

**THE GROUPED PARISHES OF
ANNAHILT AND MAGHERAHAMLET**

**A CELEBRATION OF
THE HOLY COMMUNION**

ON

SUNDAY 20 JUNE 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: 'Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the
age.' *Matthew 28:20*

HYMN CH 652

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
self denying, death defying,
thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy; †
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

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,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Old Testament Reading is from the 1st book of Samuel
Chapter 17 beginning at verse 32

³²David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your
servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' ³³Saul said to David,

'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you
are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' ³⁴But David
said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and
whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵I
went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and
if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and
kill it. ³⁶Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this
uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied
the armies of the living God.' ³⁷David said, 'The LORD, who saved me
from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me
from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may
the LORD be with you!'

³⁸Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his
head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹David strapped Saul's
sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not
used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I
am not used to them.' So David removed them. ⁴⁰Then he took his staff
in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them
in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he
drew near to the Philistine.

⁴¹The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-
bearer in front of him. ⁴²When the Philistine looked and saw David, he
disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in
appearance. ⁴³The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come
to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴The
Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the
birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.' ⁴⁵But David said to
the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I
come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of
Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This very day the LORD will deliver
you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head;
and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to
the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the
earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷and that all this
assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear;
for the battle is the LORD's and he will give you into our hand.'

⁴⁸When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly
towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹David put his hand in his
bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead;
the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

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

PSALM 9 (SAID)

⁹ The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

¹⁰ And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

¹¹ Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion.
Declare his deeds among the peoples.

¹² For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

¹³ Be gracious to me, O LORD.

See what I suffer from those who hate me;

you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,

¹⁴ so that I may recount all your praises,
in the gates of daughter Zion,
and rejoice in your deliverance.

¹⁵ The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;

in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.

¹⁶ The LORD has made himself known, he has executed judgement;
the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.

¹⁷ The wicked shall depart to the land of darkness,
all the nations that forget God.

¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

nor the hope of the poor perish for ever.

¹⁹ Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail;
let the nations be judged before you.

²⁰ Put them in fear, O LORD;

let the nations know that they are only human.

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 2nd letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
Chapter 6 beginning at verse 1

⁶As we work together with him,* we urge you also not to accept the
grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We
are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found

with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended
ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions,
hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours,
sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness,
holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of
God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the
left; ⁸in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are
treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well
known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not
killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many
rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open
to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in
yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts
also.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN CH 110

Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me
if he were here;
scenes by the wayside,
tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus,
tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children
stood round his knee;
and I shall think of his blessing
resting on me;
words full of kindness,
deeds full of grace,
while love was shining
in Jesus’ face.

Tell me, in words full of wonder,
how rolled the sea,
tossing the boat in a tempest
on Galilee;
how Jesus, doing
his Father’s will,

ended the storm, with
'Peace, peace be still'.

Into the city I'd follow
the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm-tree
high in my hand;
worshipping Jesus,
yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas,
for he is King!

Show me that scene in the garden,
of bitter pain;
and of the cross where my Saviour
for me was slain;
and, through the sadness,
help me to see
how Jesus suffered
for love of me.

Tell me with joy of his rising
up from the grave;
and how he still lives triumphant,
ready to save.
Wonderful story,
Jesus my friend,
living and loving
right to the end.

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Mark Chapter 4 beginning at verse 35

All sing: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.'³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.³⁷ A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?'³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.⁴⁰ He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you

still no faith?'⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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

THE SERMON

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:

Keep the Church constant in faith and works, secure against the
conflicting demands of the world.

We pray this diocese which shall meet on-line in synod later this week
and for David our Bishop who will preside. May we be encouraged for
ministry in this next session. We pray for this Group of Parishes and for
the young people who shall be confirmed later today, Rhys Ewing,
Alana Jiandani, Joshua McKeown, Emily O'Neill, Zara Saulters,
Charlotte Moore, Mark Stanford, Sarah Wightman and Jenny
Wightman.

Help them to put Christ first in every part of their lives, to meet him
regularly at his table and in your word, and to grow in the knowledge
of his love.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lord of creation:

Give peace to all places in the world that are torn by the storms of war
and violence. Come into the hearts of the powerful, giving them a
desire to be reconciled with their enemies and to live in harmony.
Where there is hatred let there be love.

Bless Elizabeth our Queen, the Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the
Secretary of State, Brandon Lewis and the Government, the First
Minister, Paul Givan, Deputy First Minister, Michelle O'Neill and
Executive. We pray also for President Michael D Higgins, the
Taoiseach Micheál Martin, Tánaiste Leo Varadkar and the Government
in the Republic.

Inspire us today with fresh revelations of your plans for our lives and
our world. Instil in us a new sense of adventure to embrace what lies
ahead with anticipation and hope.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord of our relationships:

Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our
community.

In our work, let us remember that we are workers together with Jesus.
Give us grace to be mediators in disputes and to calm the tensions in
our daily lives with others.

We pray for all fathers, especially those in our own and our local
families. Give them the unfailing love that Mary and Joseph gave to
Jesus and uphold them in times of anxiety and distress.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lord of all healing:

Have mercy on those who have no peace in themselves and bring them
the peace of your presence.

Watch over sailors and all who travel by sea, and preserve them from
danger.

Give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick as
we especially pray for Terence Hasley.

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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We give thanks for those who have crossed from life through death,
and have come to rest in life eternal. Grant them a safe harbour and the
peace that cannot be broken.

As we mark the first anniversary of her death we remember with
thanksgiving Dame Vera Lynn.

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:

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit and Life-giver.

followed by:

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

HYMN T&P 9

When we gather at your table,
and we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through that holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us,
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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 Rector says

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life

The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

and the communicant replies: Amen.

THE GREAT SILENCE

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

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

O God,
whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
Give us a glimpse of your glory on earth
but shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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

Eternal Father, Lord of life,
you have in every nation
bestowed on loving man and wife
a share in your creation:
for this you formed the family,
the cradle of all living,
and that this wonder still should be,
today we make thanksgiving.

Help us to keep our sacred vow
of faithfulness, unbroken;
in all our words and works to show
each other love unspoken:
grant us your wisdom day by day;
through us may grace be flowing
to help our children on their way,
in truth and freedom growing.

And when the dangerous days come by
of doubt and fear and blindness,
then strengthen every family
with courage, faith and kindness;
that we, alert, your love may share
alike with friend and stranger,
and be the channels of your care,
and draw the sting of danger.

May we with joy our tasks fulfil
as father, child, or mother,
that families may learn your will
in loving one another;
until at last that day may be
when all, the truth perceiving,
will know themselves your family,
in Jesus Christ believing.

DISMISSAL

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

Notices