

**THE GROUPED PARISHES OF  
ANNAHILT AND MAGHERAHAMLET**

**THE ORDER FOR  
MORNING PRAYER**

**ON**

**ROGATION SUNDAY 22 MAY 2022**



**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*The Rector introduces the Service*

Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!** *Luke 24: 34*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it *Psalms 24: 1*

*Hymn CH 251*

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise;  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits —  
of the holy harvest-field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine  
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain and dew and gleams of glory —  
from the brightness of thy face;  
so that we, with hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be;  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high!  
Alleluia to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory!  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
to the blessed Trinity!

*The Rector may introduce the service in these or other suitable words:*

Beloved in Christ,  
we come together to offer to Almighty God  
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,  
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,  
to hear his holy word proclaimed,  
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,  
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit  
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

*The minister says*

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

*Kneel*

*Silence is kept.*

**Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault;  
by what we have done  
and by what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Rector pronounces the absolution.*

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*

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

**FIRST CANTICLE**

**THE EASTER ANTHEMS**

Christ our passover is | sacri • ficed | for us;  
therefore | let us | keep the | feast,  
Not with the old leaven nor with the leaven of | malice • and |  
wickedness;  
but with the unleavened bread | of sin | cerity • and | truth.  
Christ being raised from the dead | dieth • no | more:  
death hath no | more do | minion | over him.  
For in that he died he died unto | sin | once:  
but in that he liveth he | liveth | unto | God.  
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed | unto | sin:  
but alive unto God through | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.  
Christ is | risen • from the | dead:  
and become the first | fruits of | them that | slept.  
For since by | man came | death:  
by man came also the resur | rection | of the | dead.  
For as in Adam | all | die:  
even so in Christ shall | all be | made a | live.

Glory to the Father and | to the | Son: and | to the | Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be | ginning is | now: and shall be for | ever. |  
A- | men

**PSALM 67 (Said)**

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us ♦  
**and make his face to shine upon us,**
- 2 That your way may be known upon earth, ♦  
**your saving power among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦  
**let all the peoples praise you.**
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, ♦  
**for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦  
**let all the peoples praise you.**
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, ♦  
**and God, our own God, will bless us.**

7 God will bless us, ♦  
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.

### FIRST READING

A Reading from book of the Acts of the Apostles chapter 16  
beginning at verse 9

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.’ And she prevailed upon us.

### SECOND CANTICLE

#### TE DEUM Parts 1 & 2

##### Part 1

- 1 We praise | thee O | God, ■  
we acknowledge | thee to | be the | Lord.
- 2 All the earth doth | worship | thee, ■  
the | Father | ever|lasting.
- 3 To thee all angels cry aloud  
the heavens and all the | powers there|in, ■  
to thee Cherubim and Seraphim con|tin·ual|ly do | cry,
- 4 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord | God · of Sa·baoth: ■  
heaven and earth are full of the | majes·ty | of thy | glory.
- 5 The glorious company of the apostles | praise | thee; ■  
the goodly fellowship of the | prophets | praise | thee.

- 6 The | noble | army ■ ◡ of | martyrs | praise | thee.
- 7 The | holy | Church ■  
throughout all the world | doth ac|knowledge | thee;
- 8 The Father of an | infin·ite | majesty, ■  
thine honourable, true, and only Son,  
also the | Holy | Spirit · the | Comforter.

##### Part 2

- 9 Thou art the King of | glory · O | Christ. ■  
Thou art the ever|lasting | Son of · the | Father.
- 10 When thou tookest upon thee to de|liver | man, ■  
thou didst not ab|hor the | Virgin's | womb.
- 11† When thou hadst overcome the | sharpness · of | death, ■  
thou didst open the kingdom of | heaven · to | all be|lievers.
- 12 Thou sittest at the right | hand of | God, ■  
in the | glory | of the | Father.
- 13 We be·lieve that | thou ■ ◡ shalt | come to | be our | judge.
- 14 We therefore pray thee | help thy | servants, ■  
whom thou hast re|deemed · with thy | precious | blood.
- 15 Make them to be numbered | with thy | saints ■  
in | glory | ever|lasting

### SECOND READING

A Reading from the Revelation of Saint John the Divine,  
Chapter 21 beginning at verse 10

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit\* he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22</sup>Then the angel\* showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life\* with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the

nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants\* will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

### **THIRD CANTICLE**

#### **BENEDICTUS**

1 Blessèd be the Lord | God of | Israel, ■  
for he hath visited | and re|deemed his | people,  
2 And hath raised up a mighty sal|vation | for us ■  
in the | house of · his | servant | David;  
3 As he spake by the mouth of his | holy | Prophets ■  
which have been | since the | world be|gan;  
4 That we should be | saved · from our | enemies, ■  
and from the | hands of | all that | hate us,  
5 To perform the mercy | promised · to our | forefathers, ■  
and to re|member · his | holy | covenant;  
6 To perform the oath which he sware to our | fore·father |  
Abraham: ■  
that | he would | give | us,  
7 That we being delivered out of the | hand of · our | enemies ■  
might serve | him with|out | fear,  
8 In holiness and | righteous·ness be|fore him ■  
all the | days | of our | life.  
9 And thou, child, shalt be called the | Prophet · of the | Highest, ■  
for thou shalt go before the face of the | Lord · to pre|pare his |  
ways;  
10 To give knowledge of salvation | unto · his | people, ■  
for the re|mission | of their | sins,  
11 Through the tender mercy | of our | God ■  
whereby the day-spring from on | high hath | visit·ed | us,  
12 To give light to them that sit in darkness  
and in the | shadow · of | death, ■  
and to guide our feet | into · the | way of | peace.

Glory to the Father, and | to the | Son, and | to the | Holy | Spirit:  
As it was in the be | ginning is | now and shall be for | ever. A | men.

### **THE APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Kneel*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

**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 versicles and responses may be said.*

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
**and grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen  
**and grant her government wisdom.**

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness  
**and let your servants shout for joy.**

O Lord, save your people  
**and bless those whom you have chosen.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
**and let your glory be over all the earth.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us  
**and renew us by your Holy Spirit**

#### **THE COLLECTS**

*The Collects of the day are said and one or more of these collects:*

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
as by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,  
whose will it is that the earth and the sea  
should bear fruit in due season:  
Bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,  
grant us a good harvest  
and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,  
to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom:  
Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,  
that we, surely trusting in your protection,  
may not fear the power of any adversaries;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God,  
we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day:  
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,**

**and in all things guide us to know and do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### *Hymn CH 16*

Like a mighty river flowing,  
like a flower in beauty growing,  
far beyond all human knowing  
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the hills serene and even,  
like the coursing clouds of heaven,  
like the heart that's been forgiven  
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the summer breezes playing,  
like the tall trees softly swaying,  
like the lips of silent praying  
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the morning sun ascended,  
like the scents of evening blended,  
like a friendship never ended  
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the azure ocean swelling,  
like the jewel all-excelling,  
far beyond our human telling  
is the perfect peace of God.

#### **THE PRAYERS**

*Let us pray*

#### **Kneel**

*We acknowledge our dependence on God's giving:*

Lord God, as we sow a seed, or plant, hoping for a rich harvest, we pray that we may delivered from thinking that this comes wholly of its own accord, or simply due to our efforts.

Teach us again that sun and rain are your gifts, that by ourselves we can do nothing and that we are stewards of your creation.

In your mercy, grant us favourable crops, trusting and thankful hearts, and wise and fair use of your gifts, for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, as you have taught us to pray for our daily bread and to recognize our dependence on your bounty, so we ask your blessing on the sowing of the seed and the labours of those who work on the land; that the earth may yield its full harvest and the needs of all may be supplied; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We pray for this Group of Parishes and for the Parishes of Magherally and Annaclone and the Bishop's Curate the Revd Karen Salmon, that we may apply the lessons of the seed in how we live day by day:*

Lord Jesus, you have taught us the lessons of the seed: the seed that springs up and grows in ways unknown to us; the seed that though smallest becomes a great plant; the seed that gives its life that new life may be multiplied. Write these lessons of faith, hope and love on our hearts, that our lives may yield an abundant harvest in your service, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

*Let us pray for rural areas and the people who live there:*

For the long-term residents who live where their parents and their grandparents lived;  
for those who live on and work on large mechanized farms;  
for those who live and work on small farms and holdings;  
for the very wealthy who own great areas of land;  
for those who own nothing;  
for those who live in villages;  
for those who work in country crafts and industries;  
for all whose work is lonely, dangerous and a cause for anxiety and stress;  
for those who are unemployed;  
for those who work in urban areas but have country homes;  
for newcomers who find country life strange;  
for country doctors and nurses, and for veterinary surgeons with country practices;  
for those who develop the rural holiday industry;  
for those who provide transport services;  
for local councillors, Members of Parliament, Assembly Members, editors of newspapers and all who help the rural communities in their life together;  
and for all Christian people, their churches and their clergy.

Grant, Lord, that your church in country areas may have special grace, power and wisdom to be your body and proclaim your word, so that people may befriend each other, learn from one another and

create caring communities in times of change, for the good of all and to the praise of your name. **Amen.**

*We pray for our country at this time of great concern, instability and anxiety:*

We thank you, Lord, for the record of long ages in which prophets and kings have worked together. Hear our prayer for all our public representatives, especially at Stormont and at Westminster. May those elected learn the lessons of history, meet its challenges in the present, and be given vision for the future. May their policies and decisions be true to your will and achievable in your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We pray for all preparing for examinations at this time:*

Heavenly Father, give your blessing to the work of all students that they may do it to your glory. May all their study be done honestly and faithfully. Give them strength, wisdom and patience and whether they succeed or not, may their confidence in you and your purposes remain; we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

*Hymn CH 350*

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

*Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled,

For each perfect gift of thine  
to the world so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

For thy Church for evermore  
lifting holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love,

### **THE SERMON**

*Hymn CH 32*

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die – I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

### **The Blessing**

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life:  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. *(All sing)* **Amen.**

*Hymn CH 287*

The whole bright world rejoices now,  
the birds sing out on every bough;  
*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*  
Then shout beneath the racing skies  
to him who rose that we may rise:  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

Let us rejoice! All shall be well,  
friends severed now, in heaven shall dwell:  
*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*  
The end of all our ways is love;  
then rise with him to things above:  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

Now let all living things rejoice,  
let young and old lift heart and voice:  
*Christ is risen! Alleluia!*  
He rose to cheer us on our ways,  
he lives to bless us all our days:  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

*Going Out as God's People*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Notices*