

**THE GROUPED PARISHES OF
ANNAHILT AND MAGHERAHAMLET**

**A CELEBRATION OF
THE HOLY COMMUNION
AND
THANKSGIVING FOR THE
BLESSINGS OF HARVEST**

**ON
SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER 2021**

**PRESIDENT:
THE RECTOR
THE REVD CANON ROBERT HOWARD**

**PREACHER:
THE REVD BRUCE HAYES
RECTOR OF DALKEY (DUBLIN)**

THE GREETING

The Rector welcomes the online congregation and greets them 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

‘In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.’ *Philippians 4:6*

HYMN CH 37

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to thy final harvest-home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;

there for ever purified
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.

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:

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.**

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

We give thanks for the harvest of the earth, which provides food to
maintain life, both in body and spirit:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give
us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them
to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-
being: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Old Testament reading is from the book of Ruth, Chapter 2
beginning at verse 2.

²And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, 'Let me go to the field and
glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I

may find favour.' She said to her, 'Go, my daughter.'³ So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.⁴ Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, 'The LORD be with you.' They answered, 'The LORD bless you.'⁵ Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, 'To whom does this young woman belong?'⁶ The servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, 'She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab.'⁷ She said, "Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers." So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now, without resting even for a moment.'⁸

⁸ Then Boaz said to Ruth, 'Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women.⁹ Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped, and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.'¹⁰ Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, 'Why have I found favour in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?'¹¹ But Boaz answered her, 'All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before.'¹² May the LORD reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!¹³ Then she said, 'May I continue to find favour in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 'BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA

- 10 O let the Earth | bless the | Lord : *yea let it praise him and / magni · fy / him for / ever.*
 11 O ye Mountains and Hills | bless · ye the | Lord : O all ye Green Things upon the | Earth | bless · ye the | Lord.
 12 O ye Wells | bless · ye the | Lord : O ye Seas and | Floods | bless · ye the | Lord.

- 13 O ye Whales and all that move in the Waters | bless · ye the | Lord : O all ye Fowls of the | Air | bless · ye the | Lord.
 +14 O all ye Beasts and Cattle | bless · ye the | Lord : O ye Children of | Men | Bless · ye the | Lord.
 15 O let Isra-el | bless the | Lord : *praise him and / magni · fy / him for / ever.*
 16 O ye Priests of the Lord | bless · ye the | Lord : O ye servants of the | Lord | bless · ye the | Lord.
 17 O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous | bless · ye the | Lord : O ye holy and humble Men of | heart | bless. Ye the | Lord.
 18 O Ananias Azarias and Misael | bless · ye the | Lord : *praise him and / magni · fy / him for / ever.*
 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 EPISTLE

The Epistle is from the 2nd letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians Chapter 9 beginning at verse 6

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.⁹ As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness² endures for ever.'¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.*¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN CH 44

Praise and Thanksgiving
Father, we offer
For all things living
You have made good:
Harvest of sown fields
Fruits of the orchard
Hay from the mown fields
Blossom and wood.

Lord, bless the labour
We bring to serve you
That with our neighbour
We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling
We would work with you:
Harvesting, milling
For daily bread

Father, providing
food for your children,
your wisdom guiding
teaches us share
one with another,
so that rejoicing, sister and brother
may know your care.

Then will your blessing
Reach every people
Each one confessing
Your gracious hand.
When you are reigning
No one will hunger:
Your love sustaining
Fruitful the land.

Please remain standing for the reading of the Gospel

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Saint Luke
Chapter 12 beginning at verse 13
All sing: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' 14 But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' 15 And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' 16 Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" 18 Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." 20 But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Sing: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON THE REVD BRUCE HAYES

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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

to hear the prayers of those who ask in faith:

Lord of your people:

From you comes each good gift of life. As you have blessed the Church with abundant grace, keep her faithful in the offering of word and sacrament. We pray for this diocese and for David our Bishop.

We give thanks for your faithfulness through the difficulties of Covid and offer ourselves in this Group of Parishes to your service. We ask that by the Spirit at work within us, others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace. We pray for all who are still nervous about returning to In-Church worship.

We pray for the Parish of Killyleagh, including the Rector, the Revd Colin Darling.

Lord, of all creation

Hear our prayer.

Lord of Creation:

At this harvest time we thank you for the world we see around us: for the flowers, the trees and the animals. Bless all those who care for them. Help us to protect your creation by being careful about how we use your resources.

We thank you that you call us to play our part. May we work with you and with others to bring about change.

Bless Elizabeth our Queen and all in positions of responsibility, 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. Give them courage and insight to develop policies and systems that support the flourishing of all, so that even in these challenging times no-one goes hungry and everyone has dignity. May justice and compassion prevail in political and economic decision-making.

Sovereign, wise and gracious God, we acknowledge before you our failures, our divisions, and the hurt we have caused you and one another. As we reflect upon the events of partition and formation bring to mind what happened then and in the years since, we acknowledge before you our different and often polarised interpretations of history. As travel onwards in our journey, may we learn from the experiences of the past and from those who trod these roads before us, so that the inheritance we pass on to the next generation is the gift of understanding, peace and hope.

Lord, of all creation

Hear our prayer.

Lord of our relationships:

We ask your blessing on our families, friends and neighbours and pray for all who are facing unemployment, ill health, isolation or financial worries at this challenging time. Help us recognise the interdependence of all life and the importance of just relations and responsible stewardship of all you continue to give us. As we thank you for those who are serving and caring for others, in churches, in charities, in the National Health and other public services, in our neighbourhoods, in our homes, in foodbanks and in many other contexts, give them strength, rest and perseverance. As they work to support others, we ask that they too would receive all they need to thrive.

As we give thanks for all who bring in the harvest of the land and of the sea and for all who grow, manufacture, transport and distribute our food, we ask for your grace and patience with us when we fail to look after your world as we should. Help us to change so that we too may become a new creation walking in the light of your Gospel.

Lord of all creation

Hear our prayer.

Lord of all healing:

Though you have given the human race a rich land, a land of streams and springs, wheat and barley, vines and oils and honey, by sin we have made it a world of suffering and sorrow. We pray for the suffering we are meeting in in our society during this global pandemic - those who have lost loved ones, become ill or lost jobs and businesses, families who are struggling to make ends meet.

Forgive the injustices and inequalities by which communities and individuals have been burdened for years which have been made evident by the pandemic. May all who are ill or are recovering from illness or who are experiencing poverty receive the support they need and be able to find positive pathways forward. Be with those who have great need both in the world's areas of famine or natural disaster and where growers, suppliers and consumers are suffering hardship following poor harvest yields.

Lord of all creation

Hear our prayer.

Lord of eternity:

We give thanks for the departed who have been grouped into your care. Grant them the joy of faith brought to fruition in your heavenly kingdom.

Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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 450

Upon thy table, Lord, we place
these symbols of our work and thine,
life's food won only by thy grace,
who givest all, the bread and wine.

Within these simple things there lie
the height and depth of human life,
the thoughts we own, our tears and toil,
our hopes, our fears, our joy and strife.

The faith that sows, the care that tends,
the ceaseless work of farm and field,
have wrought these elemental things
that they in turn our wealth should yield.

Accept them, Lord; from thee they come;
we but surrender to thy hand
these gifts of thine to higher use
obedient to thine own command.

All life is thine, O give us faith
to know thee in the broken bread,
and drink with thee the wine of life,
thou Lord supreme of quick and dead.

To thee we come, refresh us, thou,
with food from thy most holy board,
until the kingdoms of this world
become the kingdoms of the Lord.

And let this feast, so simply spread,
assure us that we all are one
whate'er our colour or our race
within the kingdom of God's Son.

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The President 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**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man

and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The President 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 President 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 GREAT SILENCE

When all have received communion, they keep silence for reflection.

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
Let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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
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

The President says

Christ, who has nourished us with the Bread of Life, sow the seed of His word on your hearts, so that you may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit, and at last be gathered into his heavenly garner; 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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN OLD ICH 307

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
In hymns of adoration,
To thee bring sacrifice of praise
With shouts of exultation;
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
The hills with joy are ringing,
The valleys stand so thick with corn
That even they are singing.

And now, on this our festal day,
Thy bounteous hand confessing,
Before thee thankfully we lay
The first fruits of thy blessing.
By thee the souls of men are fed
With gifts of grace supernal;
Thou who dost give us earthly bread,
Give us the Bread eternal.

We bear the burden of the day,
And often toil seems dreary;
But labour ends with sunset ray,
And rest comes for the weary;

May we, the angel-reaping o'er,
Stand at the last accepted,
Christ's golden sheaves for evermore
To garner bright elected.

O blessed is that land of God
Where saints abide for ever,
Where golden fields spread far and broad,
Where flows the crystal river:
The strains of all its holy throng
With ours today are blending;
Thrice blessed is that harvest song
Which never hath an ending.

DISMISSAL

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

Notices

