

**THE GROUPED PARISHES OF
ANNAHILT AND MAGHERAHAMLET**

**A CELEBRATION OF
THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**ON
SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2021**

**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*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN CH 259

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, th'eternal name!*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

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)

Stand

**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 everlasting God:
Increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sit

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Old Testament Reading is from the book of Job Chapter 1
verse 1 and continuing to Chapter 2 verse 10

¹There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job.
That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and
turned away from evil.

²One day the heavenly beings* came to present themselves before
the LORD, and Satan* also came among them to present himself
before the LORD. ²The LORD said to Satan,* 'Where have you come
from?' Satan* answered the LORD, 'From going to and fro on the
earth, and from walking up and down on it.' ³The LORD said to
Satan,* 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like

him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.’⁴ Then Satan* answered the LORD, ‘Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives.’⁵ But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.’⁶ The LORD said to Satan,* ‘Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.’

⁷ So Satan* went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸ Job* took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

⁹ Then his wife said to him, ‘Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse* God, and die.’¹⁰ But he said to her, ‘You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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

Stand

PSALM 26 (SAID)

- 1 Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have walked with integrity; ♦
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; ♦
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; ♦
I have walked in your truth.
- 4 I have not joined the company of the false, ♦
nor consorted with the deceitful.
- 5 I hate the gathering of evildoers ♦
and I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, ♦
that I may go about your altar,
- 7 To make heard the voice of thanksgiving ♦
and tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house of your habitation ♦
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Sweep me not away with sinners, ♦

- nor my life with the bloodthirsty,**
10 Whose hands are full of wicked schemes ♦
and their right hand full of bribes.
11 As for me, I will walk with integrity; ♦
redeem me, Lord, and be merciful to me.
12 My foot stands firm; ♦
in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

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.

Sit

THE EPISTLE

The Epistle is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 1 verses 1 to 4 and Chapter 2 verses 5 to 12

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son,* whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains* all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ Now God* did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶ But someone has testified somewhere, ‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them,* or mortals, that you care for them?’

⁷ You have made them for a little while lower* than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour,*
⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.’

Now in subjecting all things to them, God* left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower* than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God* he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God,* for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who

sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.* For this reason Jesus* is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,*¹² saying,

‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,*
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN CH 213

Jesus’ hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
Healing pain and sickness, blessing children small;
Washing weary feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus’ hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you,
Make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I’m gentle too,
Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Mark
Chapter 10 beginning at verse 2

All sing: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

2 Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’³ He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’⁴ They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’⁵ But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.’⁶ But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.”⁷ “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,*⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh.⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’

10 Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.¹¹ He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little

children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Sing: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON

Stand

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:

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

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 pray for the
Parish of Holywood, the Vicar, Canon Gareth Harron and Associate
Vicar, the Revd Ken McGrath.

We pray for this Group of Parishes and for our Sunday Schools now
that they have resumed their activities despite continuing
restrictions. We continue to pray for those recently confirmed, Rhys
Ewing, Alana Jiandani, Joshua McKeown, Emily O'Neill and Zara
Saulters from Annahilt, Charlotte Moore, Mark Stanford, Sarah
Wightman and Jenny Wightman in Magherahamlet.

As we are fed by word and sacrament, make us strong in your
service.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord of creation:

We pray for our leaders whose decisions and policies have the
potential to impact the lives of millions of people around the world,
people who they may never meet, know or be aware of but are your
sons and daughters.

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.

We pray that your Spirit will inspire the hearts and heads of our
leaders and those who hold positions of responsibility in
Afghanistan, Yemen, Iran, Myanmar and the Horn of Africa, that
they might hear the voices of the impoverished, the oppressed and
the vulnerable. Help them to see the impact of their actions and the
potential to release healing and hope through just policies.

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. Inspire
those who as yet have not taken up the opportunity of vaccination to
consider the positive benefits of doing so.

We pray for all who are bereaved, especially Marie Luke following
the death of her husband Jim. Give her and her sons Andrew and
Jamie the assurance of your love.

We pray for all adversely affected by the volcanic eruptions in La
Palma on Spain's Canary Islands.

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.**

Stand

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 T&P 120

Praise the One who break the darkness
with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel
healing every dread disease.
Calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water
quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory,
praise the One who makes us one.

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.

Kneel

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 other persons receive communion

THE GREAT SILENCE

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

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Lord God,
the source of truth and love:
Keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in 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 376

Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
or else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessèd souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold your Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives!

My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

DISMISSAL

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

Notices