



[Please stand, if you are able]

The Greeting

We come from scattered lives to
meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us.

Silence

As God's people, we have gathered:
Let us worship him together.

As the wheel of the year turns, and
the clocks 'fall back' one hour,
we move towards winter with the
nights get longer and the days
shorter.
The endless summer evenings are far
behind us now, and darkness has come
in their place.
Winds howl, temperatures drop and
leaves fall.
But even with all that change, you are
the same Lord,
and your warm and open welcome is
unaffected by seasons or
temperature, so Lord, we come
with open ears to hear your word,

***with open mouths to sing your
praise,
with open minds to learn of you.***

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us a new and
living way into your presence.
Give us open hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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Hymn No. 81 (Lord of the years)

Lord, for the years your love has kept
and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on
our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and
provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our
thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life
which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our
souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and
inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your
people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our
generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth
and care;
for young and old, for this and every
nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear
our prayer.

Lord, for our world, when we disown
and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless
in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed
without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that
Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power
remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the
throne;
past put behind us, for the future
take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ
alone.

[Please sit or kneel]

The Penitence

Father, you are the source of all
time; yet it neither contains nor
constrains you.

***We who are time-bound
confess
that often we do not take the
time,***

***or make the time
to enter into your stillness
and gaze on you.***

[Silence]

***Forgive us
for all those times
when the restless pursuit of the
next thing
has distracted and deflected us
from spending time with you.***

[Silence]

***Help us to escape the bondage of
busyness
and find those moments
of intersection with eternity,
when your time and our time come
together
and we can grow in our awareness
of you
and of your purposes.***

We ask this in the name of Christ -
the one who came into the world
to make visible the Time of God.
Amen.



[Please stand, if you are able]

The Acclamations

Daylight grows short as the nights
draw in;

***yet the light of God's presence
remains bright.***

Days grow chill and the night brings
frost;

***yet the warmth of God's presence
remains near.***

Autumn leaves fall and trees become
bare;

***yet the vibrancy of God's presence
remains strong.***

Winds rage over the hills and sweep
through the streets;

***yet the shelter of God's presence
remains firm.***

The house martins gather and soon
depart;

***yet the nearness of God's presence
remains sure.***

Rivers rise as autumn rain soaks the
land;

***yet the security of God's presence
remains true.***

The Collect of the 5th Sunday before Advent

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be
written for our learning:

Help us to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly

digest them
that, through patience, and the
comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold
fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

[Please sit]

The First Reading - Psalm 34

*The first reading is from the book of Psalms,
chapter 34, beginning at verse 1.*

¹ I will bless the Lord at all times; his
praise shall ever be in my mouth.

² My soul shall glory in the Lord; let
the humble hear and be glad.

³ O magnify the Lord with me; let us
exalt his name together.

⁴ I sought the Lord and he answered
me and delivered me from all my
fears.

⁵ Look upon him and be radiant and
your faces shall not be ashamed.

⁶ This poor soul cried, and the Lord
heard me and saved me from all my
troubles.

⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and
delivers them.

⁸ O taste and see that the Lord is
gracious; blessed is the one who
trusts in him.

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



Psalm - Hymn No. 15 Thanks and Praise (Bless the Lord O My Soul)

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul,
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day
dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever
lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening
comes:

You're rich in love, and you're slow
to anger,
your name is great, and your heart
is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on
singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart
to find.

And on that day when my strength
is failing,

the end draws near and my time
has come.
Still my soul will sing your praise
unending,
ten thousand years and then
forevermore:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my
soul,
worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your Holy name.
I'll worship Your Holy name.
Yes, I will worship your holy name.*

[Please sit]

**The Second Reading - Mark 10:
46-52**

The second reading is from the gospel according to Mark, chapter 10, beginning at verse 46.

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' ⁵⁰So throwing

off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' ⁵²Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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



Canticle - Tree of Life (Sine nomine)

by Avis Palmer ('Autumn' by Ruth Burgess, Wildgoose Publishing)

Through all the trees in forest, grove
and wood,
through autumn leaves and spring
held in the bud,
we see your beauty, know that it is
good:
Alleluia, alleluia.

When trees are still upon a summer's
day,
gazing we sense the grace which they
convey,

and contemplating find we're taught
to pray:
Alleluia, alleluia.

As autumn leaves are tossed and
branches torn,
they echo times we rage, are crushed
and worn,
but roots of faith are stronger than
the storm:
Alleluia, alleluia.

Branches in winter etched against the
sky,
speak of how trees were used to
crucify,
but spring returns - in Christ we do
not die:
Alleluia, alleluia.

Leaves in the fall float, shimmer,
dance and sway.
breathe through our lives, on us your
Spirit lay.
freed by the truth, Love shall become
our Way:
Alleluia, alleluia.

The Sermon

[Please stand, if you are able]

Affirmation of Faith

***We believe in God the Father
who loves each of us,
and wants the best for us.***

*We believe in God the Son,
who, in loving us,
showed us how to live our lives
and how to love others.*

*We believe in God the Spirit,
who is God in us,
loving us and helping us to love.*

*We believe in God, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, bound together by
love.*

**Hymn No. 154 Thanks and Praise
(My Desire)**

*To be in your presence,
to sit at your feet,
where you love surrounds me,
and makes me complete.*

*This is my desire, O Lord,
this is my desire.*

*This is my desire, O Lord,
this is my desire.*

*To rest in your presence,
not rushing away,
to cherish each moment,
here I would stay.*

[Please sit or kneel]

The Prayers

*God, hear our prayer;
and give us strength and courage.*

*We gather all our prayers together
as we say The Lord's Prayer...*

*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 taken up during the singing
of the next hymn. We recognise that many
parishioners donate online. To facilitate others
who may wish to make an online donation, please
see the QR Code below.*

Donation



Hymn No. 529 (Thornbury)

*Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page:
thy people owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;*

and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they summoned all to hasten
and share the great King's feast;
their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, earth restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict
and cast away our crown?
No so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by all creation,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

The Blessing

May Christ come close to you:
in the rich riot of autumn colour,
in the kicking of crisp and crunchy
leaves,
in cobwebs festooned with diamond
dew,

in the first frost's glittering stillness.
May you know thrill and wonder and
joy,
and the Blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be with you this day and for
ever more. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Through the turning of the seasons,
bless us with wildness and wonder.

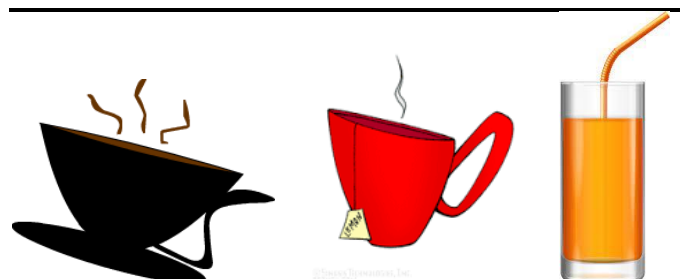
Through our nights and days,
**bless us with adventure and
courage.**

Through the journeys of our lives,
bless us with healing and hope.

And through your blessings may we
know your joy within us:
Star-maker,
Light of the world,
Fire of holiness,
Love without end. 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.



Everyone is warmly invited to tea, coffee and juice after this service.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Time of Remembering



*At our services on Sunday, 3rd November 2024, we will be remembering those who have died and whose loved ones have asked us to remember. If you would like someone to be remembered at the services that day, please email or text the Rector with their name **before Thursday 1st November 2024.***

Sunday 3rd November 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

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11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

Special Preacher at the 9.30 and 11.00 Services – the Rev. Bruce Pierce who grew up in the Parish of Mount Merrion, and who recently retired as

Director of Education at Northridge House in the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

Wednesday 6th November 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 10th November 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

Wednesday 13th November 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 17th November 2024

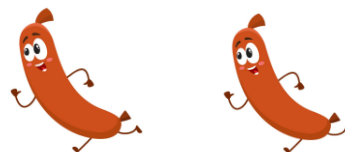
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9.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion and Holy Baptism in St Philip and St James' Church

Special Preacher at the 9.30 and 11.00 Services – the Rev. Canon Arthur Barrett who is currently the Rector of Arklow Union but is about to move to Killane Union. Arthur was Rector of Booterstown and Carysfort with Mount Merrion, 2000-2004.

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St James' Church followed by sausages and wedges in the Parish Centre.



Wednesday 20th November 2024

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion Service in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 24th November 2024

8.30 Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

10.30 United Service in St Philip and St James' Church

Special Preacher at the 10.30 – the Rev. Canon Patrick Harvey (Rector of Abbeyleix Union) whose late grandfather, The Very Rev. Thomas Arnold Harvey was Rector of Booterstown, 1916-1933, and who was then elected Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

Healer Prayer Group

Tuesday 29th October 2024
20.30 hours *via Zoom*

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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BOOTERSTOWN AND CARYSFORT**SELECT VESTRY**

TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024
19.30 HOURS

IN THE PARISH ROOM OF ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES' PARISH CENTRE

MOUNT MERRION**SELECT VESTRY MEETING**

MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2024
19.30 HOURS

VIA ZOOM



Any child (who has been toilet-trained) is very welcome to join the Sunday Club.

St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet at 9.30 in the Monk Gibbon Hall on the following Sundays:
17th November and **8th December 2024.**

St Philip and St James' Sunday Club will meet at 11.00 in St Philip and St James' Parish Centre on the following Sundays:
17th November and **8th December 2024.**

The children and their leaders will join the respective congregations later on in the service.

Broadcast Service

Our two parishes will be doing the televised service on RTÉ on Sunday 15th December 2024.

It will be recorded in the RTÉ Studio on Sunday 24th November 2024 at 12.30 hours. It would be good to get more people to be a part of the *Ad Hoc Choir* as we have a number of special events coming up including the televised service.

We will also be singing at the special

service on Sunday 1st December 2024 at 10.30 in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas' Church, and at the Carols by Candlelight in St Philip and St James' Church at 19.00 on Sunday 15th December 2024.



Full rehearsal with RTÉ on Monday 11th November 2024 at 18.00 hours in St Philip and St James' Church.

Ad Hoc Choir Rehearsals

19.00 hours

Wednesday 6th November 2024
 Wednesday 13th November 2024
 Wednesday 20th November 2024
 Wednesday 27th November 2024
 Wednesday 4th December 2024
 Thursday 12th December 2024

culminating with the Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 15th December 2024 at 19.00 hours in St Philip and St James' Church.

We would like some more bass and tenor voices please! Men of the parishes, take note!!!

Helpers Wanted with the Tea/Coffee/Juice in St Thomas' Church

and in St Philip and St James' Church on a Sunday morning.

Please chat to Patricia Bedlow in St Thomas' Church or June Burgess in St Philip and St James' Church.

St Thomas' 150th Anniversary

The Special Service in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the consecration of St Thomas' Church is on Sunday 1st December 2024 at 10.30.

Special preacher: The Rev. Ruth Elmes
President: The Right Rev. Michael Burrows

Everyone is very welcome to the service but we will be restricted with numbers so we will need people to let us know **by Friday 15th November 2024** that they are coming to that service.



THE RECTOR & THE SELECT VESTRY
 invite you to join them in celebrating

THE *150th* OF
Anniversary

the consecration of
 ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Foster Avenue, Mount Merrion, A94 RW54
 SUNDAY 1st December 2024 at 10.30am

followed by refreshments in the Monk Gibbon Hall

RSVP Friday 15th November 2024
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