



**The Grouped Parishes of
Annahilt and Magherahamlet**



*Family Service on
Sunday 10 October 2021*

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 373

To God be the glory! Great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

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 CH 213

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
Healing pain and sickness, blessing children small;
Washing weary feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you,
Make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
Till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY Trinity XIX

O God,
without you we are not able to please you;
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison.
Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.
Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends,
prison staff and all who care.
Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others,
especially the victims of crime.

Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk

humbly together with Christ in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading

Hymn CH 367

Praise him, praise him, everybody praise him!
God is love, God is love.
Praise him, praise him, everybody praise him!
God is love, God is love.

Thank him, thank him, everybody thank him!
God is love, God is love.
Thank him, thank him, everybody thank him!
God is love, God is love.

Love him, love him, everybody love him!
God is love, God is love.
Love him, love him, everybody love him!
God is love, God is love.

Serve him, serve him, everybody serve him!
God is love, God is love.
Serve him, serve him, everybody serve him!
God is love, God is love.

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 622

O the love of my Lord is the essence
of all that I love here on earth.
All the beauty I see
he has given to me,
and his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment
has been blessed by the strength of his love.
At the turn of each tide
he is there at my side,
and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from his presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on his name
in the dark of my shame,
and his mercy was gentle as silence.

THE PRAYERS

God of justice and mercy, you are always ready to forgive and to restore. Have mercy on all those in prison, bring hope to the broken, and be present through the hours, days, months and years of long or short sentences. May all know that you alone are holy and in you alone is perfect forgiveness, newness and fullness of life.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of love and mercy be present to all who have been the victims of crime, that we may know the comforting support of your presence. In your mercy teach us to be gentle with ourselves and

with one another, lead us and heal us in our journey to new life and hope. Help us to remember that you are always with us to the end of time.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of grace and strength show your mercy on all those whose loved ones struggle to build new lives from the shame and darkness of offending, or from the distress and brokenness of being the victims of the harm caused by crime. Let your grace and mercy rule in their lives bringing encouragement and healing from all that has gone wrong and the assurance of growth and peace for the future.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of perfect love and mercy, look on us your children as we seek to build your kingdom in our communities. Give us the gifts we need to build one another up, to be good neighbours helping us all to meet our potential. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we might know your forgiveness and peace. Help us to show your mercy to one another as we seek the best you have to offer for each one of us.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of power and might, our strength and support, have mercy on all those who work in prison. Give to them grace and courage to persevere, the desire to seek new ways to serve faithfully, to recognise your presence in every situation and to make your love and mercy known to all.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all wisdom and grace, give to those who administer justice both the strength and mercy, wisdom and grace to know their need of your mercy and strength to fulfil their task and to meet the needs of all those who come before them. May they recognise their dependence on you, and their need of you in all their work.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creator God, Lord of our life, **accept these 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...

A hymn for Prisons Week

Eternal God, we come with prayer,
those pioneers to praise,
who offered prisoners hope and care
in half remembered days.

Bless those whose duty lies today
within the prison wall;
give them, on our behalf, we pray,
an equal care for all.

Draw near to those in sore distress
with weary years to spend;
dispel their fear and loneliness
and be for them a friend.

We pray for lives where hope is lost,
a weary road to climb;
the innocent who pay the cost
and bear the scars of crime.

Through all the world our prayer we make
for those unjustly tried,
the prisoners held for conscience' sake,
in cells where martyrs died.

O Christ, who once in mercy came
to seek for those astray,
the blessings of your saving Name
be known in this our day.

Your kingdom come, O Prince of peace,
to burst oppressions chain,
where hatred, crime and conflict cease,
and grace and mercy reign.

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

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 104

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace!

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the world abroad,
the honours of thy Name.

The power of God hold and lead us.

His heavenly host be our guard..

Notices