10.30 NB Time United Family Service to mark the Start of the School Year in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Wednesday 25th September 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 29th September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church **NB Venue**
10.30 NB Time United Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St Thomas' Church (live-streamed).

Special Preacher – The Very Rev. Stephen Forde, Dean of Belfast. Stephen was the first rector of the Grouped Parishes of Booterstown and Carysfort with Mount Merrion 1995-1999.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

on Tuesdays

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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Volunteers wanted to assist a service user in the Blackrock Barrett Cheshire Home to attend Sunday Services in St Philip and St James' Church.

Please contact the Rector if you would like to join a rota of helpers.

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2024
19.30 HOURS IN ST THOMAS'
CHURCH

BOOTERSTOWN AND **CARYSFORT**

SELECT VESTRY
THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2024
19.30 HOURS
IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH



Ad Hoc Choir

We will be singing John Rutter's *All Things Bright and Beautiful* at the United Harvest Thanksgiving in St Thomas' Church on Sunday 29th September 2024 at 10.30.

Choir practice is in St Thomas' Church at 7pm on:
 Wednesday 11th September 2024
 Wednesday 18th September 2024
 Wednesday 25th September 2024



150th Anniversary

Celebrations

Meeting

open to all to discuss ideas and events

St Thomas' Church

Monday 16th September 2024
7.30pm

Autumn Fair

Saturday 12th October 2024



Autumn Fair Meeting

Thursday 19th September 2024
7.30pm in St Philip and St James'
Church

Helpers Wanted with the Tea/Coffee/Juice in St Thomas' Church and in St Philip and St James' Church on a Sunday morning.

Please chat to Patricia Bedlow in St Thomas' Church or June Burgess in St Philip and St James' Church.

Thank you

to Catherine Thanaseelan and Adam McMurray who organised a most enjoyable Parish Potluck Picnic at Powerscourt Waterfall.

Colouring Section



Clean or Unclean?

