

**THE GROUPED PARISHES OF  
ANNAHILT AND MAGHERAHAMLET**

**A SERVICE OF  
MORNING PRAYER AND THE LITANY**

**ON  
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**CONDUCTED BY THE RECTOR**

**THE REVD CANON ROBERT HOWARD**

**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Stand*

*The Rector introduces the Service and greets the congregation*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Through Jesus let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God,  
that is the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. *Hebrews 13.15*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN CH 346**

Angel voices, ever singing  
round thy throne of light;  
angel harps, for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee,  
and confess thee,  
Lord of might.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds, and hands and voices,  
in our choicest  
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit,  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessèd Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given,  
earth and heaven  
render thee.

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.

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 us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Stand*

*Minister* O Lord, open our lips:

*People* **and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

*Minister* O God, make speed to save us:

*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Minister* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*People* **as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Minister* Praise the Lord:

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

#### **JUBILATE PSALM 100 TRADITIONAL**

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord | all ye | lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his | presence | with a | song.
- 2 Be ye sure that the Lord | he is | God;  
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves  
we are his people | and the | sheep of · his | pasture.
- 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving  
and into his | courts with | praise;  
be thankful unto him and speak | good of | his | name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is | ever|lasting,  
and his truth endureth from gene|ration · to | gene|ration.

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 45 (SAID)**

- 1 My heart is astir with gracious words; ♦  
**as I make my song for the king,**  
**my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.**

- 2 You are the fairest of men; ♦

**full of grace are your lips,**  
**for God has blest you for ever.**

- 6 Your throne is God's throne, for ever; ♦

**the sceptre of your kingdom is the sceptre of righteousness.**

- 7 You love righteousness and hate iniquity; ♦

**therefore God, your God, has anointed you**  
**with the oil of gladness above your fellows.**

- 8 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia; ♦

**from ivory palaces the music of strings makes you glad.**

- 9 Kings' daughters are among your honourable women; ♦

**at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.**

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.**

#### **FIRST READING**

A Reading from the Song of Solomon Chapter 2 beginning at verse 8

- <sup>8</sup> The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.

- <sup>9</sup> My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.

- <sup>10</sup> My beloved speaks and says to me:  
'Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;

- <sup>11</sup> for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

- <sup>12</sup> The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtle-dove  
is heard in our land.

- <sup>13</sup> The fig tree puts forth its figs,

and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

#### CANTICLE

#### URBS FORTITUDINIS TRADITIONAL

1 We have a | strong | city: ■  
salvation will God ap|point for | walls and | bulwarks.  
2 Open | ye the | gates: ■  
that the righteous nation which keepeth the | truth may | enter | in.  
3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is | stayed on |  
thee ■  
be|cause he | trusteth · in | thee.  
4 Trust ye in the | Lord for | ever: ■  
for our rock of | ages | is the | Lord.  
5 The way of the | just is | uprightness; ■  
thou that art upright dost di|rect the | path · of the | just.  
6 Yea in the way of thy judgments O Lord have we | waited · for |  
thee; ■  
the desire of our soul is to thy Name, |  
and · to the re|membrance · of | thee.

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.

#### SECOND READING

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Mark Chapter 7  
beginning at verse 1

7Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands,\* thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it;\* and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live\* according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ <sup>6</sup>He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you

hypocrites, as it is written,  
“This people honours me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”  
<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’

14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’\*<sup>21</sup> For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

#### 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

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
Help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **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 T&P 11**

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is written on His hands  
My name is hidden in His heart  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No power can force me to depart  
No power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God, the just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb  
My perfect, sinless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of Glory and of Grace!  
One with my Lord I cannot die.  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is safe with Christ on high  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.

**THE LITANY**

*The Rector says:*

Let us pray in the word of the Litany.

*Kneel or Sit*

1

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,  
**have mercy on us.**

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, giver of life,  
**have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three Persons in one God,  
**have mercy on us.**

2

Save us, good Lord, from all sin and wickedness, from pride,  
hypocrisy and conceit, from envy, hatred and malice, and all  
uncharitableness,  
**save us, good Lord.**

From sins of thought, word and deed, from the lusts of the flesh,  
from the deceits of the world and the snares of the devil,  
**save us, good Lord.**

From fire, storm and flood, from disease, pestilence and want,  
from war and murder, and from dying unprepared,  
**save us, good Lord.**

From all false doctrine, from hardness of heart, from contempt of  
your word and commandment, and from the evil of schism.  
**save us, good Lord.**

In times of sorrow and in times of joy, in the hour of death, and  
in the day of judgement,  
**save us, good Lord.**

3

Save us, Lord Christ, by the mystery of your holy incarnation, by  
your birth, childhood and obedience, by your baptism, fasting and  
temptation,  
**save us, Lord Christ.**

By your ministry in word and work, by your mighty acts of  
power, and by your preaching of the kingdom,  
**save us, Lord Christ.**

By your agony and trial, by your cross and passion, and by your  
precious death and burial,  
**save us, Lord Christ.**

By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by  
your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
**save us, Lord Christ.**

### FOR THE CHURCH

Hear us, good Lord: govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is your will,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Give your Church courage to preach the gospel and to make disciples of all the nations,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Give knowledge and understanding to bishops, priests and deacons, that by their life and teaching they may proclaim your word,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Give all people grace to receive your word and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Bring all who have erred and are deceived into the way of truth,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

### FOR THE STATE

Guard and bless our rulers, especially Elizabeth our Queen, the Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the Secretary of State Brandon Lewis and the Government, the First Minister Paul Givan, Deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill and the Executive also President Michael D Higgins, the Taoiseach Micheál Martin, Tánaiste Leo Varadkar and Government in the Republic, and grant that they may trust in you, and seek your honour and glory,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Bless our country, and give grace, wisdom and understanding to all in authority,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Bless the European Nations,  
and draw us closer to one another in justice and freedom,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice in honesty and truth,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Bless and keep all who maintain peace and safety,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Give to all nations unity, peace and concord,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

### FOR ALL PEOPLE ACCORDING TO THEIR NEEDS

Strengthen the faithful, comfort and help the faint-hearted, raise up those who fall, and drive out all evil,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Support and encourage all who are in poverty, unemployment or distress, protect those whose work is dangerous, and keep in safety all who travel,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Keep fathers, mothers and children united in their family life, and give them wisdom and strength in times of stress,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Heal the sick, care for the old and lonely, and comfort the bereaved,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Remember the poor who long to hear good news: give us the will to strengthen them through acts of generous love,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Show your pity on victims of strife, on the homeless and the hungry, on prisoners, and on all who live in fear,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Guide and direct all who influence others through the written or the spoken word, and inspire all who serve mankind in science, industry and art,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Bless and keep all your people,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Teach us to use the resources of the earth to your glory, that all may share in your goodness and praise you for your loving kindness,  
**hear us, good Lord.**

Saviour of the world, forgive our sins, known and unknown,  
things done, and left undone; grant us the grace of your  
Holy Spirit that we may amend our lives according to your  
holy word, and share with all your people the joys of your eternal  
kingdom.

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,  
**give us your peace.**

#### HYMN OLD ICH 312

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

#### SERMON

#### HYMN CH 605

Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown —  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer —  
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean —  
in you and you in me.

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound —  
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow —  
in you and you in me.

#### THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts  
and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus  
Christ our Lord; 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 599

‘Take up thy cross’, the Saviour said,  
‘if thou wouldst my disciple be;  
deny thyself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me.’

Take up thy cross; let not its weight  
fill thy weak spirit with alarm:  
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,  
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:  
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,  
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave;  
'twill guide thee to a better home,  
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only they who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

## 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*