



[Please stand if you are able]

Greeting and Introduction

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Opening Responses

As summer sun gives way to autumn
chill,
bright glare turning to yellow light,
shadows lengthening and leaves
falling,
***we move and change with the cycles
of the seasons.***

As timetables and programmes
restart in unfamiliar ways
and new activities begin to take
shape,
as colleges, schools and churches gear
up for a new season,
***we move and change with the cycles
of the seasons.***

As patterns in our lives shift and
change
with family losses and new
relationships,

altering our perception of ourselves
and those around,
***we move and change with the cycles
of the seasons.***

Hymn No. 372 (Wiltshire)

Through all the changing scenes of
life,

in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance he affords to all
who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love,
experience will decide
how blessed are they, and only they,
who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight,
your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

[Please kneel or sit]

Prayer of Confession

For the right roads we avoided
travelling,
and the kindly words we refused to
share;
for the importance and fixation we
have on objects and frivolous notions,
and the true selves we have starved
of love...
God, by your grace,
forgive us.

For the hidden hurts we have held on
to, too tightly,
and the promises we never kept;
for the careless use of our time and
money and the lame excuses we should
never have made,
God, by your grace,
forgive us.

For all we should be
and all we can amend,
God, in your love,
renew us.

For all you have in store for us
and all you may demand of us,
God, in your love,
prepare us.

For the life of the world
and the love of its people
God, in your love,
commit us.

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

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

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

Hear and believe the words of Jesus:
Your sins are forgiven.
Go in peace.
Come and follow me. ***Amen.***

The Collect of the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear
witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the
world to yourself:
Help us to proclaim the good news of
your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to
you;
through him who was lifted up on the
cross,
and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

The Ministry of the Word

[Please sit]

The First Reading - Ephesians 6: 10-17

The first reading is from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians, chapter 6, beginning at verse 10.

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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

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Hymn No. 10 Thanks and Praise (Be Bold, Be Strong)

Be bold, be strong,
for the Lord, your God, is with you;
be bold, be strong,
for the Lord, your God, is with you!
I am not afraid,
I am not dismayed,
for I'm walking in faith and victory:
come on and walk in faith and victory,
for the Lord, your God, is with you.

[Please sit]

The Second Reading - John 6: 60-69

The second reading is from the Gospel according to John, chapter 6, beginning at verse 60.

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you?' ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' ⁶⁶ Because

of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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



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Hymn No. 61 Thanks and Praise

I'll Go in the Strength of the Lord

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
in paths he has marked for my feet;
I'll follow the light of his word,
nor shrink from the dangers I meet.
His presence my steps shall attend,
his fullness my wants shall supply;
on him, till my journey shall end,
my unwavering faith shall rely.

*I'll go, (I'll go), I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.
I'll go, (I'll go), I'll go in the strength,
I'll go in the strength of the Lord.*

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
to work he appoints me to do;
in joy which his smile doth afford
my soul shall her vigour renew.
His wisdom shall guard me from harm,
his power my sufficiency prove;
I'll trust his omnipotent arm,
and prove his unchangeable love.

I'll go in the strength of the Lord,
to conflicts which faith will require;
his grace as my shield and reward,
my courage and zeal shall inspire.
Since he gives the word of command,
to meet and encounter the foe,
with his sword of truth in my hand,
to suffer and triumph I'll go.

The Sermon

[Please stand if you are able]

Affirmation of Faith

With the whole Church
we affirm

**that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ,
empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere
we affirm

**God's goodness at the heart of
humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is
wrong.**

With all creation
we celebrate
the miracle and wonder of life;
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the
world.

[Please stand if you are able]

Hymn No. 102 Thanks and Praise
(My Jesus, My Saviour)

My Jesus, my Saviour,
 Lord, there is none like you.
 All of my days I want to praise
 the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
 tower of refuge and strength,
 let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
 never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let
 us sing
 power and majesty, praise to the King.
 Mountains bow down and the seas will
 roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your
 hands.
 For ever I'll love you, for ever I'll
 stand.
 Nothing compares to the promise I
 have in you.

[Please kneel or sit]

The Prayers

Jesus Christ, Son of God:
hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer



Collection

The offering will be received during the singing of this hymn. You may wish to donate to the church online or electronically and the treasurers would be happy to give you the required details.

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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 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! 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! 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.

The Blessing

May God, who is constant in the
changing seasons,
bless you and reassure you by
presence.

In moving from summer sun to autumn
glow,
***Spirit of change, give us hope and
courage.***

In letting go of what we have known,
***Spirit of change, give us hope and
courage.***

In the shifting patterns of our lives,
***Spirit of change, give us hope and
courage.***

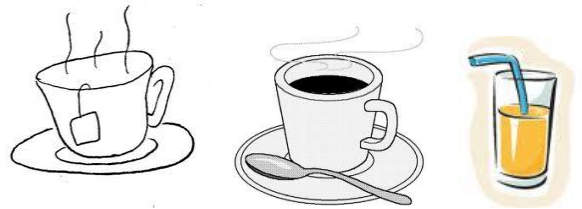
In In embarking on new ventures,
***Spirit of change, give us hope and
courage.***

In the shifting confusion that swirls
around us,
***Spirit of change, give us hope and
courage.***

In the hope of renewal and a better
tomorrow,
***Spirit of change, give us hope and
courage.***

*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 South
Transept of the church after this
Service.*

FORTHCOMING **SERVICES**

Wednesday 28th August 2024
10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service
in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 1st September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
 9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
11.00 NB Time Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Sunday 8th September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
 9.30 Morning Prayer in St Thomas' Church
11.00 NB Time Morning Prayer in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Sunday 15th September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
 9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
11.00 NB Time Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).
 18.00 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church followed by sausages and wedges in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 18th September 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 22nd September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church
10.30 NB Time United Family Service to mark the Start of the School Year in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed).

Wednesday 25th September 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 29th September 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church **NB Venue**
10.30 NB Time United Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St Thomas' Church (live-streamed).

Special Preacher – The Very Rev. Stephen Forde, Dean of Belfast. Stephen was the first rector of the Grouped Parishes of Booterstown and Carysfort with Mount Merrion 1995-1999.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

on Tuesdays

3.30pm—4.10pm

in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre

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**PARISH
 POTLUCK PICNIC
 POWERSCOURT
 WATERFALL**

TODAY!**13.00 – 16.00 HOURS****Entrance Fee:**

Family (2 adults & 3 kids) €19

Adults €7.50 Seniors €6.50

Child €3.50 (Under 2s free)

****To be paid at the gate***

Volunteers wanted to assist a service user in the Blackrock Barrett Cheshire Home to attend Sunday Services in St Philip and St James' Church.

Please contact the Rector if you would like to join a rota of helpers.

**BOOTERSTOWN AND
CARYSFORT**
SELECT VESTRY

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

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2024
**19.30 HOURS IN ST THOMAS'
CHURCH**



Ad Hoc Choir

We will be singing John Rutter's All Things Bright and Beautiful at the United Harvest Thanksgiving in St Thomas' Church on Sunday 29th September 2024 at 10.30.

Choir practice is in St Thomas' Church at 7pm on:

Wednesday 11th September 2024
Wednesday 18th September 2024
Wednesday 25th September 2024



**150th Anniversary
Celebrations
Meeting**

open to all to discuss ideas and events

St Thomas' Church
Monday 16th September 2024
7.30pm

Autumn Fair

Saturday 12th October 2024



WANTED: 1 Bed Studio/Apartment with parking from 1st September 2024. I am a professional woman currently employed (permanent/full time) in St Vincent's Hospital as a Healthcare Chaplain. I am a non-smoker and non-drinker. I am very neat and organized. I like watching and playing sports, especially rugby. Being active in my faith community is also important to me. Excellent references available on request.

Please contact the Rector if you think that you can help.

Accommodation sought for a woman and her son.

A Ukrainian woman and her son, who are well-known to a parishioner are seeking accommodation urgently.

The woman is working in Dublin and her son is at school in Wesley College. The parishioner is very happy to provide a reference for them and states that they would be considerate and responsible housemates or tenants.

Ideally, they would like their own accommodation, but they are willing to share a house or apartment. They are able to pay for accommodation.

If you know of any suitable accommodation, or know someone you may have suitable accommodation, be it a house-share or an apartment-share or a room in a house or apartment, please contact me asap. The woman and her son would be willing to share a room if necessary.

Please contact the Rector if you can help.

Helpers Wanted with the Tea/Coffee/Juice in St Philip and St James' Church on a Sunday morning.

Please chat to June Burgess or the churchwardens, Denise and Viola, after this morning's service.



ANNUAL ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION in aid of MONKSTOWN SCHOOLHOUSE RESTORATION PROJECT

**will be held in
THE KNOX HALL, MONKSTOWN
on**

**Friday 30 August 2024
7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.**

**Saturday 31 August 2024
10.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.**

**Sunday 1 September 2024
12.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**