

**The Grouped Parishes of
Annahilt and Magherahamlet**

A Celebration of the Holy Communion

**on
the Feast Day of Saint Philip and Saint James
1 May 2022**

**President and Preacher:
The Rector
The Revd Canon Robert Howard**

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Rector welcomes all present and greets the congregation with the following words:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

All: And also with you

‘The righteous will be remembered for ever; the memory of the righteous is a blessing.’ *Psalm 112:6, Proverbs 10:7*

Hymn CH 272

JESUS lives: thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us;
Jesus lives: by this we know -
now the grave cannot enthrall us.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives: for us he died;
then may we, for Jesus living,
pure in heart, in him abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives: our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives: henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal;
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives: to him the throne
over all the world is given;
may we go where he is gone,
live and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!

All:

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name: through Christ our Lord. Amen

Penitence

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets. Matt. 22:37-39

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments, and to live in love and peace:

Kneel

Silence

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand

(All Sing)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect of the Day

Almighty Father,
whom truly to know is eternal life:
Teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ
as the way, the truth and the life:
that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles
Philip and James,
and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading is from the book of the prophet Isaiah Chapter 30 beginning at verse 15

¹⁵ For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:
In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

But you refused ¹⁶ and said,
'No! We will flee upon horses'—
therefore you shall flee!

and, 'We will ride upon swift steeds'—
therefore your pursuers shall be swift!

¹⁷ A thousand shall flee at the threat of one,
at the threat of five you shall flee,
until you are left

like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,
like a signal on a hill.

¹⁸ Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you.

For the LORD is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for him.

19 Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. ²⁰Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. ²¹And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Epistle is from the letter to the Ephesians Chapter 1 beginning at verse 3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ ⁵before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn CH 461

For all thy saints, O Lord,
who strove in thee to live,
who followed thee, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.

For all thy saints, O Lord,
accept our thankful cry,
who counted thee their great reward,
and strove in thee to die.

They all, in life and death,
with thee their Lord in view,
learned from thy Holy Spirit's breath
to suffer and to do.

Thine earthly members fit
to join thy saints above,
in one communion ever knit,
one fellowship of love.

Jesu, thy name we bless,
and humbly pray that we
may follow them in holiness,
and live and die in thee.

All remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Saint John
Chapter 14 beginning at verse 1

All sing: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

14 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe ²in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know ⁸my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

8 Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?' ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I

will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me* for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Sing: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon

The Rector

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you promised through your Son Jesus Christ
to hear the prayers of those who ask in faith:

Lord of your people:

Empower your Church always to proclaim the saving message of the Gospel.

We pray this diocese and for David our Bishop. We pray for this Group of Parishes and the General Synod of the Church of Ireland meeting in person this week for the first time since 2019. We pray for Archbishop John McDowell who shall preside. May the Synod members, clerical and lay, be guided into wise decisions. Prosper the work of the Synod Staff as they labour before, after and during the event.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord of creation:

We know that everything is in your sovereign control. We come before you asking for a speedy and effective dialogue in bringing about a ceasefire and an end to hostilities ravaging Ukraine.

Bless Elizabeth our Queen, the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Brandon Lewis & the Government; also President Michael D Higgins, the Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, Tanaiste, Leo Varadkar & Government in the Republic.

Give grace and wisdom to those who will vote in this week's Assembly elections. May all elected to positions of responsibility use their power for the good of those they represent. Bless also those whose influence is hidden from the world in their quiet guidance of others.

Look upon each one of us in your mercy and forgive our failings.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord of our relationships:

Give strength when faith is hard and brings us into conflict with others. Relieve any stress and fear over the future for family members and friends during the present Cost of Living crisis, especially financial.

Help us all to think of others more than ourselves and to look to you, O God, above all other things. May our troubled minds rest on the things above and find joy in your steadfast love for us.

Help us to speak with conviction but with tact regarding the needs of others.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Lord of all healing:
May your healing hand rest upon all who are ill and are suffering.
May you sustain and inspire the medical doctors, nurses and supporting staff who are in the frontline of the ongoing fight against Covid-19 and its variants. Enable them to render your life-saving services with due care, love and compassion. Grant all who have lost loved ones due to coronavirus your consolation and strengthen their faith and hope in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We give thanks for all who have faithfully witnessed to the truth in this world. We remember those who have suffered for their faith and are now at rest in the realm where all tears are wiped away and there is no more pain. May they who loved the word of truth rejoice forever in the presence of the living word.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to 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 President says:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his

body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

Stand

The Rector introduces the Peace with these words:

Peace be to you, and peace to your house, and peace to all who are yours.

followed by:

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Hymn T&P 157

We pray thee, heavenly Father,
To hear us in thy love,
And pour upon thy children
Thy blessing from above;
That so in love abiding,
From all defilement free,
We may in pureness offer
Our Eucharist to thee.

All that we have we offer,
For it is all thine own,
All gifts, by thine appointment,
In bread and cup are shown;
One thing alone we bring not,
The wilfulness of sin,
And all we bring is nothing
Save that which is within.

Within the pure oblation,
Beneath the outward sign,
By that his operation,
The Holy Ghost divine,
Lies hid the sacred body,
Lies hid the precious blood,
Once slain, now ever glorious,
Of Christ our Lord and God.

Wherefore, though all unworthy
To offer sacrifice,
We pray that this our duty
Be pleasing in thine eyes;
For praise, and thanks and worship,
For mercy and for aid,
The Church's great thanksgiving
For Jesus Christ is made.

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us

Therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving

The congregation may kneel

The Lord is here.
His spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Father, Lord of all creation,
we praise you for your goodness and your love.
When we turned away you did not reject us.
You came to meet us in your Son,
welcomed us as your children
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the cross and,
with love stronger than death,
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer,
on the night before you died
you came to table with your friends.
Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it
and gave it to them saying,
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper
you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:
**dying, you destroyed our death,
rising, you restored our life;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life,
come upon us now;
may this bread and wine be to us
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us, who know our need of grace,
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:
with your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body for we all share in the one bread.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Rector and one other person receive communion

Going Out as God's People

Holy God,
in Jesus Christ we find the way to you.
May we, who have met him in this banquet,
be kept in your unending love,
and see you at work in your world,
through your Son, who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Blessing

God give you grace to share the inheritance of Philip and James and all his saints in glory:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. *(All sing)* **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn CH 288

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Go in the peace of the risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God Alleluia! Alleluia!

Notices