

Parish of Annahilt

A Celebration of the Holy Communion

**in the Church of the Ascension, Annahilt
on
the Feast Day of Saint Thomas
3 July 2022
at 10.00 am**

**President and Preacher:
The Revd Marie Walsh**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional Hymn CH 52 (Tune 1st)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise;
triumph o'er the shades of night:
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-spring, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see -
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief,
fill me, Radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief:
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

*The President 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*

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 and eternal God,
who for the firmer foundation of our faith,
allowed your holy apostle Thomas
to doubt the resurrection of your Son
till word and sight convinced him:
Grant to us, who have seen, that we also may believe
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sit

The Old Testament Reading is from the book of Habakkuk
Chapter 2 beginning at verse 1

2 I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he* will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Epistle is from the letter to the Ephesians Chapter 2 beginning
at verse 19

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.* ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in 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 460 v1, 2k and 3

For all your saints in glory, for all your saints at rest,
to you, our Lord and Saviour, all praises be addressed;
apostles, martyrs, prophets, who served you in their day,
have left us their example of following your way.

Your lonely servant, Thomas, had doubts and could not prove
that you yourself had risen, the perfect proof of love.
On all who doubt your presence, grant them your peace, good Lord,
and give them faith to know you and own you 'Lord and God'.

All praise to God the Father, all praise to God the Son,
and God the Holy Spirit, eternal Three in One;
till all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
and honour, power, and glory ascribe to God alone.

All remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint John
Chapter 20 beginning at verse 24

All sing: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin*), one of the twelve, was
not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We
have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the
nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my
hand in his side, I will not believe.'

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas
was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood
among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas,
'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put
it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My
Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because
you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have
come to believe.'

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

The Sermon

The Revd Marie Walshe

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. Following our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray
for the Parish of Seapatrick, Banbridge, the Rector Archdeacon
Roderic West and the Curate Assistant The Revd Rory Corbett.

As you have founded the Church on the teaching of the Apostles,
grant that she may faithfully hold and make known the traditions
which they taught. Give to all Christian people grace in their time to
follow the example of your Apostle Thomas whom we
commemorate today.

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, Brandon Lewis & the Government; all MPs and MLAs, also President Michael D Higgins, the Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar & Government in the Republic.

May all elected to serve in 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:

We pray for children and teachers at school as well as university or college students and lecturers who are now on vacation. May all who are on holiday travel in safety and find relief from stress and fear over the future for them, 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 have contracted coronavirus and are suffering. May you sustain and inspire the medical doctors, nurses and supporting staff who remain the frontline of the fight against Covid-19 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 the departed who kept the faith and are now at rest. May they rejoice in the fellowship of the Apostles whose teaching was their guide in this world.

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 President 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.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Hymn CH 425 (Tune 2nd)

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts;
thou fount of life, our lives sustain;
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee, thou art good,
to them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountain-head,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
where'er our changeful lot is cast;
glad when thy gracious smile we see,
blessed when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away,
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

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.

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 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 President followed by the Congregation are invited to
communicate. Those wishing to receive Communion are asked to
remain in their pews standing until they have received both bread
and wine.*

Going Out as God's People

God of hope,
in this eucharist we have tasted
the promise of your heavenly banquet
and the richness of eternal life.
May we who bear witness to the death of your Son,
also proclaim the glory of his resurrection,
for he 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 Thomas 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.**

Notices

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:

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

**Please remain seated following this service
until advised by a Churchwarden**