



[Please stand, if you are able]

Welcome and Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God, we wonder what the comings and goings and happenings of this day will be.

Today, we will see and hear holiness in ordinary places
where people in all their depth and mystery,
work and play, laugh and cry;
where life is cherished, sustained and handed on.

But today, too, we will see and hear all that denies life
in its fullness and variety,
in our lives, our communities, our world.

Today, we will weep over injustice, intolerance and hatred.

We will rejoice in goodness, kindness and generosity.

We will love outrageously, hope enthusiastically, believe in the indefinable,

***and look to you, God, for inspiration and guidance,
and to Jesus Christ whose life, words and actions show us the how and the way to go.***

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 kneel or sit]

Prayer of Penitence

Glorious God,
your thoughts are not our thoughts,
nor are your ways our ways.
We get things upside down,
backwards, and often, just completely wrong.

So, in silence, let us remember our own faults and failings.

[Silence]

In the company of Christ's Church and in the presence of God's people, we confess to God that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved God, or cared for God's world, or respected God's people as we should. We take responsibility for ourselves and ask for God's forgiveness.

The Absolution

May God forgive you,
Christ befriend you,
and the Spirit renew you and change your life. **Amen.**

The Acclamation

Creator God,
we praise you for the joys of summer,
warmth and light,
brightness and colour,
travel and exploration,
adventuring to new places,
discovering beauty and strangeness,
exploring new food and ways of life
We rejoice in your rainbow world.

Redeeming Son,
we thank you for sunshine and showers,

rest and relaxation,
recreation and holidays,
switching off phones and email,
abandoning diaries and calendars
May we be refreshed with energy and hope.

Guiding Spirit,
we bless you for family and friends,
fellowship and company,
play and leisure,
fun and laughter,
freedom to worship and to pray.
May we be renewed with your love and your grace.

The Collect of the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:
Open our hearts to the riches of his grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn No. 429 (Living Lord)

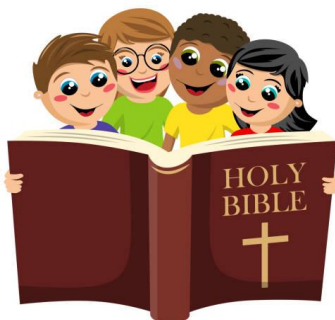
Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's son

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.



[Please sit]

The Word of God - John 6: 1-21

The reading is from the Gospel according to Saint John, chapter 6, beginning at verse 1.

6After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. **2**A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. **3**Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. **4**Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. **5**When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' **6**He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. **7**Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' **8**One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, **9**'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' **10**Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. **11**Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. **12**When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' **13**So they

gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

¹⁸The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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

Canticle - A Smile is Something!

A smile is something when you give it away,
give it away, give it away.
A smile is something when you give it away,

it comes right back to you.
It's like a shiny penny.
Hold on tight and you won't get many.
Lend it. Spend it.
Give it away.
It comes right back to you.

Friendship is something when you give it away...

Love is something when you give it away...

The Sermon

[Please stand, if you are able]

The Affirmation of Faith

*We believe in God
who is older than eternity,
and younger than our next breath;
who is beyond describing,
yet knows us all by name;
who inspires faith,
yet cannot be contained by religion.*

*We believe in Jesus Christ
flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;
he came in body
to give worth to every human life.
He touched the untouchable,
loved the unlovable
and endured slander, persecution
and death.*

*We believe that God's Kingdom
comes on earth through Christ's
unconditional love.*

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
*who leads us into truth and
 freedom,
 who gifts skills and talents to all
 God's children,
 who works through prayer and
 politics, through justice and
 integrity,
 through care of creation and the
 healing of the nations.*

Hymn No. 562 (Blessed assurance)

Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
 Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Saviour all the day long.
 This is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 visions of rapture burst on my sight;
 angels descending bring from above
 echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
 I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;
 watching and waiting, looking above,
 filled with his goodness, lost in his
 love.



[Please kneel or sit]

The Prayers

Let us prepare ourselves for the day
 and the week before us. Let us bring
 to God those people or situations that
 are on our hearts and minds.

Let us pray.

In all things, Father,
may your will be done.

The Lord's Prayer

*We are aware that many people give online
 and via Standing Order, and therefore, do
 not put anything in the collection in the
 basket. If you wish to donate to the church
 online or electronically, the treasurers
 would be happy to give you the required
 details.*

Hymn - The Alpha and The Omega (Tune - Woodlands, No. 712)

by Tom Gordon

You are the start of time; you are the
 end.

And so, in faith, we seek to
 comprehend

how you might dwell with us, eternally;
 how broad, how deep, how sure your
 love can be.

You are the Alpha: from the first of
 days,
 you offered Light to lead us in your
 ways;

you caused the sun to set, the dawn to
break;
you willed the seas to shift, the hills
to shake.

You are the Omega; your love will last,
when even time itself, and life, are
past.

You set the stars for night, the moon
to trace
a pathway through the vastness of
your space.

You make the seasons change, you
feed the land;
you give your Word, so we might
understand.

Your faithful hand is found in
everything,
in life, in death, in all creation brings.

You are the summer flowers, the
seeds that grow;
you are the rain that falls, the winds
that blow;
you are the glassy sea, the storms
that rage;
you are our constancy for every age.

You were the start and you will be the
end,

and so, our thanks from earth to
heaven ascent.

With hearts and minds and voices we
proclaim,
in summer days, the glory of your
name.

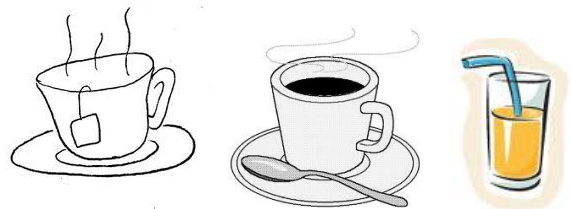
[Revelation 22:13, Psalm 46: 1-3]

The Blessing

May birds fill the dawn of your day
with song,
may the midday sun caress your
face with warmth,
may honeysuckle scent the evening
breeze around you and may the
summer stars shine bright above you.
And may, God,
the giver of summer song and scent,
the creator of the sun and stars,
touch your life with beauty and fill
your heart with joy,
and bless you, this day and for
evermore. **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 South
Transept of the church after this
Service.*

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 31st July 2024.

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Services in August 2024

Sunday 4th August 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

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

Sunday 11th August 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 18th August 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

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

Sunday 25th August 2024

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).

Wednesdays in July and August 2024

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

Saturday 12th October 2024



HERITAGE WEEK

Both churches will be open in Heritage Week. Volunteers to be present in the churches for the following times in Heritage Week 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

5pm-7pm

MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY MEETING

MONDAY 29TH JULY 2024

19.00 HOURS VIA ZOOM

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



150th Anniversary
Celebrations
Meeting
 open to all to discuss
 ideas and events
St Thomas' Church
 Monday 16th September
 2024
 7.30pm

**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.*

**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 after
this morning's
service.***

Monkstown Parish

Annual Art and Craft Exhibition *in aid of* Monkstown Schoolhouse Restoration Project

Artists are invited to submit up to three original works of art for the above exhibition to be held in the KNOX HALL, MONKSTOWN

Friday 30 August – Sunday 1
September 2024

For Terms and Conditions of Entry, and further information, please contact

Liz Neill-Watson
Winton Lodge
62 Monkstown Road
Monkstown
County Dublin
Phone: 01-2147714

Entry Forms with the Terms and Conditions are also available from our Rector.

Entry Forms must be submitted along with hanging fee for each item before Wednesday 7 August 2024.