

**The Grouped Parishes of  
Annahilt and Magherahamlet**

**A Celebration of the Holy Communion  
to commemorate  
The Institution of the Lord's Supper**



**Maundy Thursday 1 April 2021**

**President & Preacher:  
The Rector  
The Revd Canon Robert Howard**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

*Welcome*

On this night, we come with Jesus and his disciples to the Upper Room, and meet around the Table for the Last supper. This Passover Meal becomes for us the sacrament of the Lord's body and blood, in which we feed on him by faith with thanksgiving. At the supper Jesus reveals himself as the servant of all, when he takes water and a towel and washes the disciples' feet, giving us an example of servanthood to follow. And at the end of the meal, we go out into the darkness of the garden of Gethsemane in preparation for the day to come as we walk with him to the cross of Calvary.

*Hymn CH 423*

Jesus, our Master, on the night that they came  
to take you to prison, to death and to shame,  
you called to your table the friends that you knew,  
and asked them to do this in remembrance of you.

Still through the ages your new friends draw near,  
and know when they do so that you will be here;  
we know you are present, though just out of view,  
to meet those who gather in remembrance of you.

When it is over, and all gone away,  
come back to our thoughts for the rest of the day,  
and stay with us always, who met here to do  
the thing you commanded, in remembrance of you.

*The President greets the congregation with the following words:*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ be with you all

**All: And also with you**

Return to the Lord, God of all mercies,  
For a feast of love has been prepared for his own.

**I will bless the Lord at all times,  
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

O taste and see the goodness of the Lord,  
happy are they who take refuge in him.

**O magnify the Lord with me:  
and exalt his name together.**

All:

**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 these commandments which God has given to his people, and take them to heart:

I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GOD BUT ME.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength.

*Matthew 22:37*

YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF ANY IDOL.

God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

*John 4:24*

YOU SHALL NOT DISHONOUR THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD.

You shall worship him with reverence and awe.

*Hebrews 12:28*

REMEMBER THE LORD'S DAY, AND KEEP IT HOLY.

Christ is risen from the dead: set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

*Colossians 3:1,2*

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

HONOUR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

Live as servants of God, honour all people, love your brothers and sisters in Christ.

*1 Peter 2:16*

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER.

Be reconciled to your brother and sister: overcome evil with good.

*Matthew 5:24, Romans 13:21*

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY

'Know that your body is a temple of the Lord '  
*1 Corinthians 6:19*

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

Be honest in all that you do and care for those in need.

*Ephesians 4:28*

YOU SHALL NOT BE A FALSE WITNESS.

Let everyone speak the truth.

*Ephesians 4:25*

YOU SHALL NOT COVET ANYTHING WHICH BELONGS TO YOUR NEIGHBOUR.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive. Love your neighbour as yourself for love is the fulfilling of the law.

*Acts 20:35, Romans 13:9,10*

**Lord have mercy upon us, and write all 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.

*Silence*

Lord God, you sent your Son to reconcile us to yourself and to one another.

Lord, have mercy **Lord, have mercy**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division.

Christ, have mercy **Christ, have mercy**

Holy Spirit, through you we put to death the sins of the body - and live.

Lord, have mercy **Lord, have mercy**

*The Collect of the Day*

God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: May he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Old Testament Reading is from the book Exodus chapter 12, beginning at verse 1.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

The Epistle is from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians chapter 11 beginning at verse 23

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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**Thanks be to God**

*Gradual Hymn T&P 111*

O Lord, you knelt to wash  
your first disciples' feet  
before you faced the cross, and showed  
your way of love complete.

They thought, 'How can the Christ,  
whose power and gifts we crave;  
stoop down with towel and basin here,  
the posture of a slave?'

As then you came to serve  
the twelve you called your friends;  
so now you come to us in love  
that neither fades nor ends.

Lord Jesus, help us learn  
what you would teach us still,  
to serve in love, and share your joy  
in God your Fathers will.

*All remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John Chapter 13 beginning at verse 1

*All sing: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ***

13Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, <sup>5</sup>took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>6</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>7</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' <sup>9</sup>Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' <sup>10</sup>Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' <sup>11</sup>Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, <sup>12</sup>but is entirely clean.

And you\* are clean, though not all of you.’<sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, ‘Not all of you are clean.’

12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you?’<sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am.<sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.<sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.<sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, servants\* are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.<sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

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

*Sermon: The Rector*

*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

*The Rector says:*

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father, through Christ the Saviour of the world.

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed the disciples’ feet. We commit ourselves to follow the example of his love and service. Lord hear us,  
**and humble us.**

On this night he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church. Lord, hear us  
**and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through his disciples’ message. We pray for the mission of your Church. Lord, hear us  
**and renew our zeal.**

On this night he commanded his disciples to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved. Lord, hear us  
**and fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded his disciples that, if the world hated them, it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear us  
**and give us your peace.**

On this night, he accepted the cup of death and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom. We remember those preparing for death, and ask that they may know the peace of Christ. Lord, hear us  
**and welcome all your children into paradise.**

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.**

**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*

Now in union with Christ Jesus you who were once far off have  
been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood; for he is  
our peace. *Ephesians 2: 17*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Celebrating at the Lord's Table*

*The Offertory Hymn T&P 26*

Come, Lord, and meet us in this holy hour,  
come, Lord and greet us; come to us in power;  
come, with refreshment for the weary soul;  
come, Lord, with healing; make the broken whole.

Stand then before us as the rite begins;  
cleanse and restore us; free us from our sins,  
and, as we contemplate our foolish ways,  
turn all our sadness into joy and praise.

Lord, our provider, when the feast is spread,  
furnished with wine and everlasting bread,  
fill us with goodness, strengthen us with grace,  
ever enfold us all in love's embrace.

Lord, who invites us now to come and dine;  
speak through the sacrament of bread and wine,  
and, as we celebrate our Saviour's love,  
fit us for glory in the realms above.

*The Taking of the Bread and Wine*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us  
**Therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

*The Great Thanksgiving*

*The congregation may kneel*

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, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it  
is right to give you thanks and praise:

And now we give you thanks because when your Son's hour had  
come, in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples, that we  
might proclaim his death, and feast with him in his kingdom.

And so with all your people, 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 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!**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us: he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, 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.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded: **we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Breaking of the Bread*

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.**

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.

*Communion is received*

Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful sacrament you have given us a memorial of your passion; grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood, that we may know within ourselves the fruits of your redemption; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Heavenly Father, by uniting us with Christ you have made us new creatures: the old life is over, the new life has begun. Help us to enter more deeply into this experience, that through Christ we may die to sin, live to truth and righteousness, and be daily renewed by your Holy Spirit, to your honour of your name. **Amen.**

**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.**

*The Blessing*

Christ draw you to himself and grant that you find in his cross a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven: 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.**

*Vesper (sung kneeling)*

*The Story of the Cross – Part IV*

Child of My grief and pain;  
From realms above,  
I came to lead thee to  
Life and love

For thee My Blood I shed,  
For thee I died:  
Safe in My faithfulness  
Now abide.

I saw thee wandering,  
Weak and at strife;  
I am the way for thee,  
Truth and life.

Follow my path of pain,  
Tread where I trod:  
This is the way of peace  
Up to God.

*When the disciples had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus prayed to the Father: 'If it is possible, Take this cup of suffering from me'. He said to his disciples, 'How is it that you were not able to keep watch with me for one hour? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners'.*

*Recessional Hymn*

In the darkness of the garden,  
see the tears and bloody sweat:  
such a bitter preparation  
for a darkness deeper yet.  
What a dreadful test he faces;  
hear his agonising plea:  
'If it lies within your purpose,  
take this cup away from me.'

In the sorrow of the garden,  
see the friends who fall away.  
They who promised love undying  
cannot stay awake to pray.  
We, with them, must hear him asking,  
less in anger than in pain,  
'Such a simple task I set you;  
have you failed me once again?'

In the silence of the garden,  
feel the chill and leaden air:  
hear the dark abyss resounding  
with the great unanswered prayer!  
Yet, in that dread desolation,  
he is still his Father's Son,  
by the Spirit's power declaring,  
'Not my will but yours be done.'

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

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