



The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



Opening Responses

Jesus is coming,
riding on a donkey.

Shout Hosanna.

Through the hosannas and the waving
palms, the singing and the joy, come,
and walk the road with Christ.

Through the betrayal and the denial,
the shouting and the sorrow, come,
and walk the road with Christ.

Through the waving palms and passion,
the prayers and the pain, come, and
walk the road with him.

**We will walk with him. Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.**

Hymn No. 217 (St. Theodulph)

*All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one:

The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and mortal flesh, and all things
created, make reply.

The people of the Hebrews
with palms to meet thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:

To thee, before thy Passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise:

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King:

A Prayer of Penitence on the Way to Jerusalem

*Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure
hearts.*

O Living God,
 age after age the children of dust
 make their way to holy places to seek
 you,
 yet you are closer than hands or feet.

In temples and in churches
 people make sacrifices and offerings,
 but what you seek
 is the love and well-being of your
 children.

Your Word promises
 that those whose hands are clean
 and whose hearts are pure
 can climb the heavenly hill;
 but who are we to do that?

On our journey through life
 our hearts and our hands
 have become stained and dirtied.

If we have stretched out our hands in
 greed, or lust, or love of money,
Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

If our hearts have been sullied by
 pride or resentment,
Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

If we have turned aside from our
 pilgrimage
 to follow the world's ways,
 or to seek false gods,
 or spirits other than your Holy Spirit,
Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

Lord, you forgive the sins of all who
 turn to you in sincerity;
 you cleanse the penitent heart from
 all uncleanness.

Lord, set our course according to your
 word
 so that we may take up afresh the
 challenge of the journey to the holy
 city.

Give us new strength to follow you on
 our way,
 so that even we may ascend the hill of
 the Lord
 and stand in the holy place.
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.



The Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
 who, in your tender love towards the
 human race,
 sent your Son our Saviour Jesus
 Christ
 to take upon him our flesh
 and to suffer death upon the cross:
 grant that we may follow the example
 of his patience and humility,
 and also be made partakers of his
 resurrection;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hymn No. 238 (Winchester New)

[Verses 1-3]

Ride on, ride on in majesty,
hark, all the tribes, 'Hosanna' cry!
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments
strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty:
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty:
the angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wondering
eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

The Reading - Luke 19: 28-40

The reading is from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 19, beginning at verse 28.

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are

you untying the colt?' ³⁴They said, 'The Lord needs it.' ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, 'Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Hymn No. 238 (Winchester New)

[Verses 4-5]

Ride on, ride on in majesty:
thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride, on, ride on in majesty:
 in lowly pomp ride on to die;
 bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
 then take, O God, thy power, and
 reign.

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus
 Christ the Son of God.

***Though he was divine,
 he did not cling to equality with
 God,
 but made himself nothing.
 Taking the form of a slave,
 he was born in human likeness.
 We believe in God the Son,
 he humbled himself
 and was obedient to death,
 even the death of the cross.
 Therefore God has raised him on
 high,
 and given him the name above every
 name:
 that at the name of Jesus every
 knee should bow,
 and every voice proclaim that Jesus
 Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.***

cf. Philippians 2: 6-11

Commissioning of Wardens and Select Vestry members

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We are the body of Christ.
***By the one Spirit we were all
 baptized into one body.***

There is one Lord, one faith, one
 baptism:
God and Father of all.

Saint Paul wrote:

Just as in a single human body there
 are many limbs and organs, all with
 different functions, so we who are
 united with Christ, though many, form
 one body, and belong to one another
 as its limbs and organs. We have gifts
 allotted to each of us by God's grace.

Romans 12: 5, 6 (REB)

Churchwardens, Glebewarden(s) and
 members of the Select Vestry, will
 you undertake to carry out the
 responsibilities entrusted to you,
 faithfully and with due care and
 attention?

With the help of God, we will.

We welcome those who have been
 appointed or elected to serve for the
 next year in our parish.

Will you support and encourage them
 in their ministry?

We will!

Hymn No. 134 - Make Way, Make Way (Make Way)

Make way, make way, for Christ the King
in splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome him
into your lives.

*Make way, make way
for the King of kings;
make way, make way,
and let his kingdom in.*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall
dance,
the blind shall see.

And those who mourn with heavy
hearts,
who weep and sigh;
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.

We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him -
their thrones must fall!

The Prayers



Jesus taught us to call God our
Father, so in faith and trust we pray,
Our Father...

The Blessing

Christ draw you to himself and grant
that you find in his cross a sure
ground for faith, a fire support for
hope, and the assurance of sins
forgiven: and the blessing...



**Hymn No. 17 Thanks and Praise
(Blessed is the King Who Comes)**

[Verses 1-3]

Blessèd is the King who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Blessèd is the King who comes
in the name of the Lord.

*Peace on earth and
glory in the highest;
when mouths stay closed,
the stones will cry out:*

Majestic is the King who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Majestic is the King who comes
in the name of the Lord.

Triumphant is the King who comes
in the name of the Lord.
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in the name of the Lord.

The Closing Responses and Dismissal

The One wounded by the nails in our
hearts sends us forth,
to bring healing with God's love.

The One who continues on the journey
invites us to follow,
**cradling the broken hearts of the
world as we go.**

The One whose Spirit is in the
Kingdom-Bearer fills us with hope,
**If we but trust in the promises of
this day.**

We go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

In the name of Christ. 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

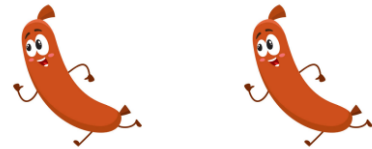
**You are warmly invited to join us for
tea/coffee/juice in the Monk**

*Gibbon Hall after the 9.30 service,
and in the south transept of St Philip
and St James' Church after the 11.00
service.*

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

TONIGHT! – Palm Sunday

18.30 Sausage Service in St Philip and St
James' Church



Holy Week

Monday – 20.00 in St Thomas' Church

Tuesday – 20.00 in St Philip and St James'
Church

Wednesday - 10.30 Midweek Holy
Communion in St Thomas' Church
20.00 in St Thomas' Church

Maundy Thursday – 20.00 Holy
Communion in St Philip and St James'
Church

Good Friday – 14.00 Prayer at the Cross in
St Thomas' Church

19.00 – NB Time - Ecumenical Prayer
around the Cross in The Church of the
Assumption

Sunday 20th April 2025 – Easter

Day

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church

9.30 NB Time Holy Communion in St
Thomas' Church

11.00 Holy Communion in St Philip and St
James' Church

Wednesday 23rd April 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church

Sunday 27th April 2025

8.30 Holy Communion in St Philip and St James' Church

10.30 United Service of the Word in St Thomas' Church

Wednesday 30th April 2025

10.30 Midweek Holy Communion in St Thomas' Church



St Thomas' Sunday Club will meet in May. The dates for each Sunday Club will be confirmed asap.

All children who are toilet-trained are welcome.

The leaders have been Garda-vetted and have undergone Safeguarding Trust Training.

**Sunday
Club**



Healer Prayer Group

Tuesday 29th April 2025

19.30 hours *via Zoom*

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday afternoon 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



Lenten Challenge

Gillian is nearly finished!

This Lent, she has been walking/cross-training/cycling/rowing at least 5km every day of Lent 2025.

Wednesday 5th March – Saturday 19th April 2025 inclusive!

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 have been 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 will do 5km each day - using a variety of ways of moving as I have been battling with plantar fasciitis for the last year! - for my physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing and for the Irish Cancer Society and Blackrock Hospice.

You can make a donation by online banking to **Boooterstown and Mount Merrion Account**
IBAN: IE30IPBS99062932796541
BIC: IPBSIE2D



Church Decorating for Easter

St Thomas' Church

Saturday 19 April 2025

10.00-12.00

*with donations of flowers
welcomed between 10.00
and 10.30.*

St Philip and St James' Church

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MOUNT MERRION

SELECT VESTRY

MONDAY 28TH APRIL 2025

19.30 HOURS

THE COMMITTEE ROOM

BOOTERSTOWN AND

CARYSFORT

SELECT VESTRY

THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2025

19.30 HOURS

ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES'
CHURCH



Parish Fete

at

St Thomas' Church

Foster Avenue, Mount
Merrion

Barbecue, Books, Cakes
& Deli, Bottles, Plants,
Handmade Cards, Games
for Children, Raffle, and
more!

Tea & Coffee Served

Saturday 17TH May 2025

12.00pm - 3.00 pm

Admission €2—Children
Free

We need lots and lots of homemade goods for the Cake and Deli Stall... cakes, biscuits, scones, breads, jams, marmalades, preserves, tarts, pies, etc.

We are also looking for books and new (un-opened) gifts, bottles plants, seedlings and slips to be given to Julie-Anne Hudson before the Fete so that she can pot them!

Anyone who would like to get involved on the day would be very welcome and should contact

Joan at

joansherlockrobertson@gmail.com

to let her know



Mount Merrion Ecumenical Golf Society Outing

Friday 25th April 2025

The Castle Golf Club
Rathfarnham

This is open to all parishioners of both parishes.

Timesheet is now available in John O'Reilly Butchers on Deerpark Road.

If you are not able to play golf that day but would like to go to the dinner that evening, please let John O'Reilly know.

Date for your Diary!



St Thomas' 150th Anniversary BBQ Saturday 21st June 2025

**Mount Merrion Parish
St Thomas' Church**

Office Holders for 2025-2026

Rector's Churchwarden: Kieron Knight

People's Churchwarden: Joan
Sherlock-Robertson

People's Glebwarden: Denis Beare

Select Vestry: Patricia Bedlow,
Judith Donlon, Rachel McConnell,
Adam McMurray – Honorary
Secretary, Linda Molloy, Ian Mullen –
Honorary Treasurer, Wil Robertson,
Matthew Sherlock-Robertson.

Boooterstown and Carysfort Parish St Philip and St James' Church

Office Holders for 2025-2026

Rector's Churchwarden: Brigid Noble

People's Churchwarden: Isabella
Sherwood Wiessner

Rector's Glebwarden: Gordon
Richards

People's Glebwarden: Mike Hayes

Select Vestry: June Burgess,
Adrienne Cole, Marcus Daly, Jill Lacey,
Cecilia Faulim Quadros,
Alexa Mitchell, Tom Morgan,
Síle Reeves, David Reid – Honorary
Secretary, Quentin Teggin – Honorary
Treasurer, Noel Travers,
Eric Wiessner.