

**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 333

How lovely are thy dwellings fair!
O Lord of hosts, how dear
the pleasant tabernacles are,
where thou dost dwell so near.

My soul doth long and almost die
thy courts, O Lord, to see;
my heart and flesh aloud do cry,
O living God, for thee.

Happy who in thy house reside,
where thee they ever praise;
happy whose strength in thee doth bide,
and in their hearts thy ways.

They journey on from strength to strength
with joy and gladsome cheer,
till all before our God at length
in Zion do appear.

For God, the Lord, both sun and shield,
gives grace and glory bright;
no good from them shall be withheld
whose ways are just and right.

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

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
Open our hearts to the riches of his grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Old Testament reading is from the 2nd book of Samuel
Chapter 11 beginning at verse 26

26 When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she
made lamentation for him. ²⁷When the mourning was over, David
sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and
bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to
him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other
poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³but the poor
man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He
brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used
to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his
bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a
traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own
flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but
he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who
had come to him.' ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against
the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the LORD lives, the man who has
done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold,
because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.'

⁷ Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the
God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you
from the hand of Saul; ⁸I gave you your master's house, and your
master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel
and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as
much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do
what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite
with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have
killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the
sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised
me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your
wife. ¹¹Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from
within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes,
and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in
the sight of this very sun. ¹²For you did it secretly; but I will do this
thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' ¹³David said to Nathan,
'I have sinned against the LORD.' Nathan said to David, 'Now
the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51

1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; ♦
**according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.**

- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness ♦
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults ♦
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned ♦
and done what is evil in your sight,
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence ♦
and righteous in your judgement.
- 6 I have been wicked even from my birth, ♦
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me ♦
**and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart.**
- 8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; ♦
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, ♦
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Turn your face from my sins ♦
and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 11 Make me a clean heart, O God, ♦
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence ♦
and take not your holy spirit from me.
- 13 Give me again the joy of your salvation ♦
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

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 4 beginning at verse 1

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,
'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.'
⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended* into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN OLD ICH 608

God is always near me,
Hearing what I say,
Knowing all my thoughts and deeds,
All my work and play.

God is always near me;
In the darkest night
He can see me just the same
As by mid-day light.

God is always near me,
Though so young and small,
Not a look or word or thought,
But God knows it all.

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint John
Chapter 6 Beginning at verse 24
All sing: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ ²⁶Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ ²⁸Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ ²⁹Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ ³⁰So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?’ ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ³²Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which* comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ ³⁴They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

³⁵ Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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 give thanks for the grace that always exceeds what we can hope
or ask for.

We pray this diocese and for David our Bishop. We remember the
leaders and young people taking part in the Kilbroney Adventure
Camps at Rostrevor praying for good health for everyone and safe
delivery of the activities..

We pray for John our Archbishop & Metropolitan and the other
Church Leaders. Grant them your daily help and build us up in faith
and love.

As we are fed by word and sacrament, make us strong in your service. Guide us and direct us in the preparations we will be making to safely return to parochial activities in our Church buildings.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Lord of creation:

We thank you for the varied cultures of the British Isles. We acknowledge the historic variety of the English, the Welsh, the Scottish and the Irish and the richness of our life 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.

Grant that our shared roots may feed a joyful future which will nourish the nations of the world with the fruits of co-operation and inter-dependence.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Lord of our relationships:

Show us the way to relieve the needs that lie close to us.

Shield our families from the assaults and fear of coronavirus and its 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.

Help us in our life together to be a healing influence in our neighbourhood and in the world.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Lord of all healing:

May the compassion of Christ still prevail to heal the sick and feed the hungry, through the divine love that never fails.

Give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick and your wisdom in distributing vaccine. May discoveries in the field of medicine be truly shared between rich and poor.

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

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Grant refreshment, light and peace to all who no longer need the bread of this world. Receive them into their eternal home.

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 425

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.

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 minister who gives the bread says

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

and the communicant replies: Amen.

THE GREAT SILENCE

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

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
In that new world where you reveal the fulness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet
of 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.**

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 647

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

DISMISSAL

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

Notices