

**THE GROUPED PARISHES OF
ANNAHILT AND MAGHERAHAMLET**

**A SERVICE OF
HOLY COMMUNION
TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF
PENTECOST
23 MAY 2021**

THE GREETING

The Rector greets the congregation with the following words:

Christ is risen
The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit
that has been given to us. *Romans 5.5.*

HYMN CH 301

Let every Christian pray,
this day, and every day,
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Was not the Church we love
commissioned from above?
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit brought to birth
the Church of Christ on earth
to seek and save the lost:
never has he withdrawn,
since that tremendous dawn,
his gifts at Pentecost.

Age after age, he strove
to teach her how to love:
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Age after age, anew
she proved the gospel true:
come, Holy Spirit, come!

Only the Spirit's power
can fit us for this hour:
come, Holy Spirit, come!
Instruct, inspire, unite;
and make us see the light:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

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 on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
By the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Old Testament Reading is from the book of the prophet Ezekiel, Chapter 37 beginning at verse 1

37The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' ⁴Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath* to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath² in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath:- Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath,* and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

11 Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE EASTER ANTHEMS

Christ our passover is | sacri • ficed | for us;
therefore | let us | keep the | feast,
Not with the old leaven nor with the leaven of | malice • and |
wickedness;
but with the unleavened bread | of sin | cerity • and | truth.

Christ being raised from the dead | dieth • no | more:
death hath no | more do | minion | over him.
For in that he died he died unto | sin | once:
but in that he liveth he | liveth | unto | God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed | unto | sin:
but alive unto God through | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.

Christ is | risen • from the | dead:
and become the first | fruits of | them that | slept.
For since by | man came | death:
by man came also the resur | rection | of the | dead.
For as in Adam | all | die:
even so in Christ shall | all be | made a | live.

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

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

THE EPISTLE

The Epistle is from the book of the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2 beginning at verse 1

2When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all

these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN CH 295

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Be thou our Guardian, thou our Guide;
O'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,
And make us know and choose thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from God may n'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living Way,
Nor let us from his pastures stray;
Lead us to holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heaven, that we may share
Fullness of joy for ever there;
Lead us to God, our final rest,
To be with him for ever blest.

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Saint John Chapter 15 beginning at verse 26

All sing: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

26 ‘When the Advocate* comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ⁴But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate* will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹² ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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:
Grant to the Church strength, wisdom and judgement through the
Holy Spirit. Release in your people the power of a living witness to
the whole world, fulfilling your command to those who seek to
follow you in truth.

We pray this diocese and for David our Bishop, for this Group of
Parishes and in particular those preparing for confirmation, for the
parish of Carnalea and the Rector Canon Michael Parker.

As we reconnect in person over coming weeks and months may the
Holy Spirit continue to renew and inspire us in all we do.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Lord of creation:
Have mercy on a world where there is often speech without
communication, relationships without love, and where people are
separated by barriers of race and nationality. Send your Holy Spirit
to show men and women their true needs and teach them to live
together without fear.

Bless Elizabeth our Queen, the Prime Minister Boris Johnston, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Brandon Lewis and the Government, the First Minister, Arlene Foster, Deputy First Minister, Michelle O'Neill and the Executive, President Michael D Higgins, the Taoiseach Micheal Martin, Tánaiste Leo Varadkar and the Government in the Republic.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Lord of our relationships:
Grant us right judgement in our families and friendships and work.
May we know your presence in every situation. Although still kept apart in some circumstances at present may that unbroken harmony be shown in all our relationships.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Lord of all healing:
Be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. We pray as well for all who suffer from coronavirus or are recovering from its effects.

Give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick and your wisdom in administering the vaccine roll out.

We pray for all who have lost ones over the past year and whose grief has been lonely. Grant them the assurance of your love.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We remember those who now rejoice in the perfect knowledge and unclouded vision of your nearer presence.

May their example strengthen and prepare us for the coming of joy made complete and love made perfect in your heavenly kingdom.

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 CH 313

The Spirit came as promised,
in God's appointed hour;
and now to each believer
he comes in love and power:
and by his Holy Spirit
God seals us as his own,
and, through his Son and Spirit,
makes access to his throne.

The Spirit makes our bodies
the temple of the Lord;
he binds us all together
in faith and true accord:
the Spirit in his greatness
brings power from God above,
and, with the Son and Father,
dwells in our hearts in love.

He bids us live together
in unity and peace,
employ his gifts in blessing
and let base passions cease:
we should not grieve the Spirit
by open sin or shame,
nor let our words and actions
deny his holy name.

The word, the Spirit's weapon,
will bring all sin to light;
and prayer, by his directing,
will add new joy and might:
be filled then with his Spirit,
live out God's will and word;
rejoice with hymns and singing,
make music to the Lord!

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.

All glory and honour, thanks and praise
be given to you at all times and in all places,
Lord, holy Father, true and living God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is your eternal Word
through whom you have created all things
from the beginning
and formed us in your own image.

You have revealed to us your glory and love
in the glory and love of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;
three persons, one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God, the Lord almighty!
Angelic songs of praise we sing:
'You are holy, Lord!'**

**Holy, holy, holy,
we worship you, most mighty;
we join in never-ending praise:
'Holy is your name!'**

**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God, the Lord Almighty!
Hosannas ring in heaven and earth,
'You are holy Lord!'**

Merciful Father, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
and we pray that we who eat and drink them
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
in obedience to our Saviour Christ
in remembrance of his death and passion
may be partakers of his body and his blood,

who on the night he was betrayed took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
or the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Father, with this bread and this cup,
we do as our Saviour has commanded:
we celebrate the redemption he has won for us;
we proclaim his perfect sacrifice,
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
and we look for his coming
to fulfil all things according to your will.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom and in whom,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. 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 and wine says

The body 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

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal.:
Open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory,
through 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
o 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 Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and to proclaim the words and works of God:
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 303

Lord of The Church, we pray for our renewing:
Christ Over All, Our Undivided Aim.
Fire Of The Spirit, Burn For Our Enduing,
Wind Of The Spirit, Fan The Living Flame!
We Turn To Christ Amid Our Fear And Failing,
The Will That Lacks The Courage To Be Free,
The Weary Labours, All But Unavailing,
To Bring Us Nearer What A Church Should Be.

Lord Of The Church, We Seek A Father's Blessing,
A True Repentance And A Faith Restored,
A Swift Obedience And A New Possessing,
Filled With The Holy Spirit Of The Lord!
We Turn To Christ From All Our Restless Striving,
Unnumbered Voices With A Single Prayer:
The Living Water For Our Souls' Reviving,
In Christ To Live, And Love And Serve And Care.

Lord Of The Church, We Long For Our Uniting,
True To One Calling, By One Vision Stirred;
One Cross Proclaiming And One Creed Reciting,
One In The Truth Of Jesus And His Word.
So Lead Us On; Till Toil And Trouble Ended,
One Church Triumphant One New Song Shall Sing,
To Praise His Glory, Risen And Ascended,
Christ Over All, The Everlasting King!

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Notices