



**The Grouped Parishes of  
Annahilt & Magherahamlet**

**Family Service on Sunday  
8 May 2022  
in anticipation of  
Christian Aid Week**

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*Greeting*

This is the day that the Lord has made:  
**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Lord, direct our thoughts,  
help us to pray,  
and lift up our hearts to worship you  
in Spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Spirit of God fills the whole world:  
**Come, let us worship.**

*Hymn CH 258*

Christ the Lord is risen again! *Alleluia!*  
Christ has broken every chain! *Alleluia!*  
Hark! angelic voices cry, *Alleluia!*  
singing evermore on high, *Alleluia!*

He who gave for us his life, *Alleluia!*  
who for us endured the strife, *Alleluia!*  
is our Paschal Lamb to-day; *Alleluia!*  
we too sing for joy, and say *Alleluia!*

He who bore all pain and loss *Alleluia!*  
comfortless upon the cross, *Alleluia!*  
lives in glory now on high, *Alleluia!*  
pleads for us, and hears our cry: *Alleluia!*

He whose path no records tell, *Alleluia!*  
who descended into hell, *Alleluia!*  
who the strong man armed hath bound, *Alleluia!*  
now in highest heaven is crowned. *Alleluia!*

He who slumbered in the grave *Alleluia!*  
is exalted now to save; *Alleluia!*  
now through Christendom it rings *Alleluia!*  
that the Lamb is King of kings. *Alleluia!*

Now he bids us tell abroad *Alleluia!*  
how the lost may be restored, *Alleluia!*  
how the penitent forgiven, *Alleluia!*  
how we too may enter heaven. *Alleluia!*

Thou, our paschal Lamb indeed, *Alleluia!*  
Christ thy ransomed people feed; *Alleluia!*  
take our sins and guilt away: *Alleluia!*  
let us sing by night and day *Alleluia!*

*The Rector introduces the Service*

*Penitence*

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1.8,9

Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.

**O God, our loving Father in heaven, we confess that we have sinned against you; we have broken your commandments; we have often been selfish, and we have not loved you as we should. For these, and all our sins, forgive us, we pray; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

In the name of Jesus I declare to you: You are forgiven; your sins are gone. Be strong in the Holy Spirit, and live for God. **Amen.**

*ACCLAMATION*

*Stand*

Let us praise God for his mercy.

**And give thanks to him for his goodness.**

**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.**

*Hymn T & P 94*

Low in the grave he lay,  
Jesus my saviour,  
waiting the coming day,  
Jesus my Lord!

*Up from the grave he arose  
with a mighty triumph he o'er his foes;  
he arose, a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives for ever with his saints to reign -  
he arose, he arose, Alleluia - Christ arose!*

Vainly they guard his bed,  
Jesus my saviour,  
vainly they seal the dead,  
Jesus my Lord!

*Up from the grave he arose...*

Death cannot keep his prey,  
Jesus my saviour,  
he tore the bars away,  
Jesus my Lord!

*Up from the grave he arose...*

#### *THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD*

#### *THE COLLECT OF THE DAY Easter IV*

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
Raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### *A reading*

#### *Hymn CH 20*

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight,  
thy unction grace bestoweth,  
and O, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

#### *THE SERMON*

#### *The Response:*

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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, and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

This is the faith of the Church.  
**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

*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 PRAYERS*

Rejoicing in the amazing love of God our Father; let us pour out to him our needs, cares and concerns.

Good Shepherd, as we see, with sorrow, the divisions between Christian groups, we ask you to enable us to become one flock.

*Pause*

Father, hear us: **and help us to hear you.**

As we see the glaring injustices of wealth and food distribution in our world, we ask you to give us courage to work in your strength towards building a safer and more caring society.

*Pause*

Father hear us: **and help us to hear you.**

We pray for all who are working to combat the growing climate crisis in Zimbabwe. We pray for our sisters and brothers caught up in a cycle of drought and hunger: parents struggling to find food and seeing their children go hungry, farmers seeing their crops fail and livestock die.

*Pause*

Father hear us: **and help us to hear you.**

We pray for ourselves: May we share generously from the abundance that you have given us, join our voices with those who call for an end to poverty, that lives may be saved and rebuilt with hope for the future.

*Pause*

Father hear us: **and help us to hear you.**

We ask your blessing upon Christian Aid and its partners distributing food, and tools, seed and fishing gear to help people get back on their feet. We pray especially for a safe space for children, in particular those who are refugees.

*Pause*

Father hear us: **and help us to hear you.**

As we watch our children growing up and our parents growing older and feel anxious for their future, we ask you for the assurance of your steadfast love, and we entrust our lives to your perfect care.

*Pause*

Father, hear us: **and help us to hear you.**

As we see and read in the news of all afflicted by natural disasters, by terrible accidents, by war in Ukraine and conflict in Afghanistan and Syria, we ask you, O Lord of life, to bring good out of every evil and growth out of every suffering.

*Pause*

Father hear us: **and help us to hear you.**

Loving Lord, we thank you for the many joys and blessings you give us each day, and for this opportunity we worship you.

Merciful Father **accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**

*A GENERAL COLLECT*

**Heavenly Father,  
in darkness and in light,  
in trouble or in joy,  
help us to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose,  
and to praise your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gathering all our prayers and praises into one,  
we pray as our Saviour Christ has taught us:  
**Our Father....**

*Hymn CH 499*

When I needed a neighbour, were you there,  
were you there?  
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

*And the creed and the colour  
and the name won't matter,  
were you there?*

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,  
were you there?  
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there,  
were you there?  
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

When I needed a shelter, were you there,  
were you there?  
When I needed a shelter, were you there?

When I needed a healer, were you there,  
were you there?  
When I needed a healer, were you there?

Wherever you travel, I'll be there,  
I'll be there.  
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

*And the creed and the colour  
and the name won't matter,  
I'll be there?*

Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself, taking the form of a servant.

**Through your love, make us servants of one another.**

Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you became poor.  
**May our lives and gifts enrich the life of your world.**

*Let us say together:*

**Be with us Lord, as we go out into the world.**

**May the lips that have sung your praise always speak the truth;  
may the ears which have heard your Word listen only to what is  
good and may our lives as well as our worship be always  
pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*THE BLESSING*

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life:  
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 288*

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

The power of God hold and lead us.  
**His heavenly host be our guard..**

*Notices*