

**THE GROUPED PARISHES OF
ANNAHILT AND MAGHERAHAMLET**
**A SERVICE OF
MORNING PRAYER AND THE LITANY**
**ON
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CONDUCTED BY THE RECTOR
THE REVD CANON ROBERT HOWARD

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Stand

The Rector introduces the Service and greets the congregation

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Through Jesus let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God,
that is the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. *Hebrews 13.15*

HYMN CH 76

Sweet is the work, my God and King,
to praise your name, give thanks and sing;
to show your love by morning light,
and talk of all your truth at night.

Sweet is the day, the first and best,
on which I share your sacred rest;
so let my heart in tune be found,
like David's harp of joyful sound.

My heart shall triumph in the Lord
and bless his works, and bless his word:
his works of grace, how bright they shine –
how deep his counsels, how divine!

Soon shall I see and hear and know
what mortals cannot reach below,
and all my powers for God employ
in that eternal world of joy.

Beloved in Christ,
we come together to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Kneel

Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you 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 us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand

Minister O Lord, open our lips:
People **and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Minister O God, make speed to save us:
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Minister Praise the Lord:

People **The Lord's name be praised.**

JUBILATE PSALM 100 TRADITIONAL

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord | all ye | lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his | presence | with a | song.
- 2 Be ye sure that the Lord | he is | God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves
we are his people | and the | sheep of · his | pasture.
- 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his | courts with | praise;
be thankful unto him and speak | good of | his | name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is | ever|lasting,
and his truth endureth from gene|ration · to | gene|ration.

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.

PSALM 146 (SAID)

- 1 Alleluia.
Praise the Lord, O my soul:
while I live will I praise the Lord; ♦
**as long as I have any being,
I will sing praises to my God.**
- 2 Put not your trust in princes,
nor in any human power, ♦
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; ♦
on that day all their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, ♦
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them; ♦
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong ♦
and bread to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord looses those that are bound; ♦
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

- 8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; ♦
the Lord loves the righteous;
- 9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the orphan and widow; ♦
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
- 10 The Lord shall reign for ever, ♦
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Alleluia.**

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.**

FIRST READING

The Old Testament Reading is from the book of Ruth Chapter 1
beginning at verse 15

15 So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people
and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' ¹⁶But Ruth said,
'Do not press me to leave you

or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

¹⁷ Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.

May the LORD do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!

¹⁸ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said
no more to her.

CANTICLE

URBS FORTITUDINIS TRADITIONAL

- 1 We have a | strong | city: ■
salvation will God ap|point for | walls and | bulwarks.
- 2 Open | ye the | gates: ■
that the righteous nation which keepeth the | truth may | enter | in.
- 3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is | stayed on |
thee ■

because he | trusteth · in | thee.

4 Trust ye in the | Lord for | ever: ■
for our rock of | ages | is the | Lord.

5 The way of the | just is | uprightness; ■

thou that art upright dost di|rect the | path · of the | just.

6 Yea in the way of thy judgments O Lord have we | waited · for |
thee; ■

the desire of our soul is to thy Name, |
and · to the re|embrance · of | thee.

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.

SECOND READING

The New Testament Reading is from the Gospel according to Saint
Mark Chapter 12 beginning at verse 28

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one
another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him,
‘Which commandment is the first of all?’²⁹ Jesus answered, ‘The
first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;”³⁰ you
shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your
soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.”³¹ The
second is this, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” There is
no other commandment greater than these.’³² Then the scribe said to
him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one,
and besides him there is no other”;³³ and “to love him with all the
heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and
“to love one’s neighbour as oneself”,—this is much more important
than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’³⁴ When Jesus saw
that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the
kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question.

CANTICLE

BENEDICTUS

1 Blessèd be the Lord | God of | Israel, ■
for he hath visited | and re|deemed his | people,

2 And hath raised up a mighty sal|vation | for us ■
in the | house of · his | servant | David;

3 As he spake by the mouth of his | holy | Prophets ■
which have been | since the | world be|gan;

4 That we should be | saved · from our | enemies, ■
and from the | hands of | all that | hate us,

5 To perform the mercy | promised · to our | forefathers, ■
and to re|member · his | holy | covenant;

6 To perform the oath which he sware to our | fore·father |
Abraham: ■
that | he would | give | us,

7 That we being delivered out of the | hand of · our | enemies ■
might serve | him with|out | fear,

8 In holiness and | righteous·ness be|fore him ■
all the | days | of our | life.

9 And thou, child, shalt be called the | Prophet · of the | Highest, ■
for thou shalt go before the face of the | Lord · to pre|pare his |
ways;

10 To give knowledge of salvation | unto · his | people, ■
for the re|mission | of their | sins,

11 Through the tender mercy | of our | God ■
whereby the day-spring from on | high hath | visit·ed | us,

12 To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the | shadow · of | death, ■
and to guide our feet | into · the | way of | peace.

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 APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary.**

**Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;**

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Kneel

Let us pray.

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

**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 versicles and responses may be said.

Show us your mercy, O Lord:
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen:
and grant her government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness:
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people:
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord:
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us:
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints:
Grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,
to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom:
Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,
that we, surely trusting in your protection,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God,
we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day:
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,
and in all things guide us to know and do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN T&P 11

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is written on His hands
My name is hidden in His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No power can force me to depart
No power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, sinless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of Glory and of Grace!
One with my Lord I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is safe with Christ on high
With Christ, my Saviour and my God
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.

THE LITANY

The Rector says:

Let us pray in the word of the Litany.

Kneel or Sit

1

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,
have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, giver of life,
have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three Persons in one God,
have mercy on us.

2

Save us, good Lord, from all sin and wickedness, from pride,
hypocrisy and conceit, from envy, hatred and malice, and all
uncharitableness,
save us, good Lord.

From sins of thought, word and deed, from the lusts of the flesh,
from the deceits of the world and the snares of the devil,
save us, good Lord.

From fire, storm and flood, from disease, pestilence and want,
from war and murder, and from dying unprepared,
save us, good Lord.

From all false doctrine, from hardness of heart, from contempt of
your word and commandment, and from the evil of schism.
save us, good Lord.

In times of sorrow and in times of joy, in the hour of death, and
in the day of judgement,
save us, good Lord.

3

Save us, Lord Christ, by the mystery of your holy incarnation, by
your birth, childhood and obedience, by your baptism, fasting and
temptation,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your ministry in word and work, by your mighty acts of
power, and by your preaching of the kingdom,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your agony and trial, by your cross and passion, and by your
precious death and burial,
save us, Lord Christ.

By your mighty resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by
your sending of the Holy Spirit,
save us, Lord Christ.

4

FOR THE CHURCH

Hear us, good Lord: govern and direct your holy Church, fill it
with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is your will,
hear us, good Lord.

Give your Church courage to preach the gospel and to make
disciples of all the nations,
hear us, good Lord.

Give knowledge and understanding to bishops, priests and
deacons, that by their life and teaching they may proclaim your
word,
hear us, good Lord.

Give all people grace to receive your word and to bring forth the
fruit of the Spirit,
hear us, good Lord.

Bring all who have erred and are deceived into the way of truth,
hear us, good Lord.

FOR THE STATE

Guard and bless our rulers, especially 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 the Executive also President Michael D Higgins, the Taoiseach Micheál Martin, Tánaiste Leo Varadkar and Government in the Republic, and grant that they may trust in you, and seek your honour and glory,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless our country, and give grace, wisdom and understanding to all in authority,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless the European Nations,
and draw us closer to one another in justice and freedom,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice in honesty and truth,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep all who maintain peace and safety,
hear us, good Lord.

Give to all nations unity, peace and concord,
hear us, good Lord.

FOR ALL PEOPLE ACCORDING TO THEIR NEEDS

Strengthen the faithful, comfort and help the faint-hearted, raise up those who fall, and drive out all evil,
hear us, good Lord.

Support and encourage all who are in poverty, unemployment or distress, protect those whose work is dangerous, and keep in safety all who travel,
hear us, good Lord.

Keep fathers, mothers and children united in their family life, and give them wisdom and strength in times of stress,
hear us, good Lord.

Heal the sick, care for the old and lonely, and comfort the bereaved,
hear us, good Lord.

Remember the poor who long to hear good news: give us the will to strengthen them through acts of generous love,
hear us, good Lord.

Show your pity on victims of strife, on the homeless and the hungry, on prisoners, and on all who live in fear,
hear us, good Lord.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts,
hear us, good Lord.

Guide and direct all who influence others through the written or the spoken word, and inspire all who serve mankind in science, industry and art,
hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep all your people,
hear us, good Lord.

Teach us to use the resources of the earth to your glory, that all may share in your goodness and praise you for your loving kindness,
hear us, good Lord.

5

Saviour of the world, forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done, and left undone; grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit that we may amend our lives according to your holy word, and share with all your people the joys of your eternal kingdom.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.

HYMN CH 639

O thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and think, and speak for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.

Still let me prove thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

SERMON

HYMN CH 580

I want to walk with Jesus Christ,
all the days I live of this life on earth,
to give to him complete control
of body and of soul:

*Follow him, follow him, yield your life to him,
he has conquered death, he is King of kings.
Accept the joy which he gives to those
who yield their lives to him.*

I want to learn to speak to him,
to pray to him, confess my sin,
to open my life and let him in,
for joy will then be mine:

I want to learn to speak of him,
my life must show that he lives in me;
my deeds, my thoughts, my words must speak
all of his love for me:

I want to learn to read his Word,
for this is how I know the way
to live my life as pleases him,
in holiness and joy:

O Holy Spirit of the Lord,
enter now into this heart of mine;
take full control of my selfish will
and make me wholly thine:

*Follow him, follow him, yield your life to him,
he has conquered death, he is King of kings.
Accept the joy which he gives to those
who yield their lives to him.*

THE 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 with you and remain with you always.
(All sing) Amen.

HYMN CH 349

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
thy being and thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone
nor even the praising heart
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part:

praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed,
however small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise:
let all my being speak
of thee and of thy love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak.

So shall no part of day or night
from sacredness be free;
but all my life, in every step,
be fellowship with thee.

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Notices