

<u>Greeting</u>

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

<u>Opening Responses</u> Father God, you welcome us. **We are glad to call you our father.**

Father God, you shelter us. *We are glad to call you our father.*

Father God, you delight in us. *We are glad to call you our father.*

Hymn No. 652 (Mannheim)

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee; yet possessing every blessing, if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us, all our weakness thou dost know;

thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe; self denying, death defying, thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy, love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy; thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

(Please stand, if you are able)

<u>Collect for Purity</u> 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.

(Please sit or kneel)

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.

(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*.

(Please stand, if you are able)

<u>Gloria to the tune of 'In An English</u> <u>Country Garden'</u> 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, 4

reigning over all creation. To the Father, the Son and Spirit, Three in One, be eternal acclamation!

<u>The Collect of the 3rd Sunday after</u> <u>Trinity</u>

Almighty God,

you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts

whereby we call you Father:

Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,

that we and all creation may be brought

to the glorious liberty of the children of God;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Epistle - 2 Corinthians 5: 6-13

The epistle is from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 5, beginning at verse 6.

6 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God. and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all: therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of

view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

<u>The Gradual Hymn – Father God, I</u> <u>Wonder</u>

Father God, I wonder how I managed to exist without the knowledge of your parenthood and your loving care. But now I am your child I am adopted in your family and I can never be alone, 'cause Father God you're there beside me.

- I will sing your praises,
- I will sing your praises,
- I will sing your praises for evermore.
- I will sing your praises,
- I will sing your praises,
- I will sing your praises for evermore.

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Holy Gospel - Mark 4: 26-34

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Saint Mark, chapter 4, beginning at verse 26. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** 26 He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

30 He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*.

everything in private to his disciples.

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)

<u>Intercessions</u> God, who Jesus called father, *hear our prayers*.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Please stand, if you are able)

<u>The Peace</u>

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



<u>The Offertory Hymn – Hymn for</u> <u>Father's Day (Bunessan)</u>

[Words by Murdoch MacKenzie]

Child in the manger, friend of the stranger, mothered by Mary, conceived by God. Part of a fam'ly, loving and holy, how we adore you, Jesus, our Lord.

Suckled by Mary, nurtured by Joseph, learning his trade with hammer and wood. Taught by his father to make yokes easy, as a good joiner certainly should.

Today we thank you for our own fathers, who with our mothers, teach us your ways; loving and guiding, always providing, hoping and praying, singing your praise.

Thus may we honour father and mother, those you have given for us to love. May they be treasured, gratefully cared for while our life's measured by God above.

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.

<u>The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer 3</u> 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

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

of me.

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



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



The Great Silence

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

The Post-Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: give us a glimpse of your glory on earth but shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

The Blessing

May God our Father keep you in his love,

and be your comfort and your strength.

May God be your hope and support, your light and your protector.

May the Father who never ceases to care for us,

Watch over your going out and your coming in,

From this time on and for evermore. *Amen.*

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.

<u>The Dismissal</u>

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.

Forthcoming Services

<u>Wednesday 19th June 2024</u> 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 23rd June 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and StJames' Church9.30 Holy Baptism in St Thomas' Church11.00 Service of the Word in St Philip and StJames' Church

<u>Wednesday 26th June 2024</u> 10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 30th June 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church
9.30 Service of Wholeness and Healing in St Thomas' Church
11.00 Service of the Wholeness and Healing in St Philip and St James' Church

Services in July 2024

<u>First Sunday of the month:</u> 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church **10.30 NB Time** Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

<u>Second Sunday of the month:</u> 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church **10.30 NB Time** Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

<u>Third Sunday of the month:</u> 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church **10.30 NB Time** Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

<u>Fourth Sunday of the month:</u> 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church **10.30 NB Time** Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Fifth Sunday of the month (only applies in July): 8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church **10.30 NB Time** Service of Wholeness and Healing in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Services in August 2024

8.30 and 10.30 – Venues to be confirmed

<u>Wednesdays in July and August 2023</u> As announced

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon 3.30pm—4.10pm In the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre Contact Irene on 087-2755423 <u>irene.reid1052@gmail.com</u>

MOUNT MERRION SELECT VESTRY

MEETING Monday 24th June 2024 19.30 hours on Zoom

BOOTERSTOWN AND

CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2024 19.30 HOURS

IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' CHURCH

Colouring Section

