



(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.

Now, Christ Lives Here (Blaenwern or Abbot's Leigh)

Now Christ lives here as he promised,
having once prepared the place:
now we live as kingdom people
shaped, re-shaped at frightening
pace;
now, whilst still we live and struggle
justice and earth's voice speak aloud
now immersed in this day's trouble
humble friends of Christ are proud!

Now the scriptures find their
meaning:
told, re-told, refined by toil.
Choking air may yet be fragrant;
fertile our degraded soil
now the teaching we have
sidestepped:
love for all we can't evade:
grace, forgiveness sets us free, in
joy to live as Jesus prayed.

Now and for our lives remaining;

laurels offer feeble rest.
Times and seasons shape commitment
by immediacy we are blessed.
Be not tempted by 'Good Old Days'
now, the days of Christ are best
Christ incarnate in earth's family
flesh and blood, God, manifest.

Yeast in dough and shining city
salt for earth and light for all
not as domineering tyrants
but as friends for this long-haul!
Every day, the chance to follow
not one step we walk in vain;
Green our God is, sending Spirit:
energy from buried grain

(Please stand if you are able)

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.

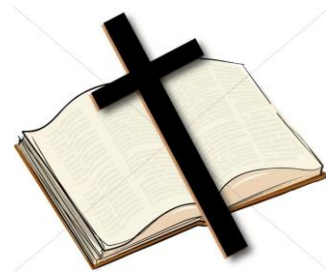
Amen.

Gloria - Hymn No. 197 Thanks and Praise (Taizé)

(1) Gloria, gloria (2) in excelsis Deo!

(3) Gloria, gloria, (4) alleluia, alleluia.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



(Please remain standing if you are able)

The Collect of the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord,

Hear the prayers of your people
who call upon you;

and grant that they may both
perceive and know

what things they ought to do,

and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Please sit)

The First Reading – Proverbs 1: 20-33

The first reading is from the Book of Proverbs, chapter 1, beginning at verse 20.

²⁰ Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
²¹ At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates
she speaks:
²² 'How long, O simple ones, will you
love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their
scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
²³ Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
²⁴ Because I have called and you
refused,
have stretched out my hand and no
one heeded,
²⁵ and because you have ignored all my
counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
²⁷ when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a
whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come
upon you.
²⁸ Then they will call upon me, but I
will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will
not find me.
²⁹ Because they hated knowledge

and did not choose the fear of
the Lord,
³⁰ would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
³¹ therefore they shall eat the fruit
of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
³² For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools
destroys them;
³³ but those who listen to me will be
secure
and will live at ease, without dread
of disaster.'

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

The Gradual Hymn – Hymn No. 606 (As the deer)

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you are my
brother,
even though you are a king.

I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.

(Please stand if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - Mark 8: 27-38

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Mark, chapter 8, beginning at verse 27.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' 28 And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' 29 He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up

their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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 our prayers
for the sake of your Son, our
Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*Please feel free to share the sign of peace as
you wish, be it a handshake, a smile or a
wave!*

(Please stand if you are able)



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.

*We recognise that some people dontate
online and so do not put anything in the
collection 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. 432 (Cresswell)

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with friends, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love is his way:

*Richer than gold is the love of my
Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast.
Christ at this table, host to the
twelve,
love, only love is his mark:

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our
joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood' -
love, only love, is his sign:

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this, he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood'
-
love, only love, is his news:

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, parents and kin,
love, only love, is his name:

Love is his name, love is his law,
hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another, I have loved you' -
love, only love, is his law:

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,

love of the Spirit, God, ever one,
love, only love, is his word:

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 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:

(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. 200 Thanks and Praise
(Scarborough Fair)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of endless power and might,
the earth, the heavens are full of
your love.*

Sing hosanna! Glory to God!

*Blest is he, the one who is sent
in the name of God the Most High.
O holy, holy, holy our Lord!
Sing hosanna! Glory to God!*

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

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



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.***

The Invitation

The Communion

*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 Great Silence

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

The Post Communion Prayers

*God of mercy,
through our sharing in this holy
sacrament
you make us one body in Christ.
Fashion us in his likeness here on
earth,
that we may share his glorious
company in heaven,
where he lives and reigns now and
for ever. Amen.*

*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

Hymn No. 80 (Faithfulness)

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my
Father,
there is no shadow of turning with
thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions,
they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt
be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy
faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies I
see;
all I have needed thy hand hath
provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto
me!*

*Summer and winter, and spring-time
and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses
above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and
love.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that
endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and
to guide;
strength for today and bright hope
for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand
beside!*

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.*



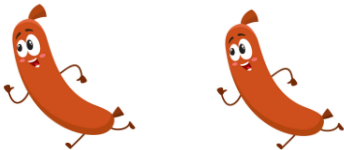
Tea/Coffee/Juice

*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**

TONIGHT!

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

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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 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.
