



*(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. 346 (Angel voices)

Angel voices, ever singing  
round thy throne of light;  
angel harps, for ever ringing,  
rest nor day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee,  
and confess thee,  
Lord of might.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds, and hands and  
voices,

in our choicest  
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit,  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessèd Trinity.  
of the best that thou hast given,  
earth and heaven  
render thee.

*(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]*

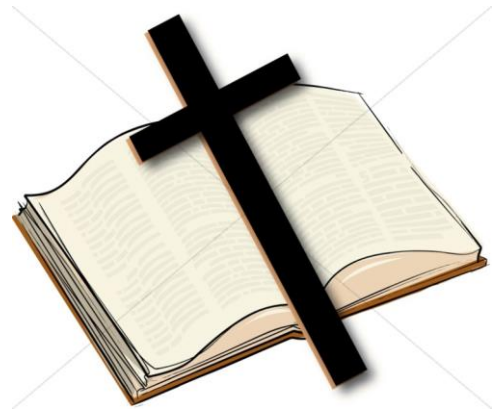
***Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.***

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. 355 (Holy is the Lord)**

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**



*(Please remain standing if you are able)*

## **The Collect of the Second Sunday before Advent**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
Grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory,  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*(Please sit)*

### **The First Reading - 1Thessalonians**

**5: 1-11** *The first reading is from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians, chapter 5, beginning at verse 1.*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

### **The Gradual Hymn - Hymn No. 598**

#### **(Take this moment)**

Take this moment, sign and space;  
take my friends around;  
here among us make the place  
where your love is found.

Take the time to call my name,  
take the time to mend  
who I am and what I've been,  
all I've failed to tend.

Take the tiredness of my days,  
take my past regret;  
letting your forgiveness touch  
all I can't forget.

Take the little child in me,  
scared of growing old;  
help me here to find my worth  
made in Christ's own mould.

Take my talents, take my skills,  
take what's yet to be;  
let my life be yours, and yet  
let it still be me.

*(Please stand if you are able)*

### **The Holy Gospel - Matthew 25: 14-30**

*Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 25, beginning at verse 14.*

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

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

<sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is

yours." <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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 be seated*

## Remembering Loved Ones...

Elci Faulim Quadros  
Mick Beatty  
Clive Douglas

### Musical Reflection – The Lord Bless You and Keep you by John Rutter

A time to reflect while our organist, Charles Pearson plays *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* by John Rutter.

*(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.**

*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. 429 (Living Lord)

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have come to us,  
you are one with us,  
Mary's son  
cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for your we sing,  
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
now and every day  
teach us how to pray,  
Son of God.  
you have commanded us to do  
this, in remembrance, Lord of you;  
into our lives your power breaks  
through,  
Living Lord.



Lord Jesus Christ,  
 you have come to us,  
 born as one of us,  
 Mary's son -  
 sent out to die on Calvary,  
 risen from death to set us free;  
 living Lord Jesus, help us see  
 you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
 we would come to you,  
 live our lives for you,  
 Son of God;  
 all your commands we know are true,  
 your many gifts will make us new;  
 into our lives your power breaks  
 through,  
 living Lord.

## 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:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!*

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

*Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope.  
Bring us at the last to that pure life for which we long,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

**Hymn No. 487 (From strength to strength)**

Soldiers of Christ, arise,  
and put your armour on,  
strong in the strength which God  
supplies  
through his eternal Son;  
strong in the Lord of hosts,  
and in his mighty power;  
who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
is more than conqueror.

Stand, then, in his great might,  
with all his strength endued;  
and take, to arm you for the fight,  
the panoply of God.

To keep your armour bright  
attend with constant care,  
still walking in your Captain's sight  
and watching unto prayer.

From strength to strength go on,  
wrestle, and fight and pray;  
tread all the powers of darkness  
down,  
and win the well-fought day;  
that, having all things done,  
and all your conflicts past,  
ye may o'ercome, through Christ  
alone,  
and stand complete at last.

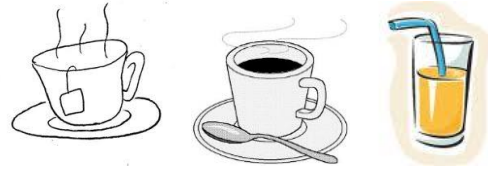
**The Dismissal**

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.*



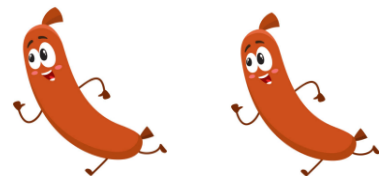
## Tea/Coffee/Juice

*You are warmly invited to  
tea/coffee/juice 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 - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

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



**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023.**

***10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St  
Thomas' Church***

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church  
10.30 United Service of the Word in in St  
Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

***10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St  
Thomas' Church***



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**

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 (live-streamed)

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**

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 (live-streamed)

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

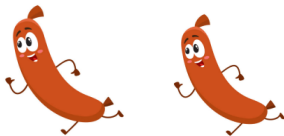
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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 (live-streamed)

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

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*19.00 St Andrew's College Junior School Carol Service in St Philip and St James' Church*

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

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

19.00 Carols by Candlelight in St Thomas' Church (live-streamed)

*followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Monk Gibbon Hall*

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church*

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*12.00 Booterstown National School Carol Service in St Philip and St James' Church*

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

*11.00 Ecumenical School Carol Service for Booterstown National School, Our Lady of Mercy Girls' School and St Mary's Boys' School in St Philip and St James' Church*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Christmas****Eve**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United A Quiet Christmas in St Thomas' Church

**22.00 The First Communion of Christmas - St Thomas' Church**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Christmas****Day**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Family Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Family Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

***No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church***

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St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet on the following Sundays at 9.30 in The Monk Gibbon Hall:  
3 December 2023

St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet on the following Sundays at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre:  
3 December 2023

We would welcome more Sunday Club Leaders. If you would like to find out more about helping, please contact the Rector.



### **Healer Prayer Group**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
20.00 hours *via Zoom*

### **MOUNT MERRION**

SELECT VESTRY MEETING  
TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2023  
19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM

### **BOOTERSTOWN AND**

### **CARYSFORT**

SELECT VESTRY MEETING  
THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023  
19.30 HOURS IN THE PARISH ROOM  
OF ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'  
PARISH CENTRE

### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

Tuesday 3.30pm—4.10pm  
In-person meetings in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre but we will meet

occasionally via Zoom.  
Contact Irene on 087-2755423  
[irene.reid1052@gmail.com](mailto:irene.reid1052@gmail.com)

*Please note that there will be no Christian Meditation on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023.*



## **Confirmation**

### **Class for teenagers**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023**  
**at 18.30 hours in**  
**St Philip and St James' Church**  
**NB Time!**

Please note that Confirmation preparation for adults will take place separately – please contact the Rector.

## ***Ad Hoc Choir Practice***

*for the Carols by Candlelight*

*Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023*  
*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023*  
*Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023*  
*at*

***7.30pm in St Thomas' Church***

# ***Sponsor a Chair*** ***for*** ***St Philip and St James'*** ***Church***

There are still chairs available for donation or sponsorship. The cost of a chair is €275 (including the brass plaque and engraving). If you would like more information about donating or sponsoring a chair, please contact the Honorary Treasurer, Quentin Teggin at [qtteggin@gmail.com](mailto:qtteggin@gmail.com) or the Rector.



## ***PJ's Christmas Craic-er!***

*Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023*

*10.30-12.30*

*St Philip and St James' Church*

***A Christmas Get-Together for chat and craic!***

***Tea/Coffee/Juice with Scones and Mince Pies, Ice Cream, Raffle, Bring-and-Buy Stall, Pin the Tail on the Reindeer and Christmas Lucky Dip... and... Santa Claus.***

