

**THE GROUPED PARISHES OF
ANNAHILT AND MAGHERAHAMLET**

**A SERVICE OF
THE HOLY COMMUNION**

ON

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PRESIDENT AND PREACHER:

THE RECTOR

THE REVD CANON ROBERT HOWARD

THE GREETING

The Rector greets the congregation with the following words:

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

Jesus said: 'Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.' *Psalm 124:7*

HYMN CH 342

Sweet is the solemn voice that calls
the Christian to the house of prayer;
I love to stand within its walls,
for Christ the Lord is present there.

I love to tread the hallowed courts
where two or three for worship meet,
for there the Christ himself resorts,
and makes the little band complete.

'Tis sweet to raise the common song,
to join in holy praise and love,
and imitate the blessed throng
that mingle hearts and songs above.

Within these walls may peace abound;
may all our hearts in one agree;
where Christians meet, where Christ is found,
may peace and concord ever be.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.

Matthew 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:

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.**

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (SUNG)

**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

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Old Testament reading is from the 2nd book of Samuel
Chapter 7 beginning at verse 1

7Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had
given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to
the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but

the ark of God stays in a tent.' ³Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all
that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

4 But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go
and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to
build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the
day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I
have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I
have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a
word with any of the tribal leaders* of Israel, whom I commanded
to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a
house of cedar?' ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant
David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture,
from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I
have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your
enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like
the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place
for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in
their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall
afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed
judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your
enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will
make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down
with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who
shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his
kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish
the throne of his kingdom for ever. ¹⁴I will be a father to him, and
he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish
him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human
beings.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89 v 20-37

- 20 'I have found David my servant; ♦
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
21 'My hand shall hold him fast ♦
and my arm shall strengthen him.
22 'No enemy shall deceive him, ♦
nor any wicked person afflict him.
23 'I will strike down his foes before his face ♦
and beat down those that hate him.

- 24 'My truth also and my steadfast love shall be with him, ♦
and in my name shall his head be exalted.
- 25 'I will set his dominion upon the sea ♦
and his right hand upon the rivers.
- 26 'He shall call to me, "You are my Father, ♦
my God, and the rock of my salvation;"
- 27 'And I will make him my firstborn, ♦
the most high above the kings of the earth.
- 28 'The love I have pledged to him will I keep for ever, ♦
and my covenant will stand fast with him.
- 29 'His seed also will I make to endure for ever ♦
and his throne as the days of heaven.
- 30 'But if his children forsake my law ♦
and cease to walk in my judgements,
- 31 'If they break my statutes ♦
and do not keep my commandments,
- 32 'I will punish their offences with a rod ♦
and their sin with scourges.
- 33 'But I will not take from him my steadfast love ♦
nor suffer my truth to fail.
- 34 'My covenant will I not break ♦
nor alter what has gone out of my lips.
- 35 'Once for all have I sworn by my holiness ♦
 that I will not prove false to David.
- 36 'His seed shall endure for ever ♦
and his throne as the sun before me;
- 37 'It shall stand fast for ever as the moon, ♦
the enduring witness in the heavens.'

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.

THE EPISTLE

The Epistle is from the letter to the Ephesians Chapter 2 beginning at verse 11

11 So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth,* called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—
¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near

by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body* through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.* ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.* ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually* into a dwelling-place for God.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN CH 514

We cannot measure how you heal
 or answer every sufferer's prayer;
 yet we believe your grace responds
 where faith and doubt unite to care.
 Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
 survive to hold and heal and warn,
 to carry all through death to life
 and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away,
 the guilt that clings from things long past,
 the fear of what the future holds,
 are present as if meant to last.
 But present too is love which tends
 the hurt we never hoped to find,
 the private agonies inside,
 the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help,
 and some have come to make amends,
 as hands which shaped and saved the world
 are present in the touch of friends.

Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Mark
Chapter 6 beginning at verse 30

All sing: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
All Sing: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

THE SERMON

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**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:
We pray for the Church throughout the world, our brother and sister
Christians in every land.

We pray this diocese and for David our Bishop. We pray for this
Group of Parishes and especially for those recently confirmed. We
pray also for the Parish of St Elizabeth, Dundonald and the Rector,
the Revd Tim Anderson and the Curate Assistant The Revd Thomas
Murray.

May your Church make Christ known in the corridors of power and in the dark places of depravation. Help us to be at one with each other in love and prayer and mutual support.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Lord of creation:
We pray for the nations of the world. Grant to the persistent problems of the troubled Middle east, South Sudan, and Eritrea the long term solutions that can only come from international penitence, righteousness and love. We pray for all people threatened by starvation and ask for generosity, wisdom and international diplomacy needed to bring help in the present and well being in the future. Have mercy also on all who are faced with distress and need following the recent acute flooding in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxemburg and Switzerland. We ask that help may be given to them speedily and that this emergency may be turned to opportunity to strengthen the bonds of love and service which buy people and nations together.

Bless Elizabeth our Queen, the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, the Secretary of State, Brandon Lewis & the Government, the First Minister, Paul Givan, Deputy First Minister, Michelle O'Neill & Executive; also President Michael D Higgins, the Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar & Government in the Republic also the people of France following their 14th July Bastille Day celebrations.

Inspire us afresh today, that we who are weary may be encouraged, equipped, empowered and excited about what you are doing amongst us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Lord of our relationships:
Shield our families from the assaults and fear of coronavirus and all variants. We pray for those who are living in fear: fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of others' reaction to them.

If we are ill, strengthen us. If we are tired, fortify our spirits. If we are anxious, help us to consider the lilies of the field and the birds of the air. May fear not cause us to overlook the opportunities of rest and refreshment over this holiday period. Keep us safe on the roads whether we drive, ride or walk.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Lord of all healing:
Visit the afflicted with the assurance that their suffering will pass. Restore health to the damaged bodies and the troubled minds.

Give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick and your wisdom in encouraging all to avail of the benefits of the vaccine roll out.

We pray for all who are bereaved and grant them the assurance of your love.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Grant that the faithful departed may as joint heirs with Christ share in his glory. Today we especially remember Andy Fordham. 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 PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**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.**

THE PEACE

The Rector introduces the Peace with these words:

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

followed by:

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

HYMN CH 507

Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways
in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands,
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.

As at communion, shape your hands
into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere,
united round the table.

Put peace into each other's hands,
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance
and share it like a treasure.

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The Rector takes the bread and wine and may say

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 Rector breaks the consecrated bread in preparation for the
Communion*

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.**

THE COMMUNION

The Rector says

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

THE GREAT SILENCE

After communion, silence is kept for reflection.

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Lord God,
whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
May we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. **Amen.**

All say

**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
o be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

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 among you and remain with you always. *(All sing)* **Amen.**

HYMN CH 82

Summer suns are glowing
over land and sea,
happy light is flowing
bountiful and free.
Every thing rejoices
in the mellow rays,
all earth's thousand voices
swell the psalm of praise.

God's free mercy streameth
over all the world,
and his banner gleameth
everywhere unfurled.
Broad and deep and glorious
as the heaven above,
shines in might victorious
his eternal love.

Lord, upon our blindness
thy pure radiance pour;
for thy loving-kindness
makes us love thee more.
And when clouds are drifting
dark across our sky,
then, the veil uplifting,
Father, be thou nigh.

We will never doubt thee,
though thou veil thy light;
life is dark without thee:
death with thee is bright.
Light of light, shine o'er us
on our pilgrim way;
go thou still before us
to the endless day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices