



[Please stand, if you are able]

The Gathering of God's People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Opening Hymn No. 643 (Slane (1))

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my
heart,
naught be all else to me, save that
thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and
the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my
light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true
word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me,
Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true
heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

Be thou my breast-plate, my sword
for the fight;
be thou my armour, and be thou my
might;

thou my soul's shelter, and thou my
high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of
my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty
praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my
days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my
heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou
art!

High King of heaven, when the battle
is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright
heaven's sun,
Christ of my own heart, whatever
befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Preface

Beloved in Christ,
we come together to offer to
Almighty God our worship and praise
and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive
God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the
needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his
Spirit we may serve him and know the
greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

[Please kneel or sit]

Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and
against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done and by what
we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of
all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life to the glory of your
name. Amen.

Merciful Lord,
 grant to your faithful people pardon
 and peace,
 that we may be cleansed from all our
 sins,
 and serve you with a quiet mind;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

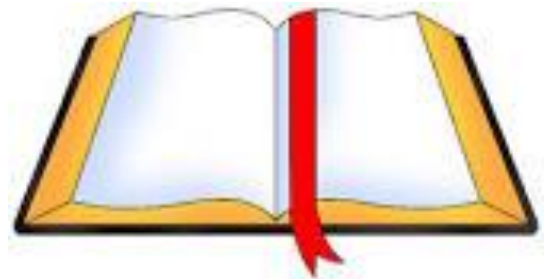
[Please stand, if you are able]

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your
praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.



[Please sit]

The First Reading - 2 Kings 2: 1-12

The first reading is from the second book of Kings, chapter 2, beginning at verse 1.

2Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

4 Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

6 Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a

whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Here ends the First Reading.

Psalm - Hymn No. 484 (Crucifer)

[Verses 1-4]

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred
name!*

1. Come, Christians, follow where our
captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ the Son of
God:
2. Each new-born soldier of the
crucified
is signed with the cross, of the seal
of him who died:
3. This is the sign that Satan's armies
fear
and angels veil their faces to revere:
4. Saved by the cross on which their
Lord was slain,
see Adam's children their lost home
regain:

[Please sit]

The Second Reading - Mark 9: 2-9

The second reading is from the Gospel according to St Mark, chapter 9, beginning at verse 2.

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Here ends the Second Reading.

Canticle - Hymn No. 484 (Crucifer)

[Verses 5-8]

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim*

*till all the world adore his sacred
name!*

5. From north and south, from east
and west they raise
in growing unison their songs of
praise:

6. Let every race and every language
tell
of him who saves our souls from death
and hell!

7. Lord Christ, once lifted high on
Calvary's tree,
as thou promised, draw us all to thee:

8. Set up thy throne, that earth's
despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing
peace:

[Please stand, if you are able]

The Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,***

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

[Please sit or kneel]

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

The Versicles and Responses

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
and grant our government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with
righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people

*and bless those whom you have
chosen.*

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
*and let your glory be over all the
earth.*

O God, make clean our hearts within
us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Sunday before Lent

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the
cross:

Give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to
suffer with him

and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory:

who is alive and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for use at Morning Prayer

*Heavenly Father,
in whom we live and move and have
our being:*

*we humbly pray that your Holy
Spirit may so guide and govern us
that in all the cares and occupations
of our daily life,*

we may never forget your presence

*but may remember that we are
always walking in your sight,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

The Prayers of the People



Hymn No. 620

*O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.*

The Sermon

If you wish to donate to the church online or electronically, the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.

Hymn No. 647 (Cwm Rhondda)

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.*

*Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;*

*let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.*

The Blessing

*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!!

NB Sausage Service moved to 18th February 2024 due to half-term

Wednesday 14th February 2024 – Ash

Wednesday

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

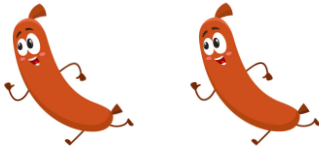
Sunday 18th February 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion and Holy Baptism 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 21st February 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 25th February 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Founder's Day Service for Scouting in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Service of the Word in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Wednesday 28th February 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 3rd March 2024

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 (live-streamed)

Wednesday 6th March 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

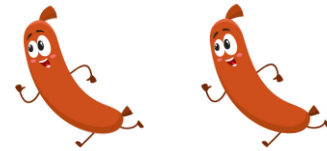
Sunday 10th March 2024

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 (live-streamed)

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



Wednesday 13th March 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 17th March 2024 – St Patrick's Day

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 (live-streamed)

Wednesday 20th March 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 24th March 2024 – Palm Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

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

followed by Daffodil Coffee Morning and Bring-and-Buy in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre.

Holy Week

Monday 25th March

20.00 Evening Service in St Thomas' Church

Tuesday 26th March 2024

20.00 Evening Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Wednesday 27th March 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

20.00 Evening Service in St Thomas' Church

Thursday 28th March 2024 - Maundy

Thursday

20.00 The Last Supper – Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Friday 29th March 2024 – Good Friday

14.00 Meditation on the Cross in St Thomas' Church

20.00 Ecumenical Prayers at the Cross in St Philip and St James' Church



Sunday 31st March 2024 –

Easter Day

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 (live-streamed)

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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BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2024

19.30 HOURS

IN THE PARISH ROOM (BACK ROOM)
OF ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
PARISH CENTRE

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY MEETING

MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2024

19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM



Confirmation Class for teenagers

Next class is on Wednesday 21st

February 2024 at 18.30

St Philip and St James' Church

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



Sunday Clubs

Our Sunday Clubs have had very enjoyable gatherings over the past few months.

St Philp and St James' Sunday will meet on the following dates:

Sunday 25th February 2024

Sunday 10th March 2024

Sunday 28th April 2024

Sunday 12th May 2024

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet on the following dates:

Sunday 11th February 2024

Sunday 3rd March 2024

Sunday 21st April 2024

Sunday 12th May 2024

All children who are toilet-trained are welcome!



Daffodil Service and Daffodil Coffee Morning with Bring-and-Buy

Sunday 24th March 2024

8.30 United Service of Holy
Communion - St Thomas'
Church

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

*followed by Daffodil Coffee Morning
with Bring-and-Buy in St Philip and St
James' Parish Centre*

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.



Lenten Challenge

Gillian is off again!

**She is walking at least 5km
every day of Lent 2024.**

***Wednesday 14th February –
Saturday 30th March 2024***

Lent is the season for examining ourselves and seeing how we can

more fully reflect the life and love of Christ and his commandment to us to love our neighbour as ourselves. That means respecting and caring for others and for ourselves.

Therefore, again, this Lent, I am encouraging people to take up something that gives you a focus each day and that benefits you physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

This year, I be walking each day for my physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing and for the victims of the conflict between Palestine and Israel.

(channelled through the Bishops' Appeal to Christian Aid who are working on the ground with local agencies), and to assist with the rebuilding of Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza which was founded and is managed by the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem (which covers Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Israel). It is the only Christian hospital in the Gaza strip and the only cancer hospital in Gaza. It normally treats approximately 45,000 patients a year. Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza welcomes all people regardless of their faith or background.

You can make a donation by online banking to
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