

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Greeting and Welcome
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Whoever we are, we are known to God.

Whatever we've done, we are loved by God.

Hymn No. 513 (Daniel)

O Christ, the Healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.

How can we fail to be restored, when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamour to be freed; yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves!

Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health we recognise the world's disease; our common life declares our ills: is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and prosper humankind.



[Please kneel or sit]

Preparation

God, we are here, we have come to this service to take some time to be with you, to meet as your family, joined in spirit and purpose.

We are joining together because this is what we need and where we need to be.

together seeking your wholeness, healing and love.

And so here we are, God, some of us are angry, many of us are afraid, but we're here, and we tell you in the silence all that burdens us and troubles us,

and we offload to you all sorts of things...

the things that make us feel guilty or ashamed or weigh heavily on us... the things that grip us in fear and cause a knot in our stomachs... the things that hurt so much that the pain is physical as well as emotional...

[Short Silence]

Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.

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Christe, Christe, eleison. Christe, Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, Kryie, eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.

Listen then to Jesus, feel his touch, know his love, know that he is listening intently to you, both to what you might say out loud and what you say in the silence of your heart...

Through Jesus God says to us: 'I hear you, you are forgiven, you are loved, you are free.' *Amen*.

The Collect of the 5th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth

to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

The Word of God



[Please sit]

The First Reading - Psalm 130: 1-

The first reading is from the book of Psalms, chapter 130, beginning at verse 1.

1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear my voice; \(\int \) let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, ♦

O Lord, who could stand?

3 But there is forgiveness with you, ◆

so that you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits

for him; ♦
in his word is my hope.

- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, ♦ more than the night watch for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, ♦ for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him is plenteous redemption ♦ and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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

Hymn Peace is Flowing (Pie Jesu by Lloyd Webber) [Verses 1 and 2]

Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me, spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free, setting all the captives free.

Love is flowing...

[Please sit]

The Second Reading - Mark 5: 21-43

The second reading is from the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Saint Mark, chapter 5, beginning at verse 21.

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better. but rather grew worse. 27 She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. 28 for she said. 'If I but touch his clothes. I will be made well.' 29 Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' 31 And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?" ' 32He looked all round to see who had done it. 33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. 34He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you

well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. 38 When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. 39When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' 40 And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' 42 And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

Hymn Peace is Flowing (Pie Jesu by Lloyd Webber) [Verses 3 and 4]

Faith is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me, spreading out into the desert, setting all the captives free, setting all the captives free.

Hope is flowing...

The Sermon

(Please stand, if you are able)

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our Christian faith:

All:

I believe in God, who is love and who has given the earth to all people.

I believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us, and to free us from all kinds of oppression.

I believe in the Spirit of God, who works in and through all who are turned towards the truth.

I believe in the community of

faith, which is called to be at the service of all people.

I believe in God's promise to finally destroy the power of sin in us all, and to establish the kingdom of justice and peace for all people.

Group A:

I do not believe in the right of the strongest,

nor the force of arms, nor the power of oppression.

Group B:

I believe in human rights, in the solidarity of all people, in the power of non-violence.

Group A:

I do not believe in racism, nor the power that comes from wealth and privilege,

or in any established order that enslaves.

Group B:

I believe that all men and women are equally human, that order based on violence and injustice is not order.

Group A:

I do not believe that war and hunger are inevitable and peace unattainable.

Group B:

I believe in beauty and simplicity, in love with open hands, in peace on earth.

All:

I do not believe that suffering needs to be in vain, that death is the end.

that the disfigurement of the world is what God intended.

But I dare to believe, always and in spite of everything,

in God's power to transform and transfigure,

fulfilling the promise of a new heaven and a new earth where justice and peace will flourish.

(adapted from a creed from Indonesia, in Dare to Dream: A Prayer & Worship Anthology from around the world)

Hymn No. 514 (Ye banks and braes)

We cannot measure how you heal or answer every sufferer's prayer; yet we believe your grace responds where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,

survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past,

the fear of what the future holds, are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside, the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help,

and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world

are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spirit meet us here to mend the body, mind and soul, to disentangle peace from pain and make your broken people whole.

[Please kneel or sit]

Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.



The Invitation

Look, Lord, on your children, who love your name and need your care. Let your hands be known in the touch of friends.

During the laying-on-of-hands, Charles will play Pachelbel's "Canon in D Major" and Bach's "Sheep May Safely Graze"; those who wish to receive the laying on of hands should come forward and kneel at the Communion Rails. When hands have been laid and prayer said, you may return to your seat.

The rest of the congregation is invited to reflect and to pray silently or to meditate.

Meditation

When I fell, I grazed my knee or banged my head or hurt my arm.
You put on a plaster or rubbed it better and told me it would be all right. You touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When I was in pain, you used your skill and applied your fingers and manipulated my body until you made it right. You touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

and part of my body would not work or was causing distress, you tested and probed and used your skill with a scalpel. With my body in your hands you touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When there was something wrong

When I was depressed and life was dark and empty, you put your arms around me and told me you loved me and kindled a light within my soul. You touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When I was in anguish, watching a loved one suffer, stunned by disappointment, expecting bad news, you sat with me holding my hand, supporting me with your silent touch, and told me it would be all right.

You touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When grief was raw and my life blown apart, you held me while I cried a river of tears into your shoulder till I could weep no more. You touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When life was a burden and work was stressful, or things had not worked out as planned, or my body was never going to work properly again, or grief and disappointment still nagged, you touched my shoulder, letting me know that you understood.
You touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When I come to worship bringing all my needs and concerns, which you may or may not know, you take my hands in yours. You say, 'The peace of the Lord', God's healing shalom. you touched me then and as you did, so did Christ.

When I come to your sanctuary, with my worries, my concerns, with my illness, my anxiety, with the names of friends and precious ones, and others whom I do not really know, written in my heart, silently upon my lips, and ask for your healing, you touch me, O Christ. When others touched me, so you did then. As hands upon me now, you touch me, O Christ, and make me whole.

The Lord's Prayer

We recognise that many people donate online and so won't be putting 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.

Hymn No. 496 (Alleluia, dulce carmen)

For the healing of the nations,

Lord, we pray with one accord, for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned: pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator-God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind; that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

The Blessing

When the going is rough God will wipe away our tears.

We are God's people and we are held in love.

May God keep you ever in his care and lead your lives with love.

May his warm welcome shine from all our hearts, and may Christ's own peace prevail through every day, and the Blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, this day and forever more. **Amen.**

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You are warmly invited to tea/coffee/juice in the South Transept after the 11.00 service in St Philip and St James' Church.

Unfortunately, there is no tea/coffee after the 9.30 service this morning.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

<u>Wednesday 3rd July 2024 – St Thomas'</u> <u>Day</u>

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church,

followed by lunch at 12.00 noon in The Willow Room of Gleesons Restaurant

Sunday 7th July 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (livestreamed).

Sunday 14th July 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Sunday 21st July 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (livestreamed).

Special Preacher – The Rev. Canon Paul Willoughby (Rector of Booterstown and Carysfort 1992-1994)

Sunday 28th July 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 NB Time Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church (livestreamed).

Services in August 2024

8.30 and 10.30 – Venues to be confirmed

Wednesdays in July and August 2023
As announced

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

is on a break and will resume on Tuesday 6th August 2024

3.30pm—4.10pm
In the Canon Osborne Barr Room
of St Philip and St James' Parish
Centre

Contact Irene on 087-2755423 irene.reid1052@gmail.com

Autumn Fair Meeting

Tuesday 2nd July 2024 Canon Osborne Barr Room 7.30pm



Autumn Fair -Saturday 12th October 2024

HERITAGE WEEK

Both Select Vestries have decided to open the churches during Heritage Week to facilitate people popping in to see inside both churches. Volunteers to be present in the churches for those times would be appreciated.

St Philip and St James' Church

Sunday 18 August 2024 12pm-3pm.

Thursday 22 August 2024 5pm-8pm

St Thomas' Church

Friday 23 August 2024 - evening – time to be confirmed



150th Anniversary Celebrations Meeting

open to all to discuss ideas and events

St Thomas' Church

Monday 16th September 2024 7.30pm

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY
WEDNESDAY 28TH AUGUST
2024
19.30 HOURS
IN ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MEETING

MONDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

2024
19.30 HOURS IN ST THOMAS'

CHURCH

Thank you

to all who organised and helped at the 200th
Anniversary Party
(Hog Roast and BBQ)
last Saturday. It was a wonderful evening.
Thank you to Andrew Bradley, Alexa Mitchell, Rachel Neeson, Viola Brady, Denise Richards and June Burgess.