

(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. 366 (Praise, my soul)

Praise my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour to his people in distress; praise him, still the same for ever, slow to chide and swift to bless: Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise him! Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;

ye behold him face to face; sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace.

(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 Deol

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

The Ministry of the Word



(Please remain standing if you are able)

The Collect of the 3rd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
Give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise; that, among the many changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Please sit)

<u>The First Reading - Jeremiah 17:</u> 5-10

The first reading is from the book of the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 17, beginning at verse 5.

⁵ Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in
mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from
the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

8 They shall be like a tree planted by water,

sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

(Please stand if you are able)

<u>The Gradual Hymn - Blessed is the</u> Man - Psalm 1

Blessed is the man, the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly -

blessed is that man.

He who rejects the way, rejects the way of sin and who turns away from scoffing - blessed is that man.

But his delight - by day and night - is the law of God Almighty.

He is like a tree - a tree that flourishes being planted by the water - blessed is that man.

He will bring forth fruit - his leaf will wither not - for in all he does he prospers - blessed is that man.

For his delight - by day and night - is the law of God Almighty.

The ungodly are not so - for they are like the chaff which the wind blows clean away - the ungodly are not so.

The ungodly will not stand - upon the judgement day nor belong to God's own people - the ungodly will not stand.

But God knows the way of righteous men and ungodly ways will perish.

Blessed is the man, the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly - blessed is that man.

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The Holy Gospel - Luke 6: 17-26

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Luke, chapter 6, beginning at verse 17.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.
'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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.

(Please kneel or sit)

Amen.

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 stand if you are able)

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!

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 have resumed taking up collections. But we do recognise that many people give online and via Standing Order, and so 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. 494 (Beauty for brokenness)

[Verses 1-3]

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair, Lord, in your suff'ring world this is our prayer. Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace, sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase.

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion, we pray: melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain; come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills, work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak, voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear, cities for sanctu'ry, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green, Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

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

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

(Verses 3 & 4 of Hymn 715)

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!

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 Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave Jesus Christ to be for us
the bread of life,
that those who come to him should
never hunger.
Draw us to our Lord in faith and
love.

that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen

The Blessing

Hymn No. 494 (Beauty for brokenness) [Verses 4-5]

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams, plundered and poisoned - our future, our dreams.

Lord, end our madness,

carelessness, greed, make us content with

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us compassion, we pray: melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain; come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame, until your justice burns brightly again; until the nations learn of your ways, seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

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.



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

<u>Wednesday 19th February 2025</u> 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

<u>Sunday 23rd February 2025 – NB Times</u> <u>and Venues</u>

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church10.30 United Service for Founder's Day (Scouting) in St Thomas' Church





Wednesday 26th February 2025 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 2nd March 2025

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

<u>Wednesday 5th March 2025</u> 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 9th March 2025

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

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 March 2025 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 16th March 2025

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

Wednesday 19th March 2025 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 23rd March 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church 10.30 United Daffodil Service in St Philip and St James' Church

<u>Wednesday 26th March 2025</u> 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

<u>Sunday 30th March 2025 – Mothering</u> <u>Sunday</u>

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church 9.30 Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church



Monday 24th February 2025 19.30 hours *via Zoom*



St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet at 9.30 in the Monk Gibbon Hall and 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 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
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Daffodil Service followed by Daffodil Coffee Morning with Bring-and-Buy

Sunday 23rd March 2025

8.30 Holy Communion - St Thomas' Church

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

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 parish hall, in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, and there will also be a Bring and Buy Stall in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.



World Day of Prayer

is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. In March every year, women in over 170 countries join together in a common Day of PrayerService

Friday 7th March 2025

The Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock.

3pm