



[Please stand, if you are able]

Greeting

Make way!

Make space!

Make time!

Make peace!

The Lord our King is close.

The King of Love is near.

The Prince of Peace approaches.

Make way for Christ the King.

Introduction

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!

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Praise with us the God of grace.

Prayer of Approach

Christ our King,

seated in the heavenly realm,
far above all rule and authority,
all power and dominion.

We worship and adore you.

Christ our King,

King of kings,
Lord of lords,
ruler of all.

We worship and adore you.

Christ our King,

You made us - we are Yours,
You love us - with a love that endures,
You care for us and protect us.

We worship and adore you.

Christ our King,
 You were born in a stable,
 You ate with sinners and tax
 collectors,
 Your crown was of thorns.
We worship and adore you.

The Penitence *[Please sit or kneel]*

Christ our King
 we come before you seeking
 forgiveness.

When we do not give you the honour
 due to you,
forgive us.

When we fail to understand your
 Kingship,
forgive us.

When we see hunger and thirst,
 but don't see you:
***open our eyes, our hands and our
 hearts.***

When we see loneliness and poverty,
 but don't see you:
***open our eyes, our hands and our
 hearts.***

When we see human frailty and
 suffering,
 but don't see you:
***open our eyes, our hands and our
 hearts. Amen.***

The Absolution

Lord Jesus,
 you are our King,
 the Upside-down King,
 the Forever King,
 the forgiving King.
 You love us and care for us.
 You reign in our hearts.
 You fill us with joy and happiness,
 hope and peace.
 You ask us to love you and serve you
 by loving other people
 and helping those in need.
 Lord Jesus,
 you are our King;
 we are Your people
 now and always
Amen.

The Collects of the Sunday before
 Advent

Eternal Father,
 whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to
 the throne of heaven
 that he might rule over all things as
 Lord and King:
 keep the Church in the unity of the
 Spirit
 and in the bond of peace,
 and bring the whole created order to
 worship at his feet,
 who is alive and reigns with you and
 the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

We pray the second collect together:

*Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that plenteously bearing the fruit of
good works
they may by you be plenteously
rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

Psalm 100 - Hymn No. 701

(Jubilate Deo)

[Very slowly and quietly!]

Jubilate, ev'rybody,
serve the Lord in all your ways,
and come before his presence singing:
enter now his courts with praise.
For the Lord our God is gracious,
and his mercy everlasting.
Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

[Little bit louder and little bit faster!]

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and come before his presence singing:
enter now his courts with praise.
For the Lord our God is gracious,
and his mercy everlasting.
Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

[As loud as you can and as fast as you can!]

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serve the Lord in all your ways,
and come before his presence singing:
enter now his courts with praise.
For the Lord our God is gracious,
and his mercy everlasting.
Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo! **OI!**

[Please sit]

The Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46

*The reading is from the Gospel according to
Matthew, chapter 25, verses 31-46.*

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." 37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to

me." ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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

The Sermon

[Please remain standing, if you are able]

Affirmation of Faith

With the whole church throughout the world:

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

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

***We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world.***

Hymn No. 228 (Meekness and majesty)

Meekness and majesty,
manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony -
the man who is God:
Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.

*O what a mystery -
meekness and majesty:
bow down and worship,
for this is your God,
this is your God!*

Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross:
suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice -
and, as they crucify,
prays, 'Father, forgive'.

Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,

love indestructible
in frailty appears:
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne.



[Please sit or kneel]

The Prayers

Let us pray to Christ our King
together:

Into the heart of our world:
***may your kingdom come, and your
will be done.***

Jesus taught us to call God our
Father, so in faith and trust we pray,
Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses

***as we forgive those who trespass
against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory for ever and ever.
Amen.***

*[The collection will be received during the singing of
this hymn. If you wish to donate online, the
Honorary Treasurers would be happy to facilitate
you.]*

Hymn No. 86 (Vulpius (Gelobt sei Gott))

Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice;
brothers and sisters, with one voice
let the world know he is your choice.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient
days.

They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful servants true.

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name;
with the same faith his word proclaim.

Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun
and the whole Church at last be one.

Closing Prayer

Christ is King.
Christ reigns,
but there in the background
(can you hear it?),
the whisper of prophets.

Christ is King.
Soon to be born among us,
But let us go now
As the year turns.

Christ reigns in the hopes of the
people.

The Blessing

In the strength of God the maker,
we are going on a journey.

In the friendship of Jesus,
we are going on a journey.

In the safeguarding of the Holy
Spirit,
we are going on a journey.

*A star is shining.
Angels are busy.
Mary is pregnant.
Joseph is packing.
Advent is coming.
It's time to go.*

May God bless us with hope and
wonder as we travel. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Today and tomorrow,
in time and eternity,
your kingdom come.

In our world, in our streets,
in our homes and communities,
your kingdom come.

In our lives, in our loves,
in our hopes and our travelling,
your kingdom come.

Hymn No. 259 - (Guiting Power)

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name!*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-
treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!

Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

via Zoom

Tuesday afternoon—3.30pm—4.10pm

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 29th November 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 3rd December 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Wednesday 29th November 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 3rd December 2023 – Advent

Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)



Wednesday 6th December 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 10th December 2023

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' 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 December 2023

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Wednesday 13th December 2023

17.00 and 19.00 St Andrew's College Junior School Carol Services in St Philip and St James' Church

Sunday 17th December 2023**NB Service Times and Venues**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

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

19.00 Carols by Candlelight in St Thomas' Church (live-streamed)

followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Monk Gibbon Hall

**Wednesday 20th December 2023**

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Wednesday 20th December 2023

12.00 Booterstown National School Carol Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Thursday 21st December 2023

11.00 Ecumenical School Carol Service for Booterstown National School, Our Lady of Mercy Girls' School and St Mary's Boys' School in St Philip and St James' Church

Sunday 24th December 2023 – Christmas**Eve NB Service Times and Venues**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United A Quiet Christmas in St Thomas' Church

22.00 The First Communion of Christmas - St Thomas' Church

Monday 25th December 2023 – Christmas**Day**

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

9.30 Family Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Family Communion in St Philip and St James' Church (live-streamed)

Wednesday 27th December 2023

No Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 31st December 2023 – New Year's Eve

9.30 Family Communion in St Thomas' Church

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

Carol Singing

for

Dublin SIMON

Thursday 21st December 2023

4pm—6pm

Blackrock Village Shopping Centre, Blackrock

(the one with SuperValu)

We are asking people to sign up to sing and/or collect for 30 minutes or 1 hour... or however long they can.

Please email Gillian to let her when and for how long you can be there!

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St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet on the following Sundays at 9.30 in The Monk Gibbon Hall:
3 December 2023

St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet on the following Sundays at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre:
3 December 2023

We would welcome more Sunday Club Leaders. If you would like to find out more about helping, please contact the Rector.

BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023
19.30 HOURS IN THE PARISH ROOM
OF ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
PARISH CENTRE**

MOUNT MERRION

**SELECT VESTRY MEETING
TUESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2024
19.30 HOURS VIA ZOOM**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday 3.30pm—4.10pm

In-person meetings in the Canon Osborne Barr Room of St Philip and St James' Parish Centre but we will meet occasionally via Zoom.

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Confirmation Class for teenagers

**Wednesday 29th November 2023 at
18.30 hours in
St Philip and St James' Church
NB Time!**

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

Ad Hoc Choir Practice

for the Carols by Candlelight

*Wednesday 29th November 2023
Wednesday 6th December 2023
Wednesday 13th December 2023*

at

***7.30pm in St Thomas'
Church***



PJ's Christmas Craic-er!

Saturday 9th December 2023

10.30-12.30

St Philip and St James' Church

A Christmas Get-Together for chat and craic! Tea/Coffee/Juice with Scones and Mince Pies, Ice Cream, Raffle, Bring-and-Buy Stall, Pin the Tail on the Reindeer and Christmas Lucky Dip... and... Santa Claus.



Help for Santa!

Life can be very cruel and we could make a difference to some children this Christmas.

This is why I am asking you if we could help Santa. I am asking if you could buy one or two small toys - they cannot be big toys as those families living in hotels or hostels, or in cars, do not have the room for anything big - and could you bring them to either of our churches on the following Sundays... if you are not able to attend the

service, please aim to arrive at the end of the service to drop off the items:

Sunday 3rd December 2023 to St Thomas' Church which has a service at 9.30 (finishes at 10.15), or to St Philip and St James' Church which has services at 8.30 (finishes at 9.00) and at 11.00 (finishes at 11.45).

Sunday 10th December 2023 to St Thomas' Church which has a service at 9.30 (finishes at 10.15), or to St Philip and St James' Church which has services at 8.30 (finishes at 9.00) and at 11.00 (finishes at 11.45) and a Sausage Service at 18.30 hours (finishes at 19.00).

*I have to deliver the items into the Capuchin Day Centre on **Wednesday 13th December 2023, so we have to have them before that day.***

Santa needs long-johns, socks etc too!

Thank you too to those who have donated brand new pairs of long-johns (underwear) which have been hugely appreciated by The Alice Leahy Trust for their service users. As you can imagine, it is bitterly cold, living on the streets, at this time of the year. People have been very generous with donating long-johns and ski underwear, and we would be delighted to pass on more, new long-johns, new warm socks, new gloves and new hats. Warm jackets in good condition would also be great.

We can give a little love this Christmas, and that is exactly what Christmas is... God coming to earth in human form because he loves us, and to show us through Jesus Christ how to love and to care.