

**THE GROUPED PARISHES OF  
ANNAHILT AND MAGHERAHAMLET**

**THE ORDER FOR  
MORNING PRAYER**

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**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

'Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth  
stand in awe of him'. *Psalms 96:9*

*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 Rector introduces the Service in these words:*

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 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.**

*Stand*

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

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

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.**

Praise the Lord.

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

### *FIRST CANTICLE*

#### **JUBILATE**

- 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 130 (Said)**

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; ♦  
**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**
- 2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, ♦  
**O Lord, who could stand?**
- 3 But there is forgiveness with you, ♦  
**so that you shall be feared.**
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; ♦  
**in his word is my hope.**
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than the night watch for the morning, ♦  
**more than the night watch for the morning.**
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, ♦  
**for with the Lord there is mercy;**
- 7 With him is plenteous redemption ♦  
**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

### *FIRST READING*

The Old Testament Reading is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of Samuel  
Chapter 18 beginning at verse 5

<sup>5</sup>The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

<sup>6</sup> So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. <sup>7</sup>The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. <sup>8</sup>The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

<sup>9</sup> Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging<sup>a</sup> between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. <sup>15</sup>And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

<sup>31</sup> Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' <sup>32</sup>The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.'

<sup>33</sup> \*The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'

### *SECOND CANTICLE*

#### **TE DEUM Parts 1 & 2**

##### *Part 1*

- 1 We praise | thee O | God, ■  
we acknowledge | thee to | be the | Lord.
- 2 All the earth doth | worship | thee, ■  
the | Father | ever|lasting.
- 3 To thee all angels cry aloud

the heavens and all the | powers there|in, ■  
 to thee Cherubim and Seraphim con|tin·ual|ly do | cry,  
 4 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord | God · of Sa·baoth: ■  
 heaven and earth are full of the | majes·ty | of thy | glory.  
 5 The glorious company of the apostles | praise | thee; ■  
 the goodly fellowship of the | prophets | praise | thee.  
 6 The | noble | army ■ of | martyrs | praise | thee.  
 7 The | holy | Church ■  
 throughout all the world | doth ac|knowledge | thee;  
 8 The Father of an | infin·ite | majesty, ■  
 thine honourable, true, and only Son,  
 also the | Holy | Spirit · the | Comforter.

*Part 2*

9 Thou art the King of | glory · O | Christ. ■  
 Thou art the ever|lasting | Son of · the | Father.  
 10 When thou tookest upon thee to de|liver | man, ■  
 thou didst not ab|hor the | Virgin's | womb.  
 11† When thou hadst overcome the | sharpness · of | death, ■  
 thou didst open the kingdom of | heaven · to | all be|lievers.  
 12 Thou sittest at the right | hand of | God, ■  
 in the | glory | of the | Father.  
 13 We be·lieve that | thou ■ shalt | come to | be our | judge.  
 14 We therefore pray thee | help thy | servants, ■  
 whom thou hast re|deemed · with thy | precious | blood.  
 15 Make them to be numbered | with thy | saints ■  
 in | glory | ever|lasting

**SECOND READING**

The New Testament Reading is from the Gospel according to Saint Joh Chapter 6 beginning at verse 35

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.

41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’<sup>42</sup> They were saying, ‘Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, “I have come down from heaven”?’<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, ‘Do not complain among yourselves.<sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.<sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, “And they shall all be taught by God.” Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.<sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.<sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.<sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life.<sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.<sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’

**THIRD 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.**

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**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
 be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
 and that they may obtain their petitions,  
 make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
 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 CH 16*

Like a mighty river flowing,  
like a flower in beauty growing,  
far beyond all human knowing  
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the hills serene and even,  
like the coursing clouds of heaven,  
like the heart that's been forgiven  
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the summer breezes playing,  
like the tall trees softly swaying,  
like the lips of silent praying  
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the morning sun ascended,  
like the scents of evening blended,  
like a friendship never ended  
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the azure ocean swelling,  
like the jewel all-excelling,  
far beyond our human telling  
is the perfect peace of God.

## OCCASIONAL PRAYERS

*We pray for the Church in this diocese and for David our bishop,  
for this Group of Parishes, especially those recently confirmed;  
also the Parish of Glenraig, and the Rector the Revd Catherine  
Simpson:*

O God, whose matchless power is ever new and ever young: pour  
out your Spirit upon us and your whole Church; that with renewed  
faith, vision and obedience we may the more joyfully testify to your  
new creation in Christ, and more selflessly serve your new order  
amidst the old; for the glory of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

*We pray that we may be instruments in relieving other's needs:*

Almighty Father, giver of life and strength, we beseech you for the  
millions of people in the world who are suffering. We acknowledge  
the richness of your goodness towards us, and we pray for grace to  
show our thankfulness by working and giving to relieve the needs  
of those who are in want. We ask it in the name of him who is the  
bread of life, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We pray for those in positions of responsibility in both Church &  
State and those whom they serve, for 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, President Michael D  
Higgins, the Taoiseach Micheál Martin, Tánaiste Leo Varadkar and  
Government in the Republic:*

Almighty God, we know that everything is in your sovereign  
control. We ask that you will assist us in keeping these new variants  
of coronavirus from spreading further. Give to all in positions of  
responsibility the ability to appropriately admit people arriving  
from other countries. As restrictions are lifted and regulations eased  
help people to avoid exercise their newfound freedoms cautiously  
and sensibly. Remind people to continue to wash their hands  
properly. We pray for real communication which listens to needs  
and appreciates difficulties, so that we may live on this earth  
together in harmony and peace; in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We pray for the communities from which we come and in which we  
live:*

Lord God, you have taught us that we are members one of another and that none of us lives to himself alone: we thank you for the community of which we are part; for those who share with us in its activities, and for all who serve its varied interests. Help us, as we have opportunity, to make our own contribution to the community and to learn to be good neighbours, that we may love and serve one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We pray for all engaged in competitive sport especially at the Olympic Games:*

We pray for all who engage in sports and contests, for their own pleasure and for the enjoyment of others. We ask that through their knowledge of the rules they may see that there are greater laws; that through their experience of training they may see that there is greater discipline; and that through their desire to win they may be directed to the greatest triumph of all, and the goal which is Christ, the Saviour of the world. For his name's sake. **Amen.**

*We pray for all on holiday:*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the holidays and for all times of rest and recreation. Give refreshment of body and spirit to our friends who are now on holiday, that they may return to their work and to our fellowship with new strength and a fresh vision of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; have compassion on our weakness, and give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and in our blindness we cannot ask; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

*Hymn CH 590*

My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Saviour divine:  
now hear me while I pray;  
take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine!

While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire.

### **THE SERMON**

*Hymn CH 644*

Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
in the pastures green;  
faithful Shepherd, lead me  
where your steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me  
in the narrow way;  
so, with you beside me,  
I need never stray.

Daily bring me nearer  
to the heavenly shore;  
make my faith grow clearer,  
help me love you more.

Hallow every pleasure,  
every gift and pain,  
be my only treasure,  
all I hope to gain.

Day by day prepare me,  
as you see is best,  
then let angels bear me  
to your promised rest.

### ***THE BLESSING***

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, this day and always. *(All sing)* **Amen.**

#### *Hymn T&P 42*

Go at the call of God,  
the call to follow on,  
to leave security behind  
and go where Christ has gone.

Go in the name of God,  
the name of Christ you bear;  
take up the cross, its victims love  
with all the world to share.

Go in the love of God,  
explore its depth and height;  
held fast by love that cares, that heals,  
in love walk in the light;  
go in the strength of God,  
in weakness prove God true;  
the strength that dares to love and serve  
God will pour out in you.

Go with the saints of God,  
our common life upbuild,  
that daily as we walk God's way  
we may with love be filled;  
O God, to you we come,  
your love alone to know,  
your name to own, your strength to prove,  
and at your call to go.

#### *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*