



### Greeting

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

### Hymn No. 207 (Heinlein)

Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled:

sunbeams, scorching all the day,  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
prowling beasts about thy way;  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Let us thy endurance share,  
and from earthly joys abstain,  
with thee watching unto prayer,  
with thee strong to suffer pain.

And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine;  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

### The Introduction to Baptism

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us  
that to enter the kingdom of heaven  
we must be born again of water and  
the Spirit,  
and he has given us baptism as the  
sign and seal of this new birth.  
Here we are washed by the Holy  
Spirit and made clean.

Here we are clothed with Christ,  
dying to sin that we may live his risen  
life.

As children of God, we have a new  
dignity  
and God calls us to fullness of life.



*[Please kneel or sit]*

### The Penitence

O God our Creator,  
we thank you for the gift of this  
precious child Noa; pure and  
innocent.

We now turn to you, to ask you to take from us those things that on our lives' journeys, have tarnished our purity and shattered our innocence.

*[Silence as we bring to mind those things for which we desire God's forgiveness.]*

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.**

### The Collect of the First Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
 and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
 give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
 and, as you know our weakness,  
 so may we know your power to save;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### The First Reading - Mark 10: 13-16

*The first reading is from the gospel according to Mark, chapter 10, beginning at verse 13.*

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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



### The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 136 (Winchester New)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
 announces that the Lord is nigh;  
 awake and hearken, for he brings  
 glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every heart from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch forth thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.



*(Please stand, if you are able)*

### **The Holy Gospel - Mark 1: 9-15**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Mark, chapter 1, beginning at verse 9.*

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***



**The Sermon**

## The Presentation

We welcome this child who comes to be baptized. I invite her sponsors to present her now.

*Sponsors:*

**We present Noa Jane Sutton to be baptized.**

Parents and godparents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Noa Jane for baptism and answer on her behalf? By your own prayers and example, by your teaching and love, will you encourage her in the life and faith of the Christian Community?

**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism this child begins her journey of faith.

You speak for her today.

Will you care for her and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

**With the help of God, we will.**

## The Decision

In baptism, God calls us from darkness to his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I do.**

Do you then renounce the devil and all his works?

**I do, by God's help.**

Will you obey and serve Christ?

**I will, by God's help.**

*The priest says to the whole congregation:*

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ.

Will you support them in this calling?

*The congregation answers:*

**We will support them.**

*During the singing of this hymn, the font is prepared for Noa's baptism and her big brothers Billy and Toby pour the water into the font.*

## Hymn No. 558 (Abba Father)

Abba Father, let me be yours, and yours alone.

May my will for ever be evermore your own.

Never let my heart grow cold,  
never let me go.

Abba Father, let me be yours, and yours alone.

## The Baptism

*The priest, Noa Jane, her family and godparents gather at the font and the priest begins the thanksgiving prayer.*



Praise God who made heaven and earth.

**Who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*[Shortened version of the Blessing of the Water]*

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life, and we thank you for the water of baptism.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, she may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may she walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The priest asks the parents and godparents:*

Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which Noa Jane is to be baptized?

**I do.**

*The priest addresses the whole congregation:*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with these candidates the faith of the Church.

*[Using a shortened version of the Apostle's Creed in question-and-answer form.]*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. Amen.**

*The priest baptizes by pouring water over Noa Jane saying:*

Noa Jane, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of Noa Jane, saying:*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.





Live as a disciple of Christ, fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

**Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

*The priest continues:*

God has called you into his Church.

*The congregation joins the priest, saying:*

**We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

### **Presentation of Bible and Candle**

*The Churchwardens, on behalf of the parish, present Noa with a Children's Bible and a lit candle. The Bible is to help her to learn more about God and his Son Jesus Christ and to grow in her faith, and the candle symbolises the light of Christ, which has been passed down through the centuries and which is today extended to Noa, that she may shine forth the light of Christ throughout her life.*



*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 Peace**

We are the body of Christ. By one spirit, we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds our common life together.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*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.*

**The Offertory Hymn - No. 94**  
**(Camberwell)** [Verses 1, 4, 5]

1. In the name of Jesus  
 every knee shall bow,  
 every tongue confess him  
 King of glory now;  
 'tis the Father's pleasure  
 we should call him Lord,  
 who from the beginning  
 was the mighty Word.

4. Humbled for a season,  
 to receive a name  
 from the lips of sinners  
 unto whom he came;  
 faithfully he bore it,  
 spotless to the last,  
 brought it back victorious  
 when from death he passed.

5. Bore it up triumphant  
 with its human light,  
 through all ranks of creature  
 to the central height;  
 to the eternal Godhead,  
 to the Father's throne,  
 filled it with the glory  
 of his triumph won.

**THE MINISTRY OF THE  
 SACRAMENT**

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

**The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 3**  
 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, Lord of all creation, we praise  
 you for your goodness and your love.  
 When we turned away you did not  
 reject us. You came to meet us in  
 your Son, welcomed us as your  
 children and prepared a table where  
 we might feast with you.  
 In Christ you shared our life that we  
 might live in him and he in us.  
***He opened wide his arms upon the  
 cross and, with love stronger than  
 death, he made the perfect  
 sacrifice for sin.***

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer, on  
 the night before you died you came to  
 table with your friends. Taking  
 bread, you gave thanks, broke it and  
 gave it to them saying,  
 Take, eat, this is my body which is  
 given for you; do this in remembrance  
 of me.

***Lord Jesus we bless you:  
 you are the bread of life.***

At the end of supper you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, Drink this, all of you; 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.  
**Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
 you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:  
**dying, you destroyed our death,  
 rising, you restored our life;  
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, come upon us now; may this bread and wine be to us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us, who know our need of grace, one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity: with your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise and lift our voice to join the song of heaven, for ever praising you and saying:

**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!**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### 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, and the  
 power, and the glory  
 for ever and ever. Amen.**



### The Breaking of the Bread

Jesus' disciples recognised him in the breaking of the bread:  
**may we recognise him in our midst  
 and in each other.**



## 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.*

*[Please kneel or sit]*

## The Post Communion Prayer

**Gracious God,  
in baptism you make us one family in  
Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and  
his blood,  
one in the communion of his Spirit.  
Help us to grow in love for one  
another and come to the full  
maturity of the body of Christ.  
Amen**

## Prayers for Noa Jane and her family

Father, we thank you that Noa Jane has now been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and has become your own child by adoption, and a member of your Church.

Grant that she may grow in the faith in which she has been baptized; grant that she herself may confess it when she comes to be confirmed; grant that she may bear witness to it by a life of service to others; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in her; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, bless the home of this child Noa. Bless her mum Laoise, her dad Andrew, her big brothers Billy and Toby, and her godparents Christine, Heather, Glenn and Ross. Give such grace and wisdom to all who have the care of her, that by their word and good example they may teach her to know and love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As we come to the blessing, we have a time of quiet:

we give thanks to God for the gift that Noa is...

we ask God's blessing on all those who are a part of Noa's life, all who have helped to make her into the precious little person that she is...

We think of all who are a part of the Sutton and Coady families...

### The Blessing

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in  
Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in  
the faith;  
and the Blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you  
always. **Amen.**

### Hymn - No. 94 (Camberwell)

[Verses 7-8]

7. In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true;  
crown him as your captain  
in temptation's hour,  
let his will enfold you  
in its light and power.

8. With his Father's glory  
Jesus comes again,  
angel hosts attend him  
and announce his reign;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

### The Closing Responses and Dismissal

God has delivered us from the  
domination of darkness and has given  
us a place with the saints in light.

Noa, you have received the light of  
Christ; walk in this light all the days  
of your life.

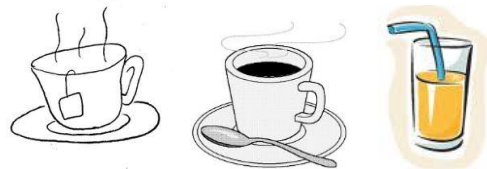
***Shine as a light in the world to the  
glory of God the Father.***

Go in the 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.*



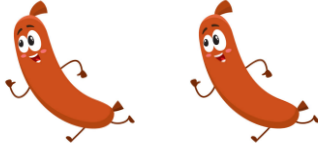
## Tea/Coffee/Juice

*You are warmly invited to  
tea/coffee/juice in the Monk  
Gibbon Hall after the 9.30  
Service in St Thomas' Church,  
and in the South Transept after  
the 11.00 Service in St Philip and  
St James' Church.*

# FORTHCOMING SERVICES

## TONIGHT!!

**18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church, followed by sausages and wedges**



**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Founder's Day Service for Scouting in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

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)

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

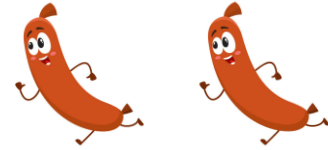
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

**18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church, followed by sausages and wedges**



**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – St Patrick's 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)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Palm Sunday**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Daffodil Service in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

*followed by Daffodil Coffee Morning and Bring-and-Buy in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre.*

## Holy Week

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

*20.00 Evening Service in St Thomas' Church*

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*20.00 Evening Service in St Philip and St James' Church*

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

*20.00 Evening Service in St Thomas' Church*

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Maundy**

**Thursday**

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

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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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**BOOTERSTOWN AND**

**CARYSFORT**

**SELECT VESTRY**

**THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**19.30 HOURS**

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

**MOUNT MERRION**

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING**

**MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM**



**Confirmation Class for teenagers**

**Next class is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**February 2024 at 18.30**

**St Philip and St James' Church**

**Confirmation and Enquirers**

**Class for adults is on Wednesday**

**21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 20.15**

**St Philip and St James' Church**



**Sunday Clubs**

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 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

All children who are toilet-trained are welcome!



**Daffodil Service and  
Daffodil Coffee Morning  
with Bring-and-Buy**

*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
2024*

8.30 United Service of Holy  
Communion - St Thomas'  
Church

**10.30 United Family  
Service for Daffodil Day -  
St Philip and St James'  
Church**

*followed by Daffodil Coffee Morning  
with Bring-and-Buy in St Philip and St  
James' Parish Centre*

At this Service, we will pray for those who are undergoing treatment for cancer, and for all who are involved in the healing and care of people with cancer; and for those who are undertaking research into the treatment and cure of cancer. We are going to give thanks for the recovery of those who have survived cancer and remember those who have died from cancer.

Tea/coffee will be served after the service in the South Transept of the church in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, and there will also be a Bring and Buy Stall in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.



## Lenten Challenge

**Gillian is off again!**

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

***Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February –  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024***

Lent is the season for examining ourselves and seeing how we can more fully reflect the life and love of Christ and his commandment to us to love our neighbour as ourselves. That means respecting and caring for others and for ourselves.

Therefore, again, this Lent, I am encouraging people to take up something that gives you a focus each day and that benefits you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

This year, I be walking 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.*

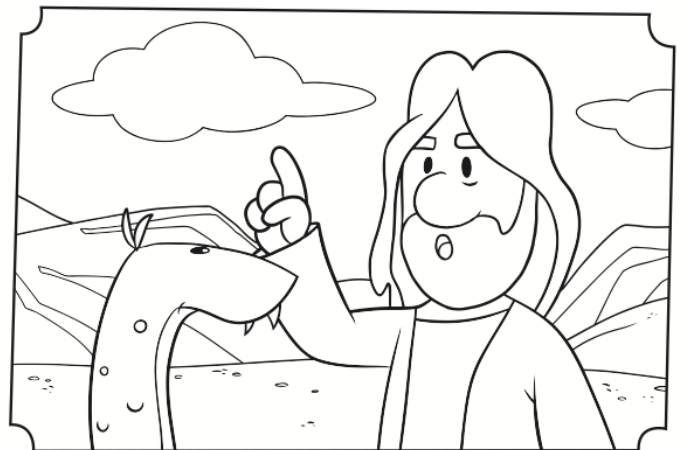
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## Colouring Section



Jesus spent 40 days in the desert, and the serpent came to tempt him. But Jesus used God's words to stand up to the serpent! Matthew 4

