

The Grouped Parishes of Annahilt and Magherahamlet

Risen with Christ An Easter Festival



Sunday 24 April 2022

*The service will proceed without announcement
of Hymns or Lessons.*

Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Processional Hymn CH 251

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise;
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest-field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
so that we, with hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be;
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
to the blessed Trinity!

Bidding Prayer

*Lesson 1 Mary Magdalene and other women visit the holy
sepulchre, and find it empty St Luke 24.1-10*

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

*Lesson 2 Peter and John visit the empty tomb and find the
grave-clothes set aside St John 20.3-20*

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!

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

*Lesson 3 Christ appears to Mary Magdalene and talks with her,
and she supposes him to be the gardener
St John 20.11-18*

Hymn CH 290

Walking in a garden at the close of day,
Adam tried to hide him when he heard God say:
'Why are you so frightened, why are you afraid?
You have brought the winter in, made the flowers fade'.

Walking in a garden where the Lord had gone,
three of the disciples – Peter, James and John;
they were very weary, could not keep awake,
while the Lord was kneeling there, praying for their sake.

Walking in a garden at the break of day,
Mary asked the gardener where the body lay;
but he turned towards her, smiled at her and said:
'Mary, spring is here to stay, only death is dead'.

*Lesson 4 Christ appears to two of his disciples and walks and talks
with them as they journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus
St Luke 24.13-16, 28-35*

Hymn CH 253

As we walked home at close of day,
a stranger joined us on our way.
He heard us speak of one who'd gone,
and when we stopped, he carried on.

'Why wander further without light?
Please stay with us this troubled night.
We've shared the truth of how we feel,
and now would like to share a meal.'

We sat to eat our simple spread,
then watched the stranger take the bread;
and, as he said the blessing prayer,
we knew that someone else was there.

No stranger he; it was our eyes
which failed to see in stranger's guise,
the Lord who, risen from the dead,
met us when ready to be fed.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
As Mary and our sisters said,
'The Lord is risen from the dead!'

Lesson 5 Christ talks with his disciples in hiding, and shows
them his risen Body *St John 20.19;*
St Luke 24.37-40, St John 20. 20-23

Hymn CH 286

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
and Jesus has his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again,
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluia!

He broke the bonds of death and hell,
the bars from heav'n's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumph tell:
Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee:
Alleluia!

Lesson 6 The Apostle, Thomas, is doubtful of the Resurrection
of Christ, and is given convincing proof
St John 20.24-29

Anthem Easter Flowers *Solo*

Lesson 7 Peter, Thomas, Nathaneal, James and John go fishing
in the Sea of Galilee, and Christ visits them and eats
with them *St John 21.1-9, 12,13*

Hymn CH 283

The day of Resurrection,
earth, tell it out abroad –
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light:
and, listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing,
may raise the victor-strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that has no end.

Lesson 8 Christ appears to his eleven disciples and gives them
his final charge
St Matthew 28.16-20; St John 20.30,31

Hymn T&P 129

Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing.
Around God's throne exult in harmony.
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave.
Salute your King in glorious symphony.

Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly.
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death.
The night is past: the day of life is here.

Sing, church of God! Exult with joy outpoured.
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won.
Your Saviour lives: he's with you evermore.
Let all God's people shout the long Amen.

Lesson 9

*Hear the words of St Peter, in his first epistle,
beginning at the third verse. 1 St Peter 1.3-9*

Hymn 260

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love drowned in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine;
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal
covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight:

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 T&P 158

We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on:
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed,
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,
chant hymns of strength for hearts that break with grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story
including all within the circles of our love.

Rector: *The Lord be with you*

All: *And also with you*

Rector: *Let us bless the Lord*

All: *Thanks be to God*

Notices