

**THE GROUPED PARISHES OF
ANNAHILT AND MAGHERAHAMLET**

**THE ORDER FOR
MORNING PRAYER**

**THE FEAST OF SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE
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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Stand

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The righteous will be remembered forever; the memory of the
righteous is a blessing. *Psalm 112 v 6, Proverbs 10 v 7*

Hymn CH 471

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own;
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

The Rector introduces the service in these words

Beloved in Christ,
we come together to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Kneel

Silence is kept.

**Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you 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.**

Stand

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

FIRST CANTICLE

VENITE

1 O come let us | sing un-to the Lord; ■
let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal|vation.
2 Let us come before his | presence · with | thanksgiving ■
and show ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.
3 For the Lord is a | great | God ■
and a great | King a·bove | all | gods.
4 In his hand are all the | corners · of the | earth ■
and the strength of the | hills is | his | also.
5† The sea is his and | he | made it, ■
and his | hands pre|pared the · dry | land.
6 O come let us worship and | fall | down ■
and kneel be|fore the | Lord our | Maker.
7 For he is the | Lord our | God; ■
and we are the people of his pasture, | and the | sheep of · his | hand.
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.

PSALM 126

1 When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion : **then were we like unto them that dream.**
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter : **and our tongue with joy.**
3 Then said they among the heathen : **The Lord hath done great things for them.**
4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already : **whereof we rejoice.**
5 Turn our captivity, O Lord : **as the rivers in the south.**
6 They that sow in tears : **shall reap in joy.**

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed : **shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

The Old Testament Reading is from the book of the prophet Jeremiah Chapter 45 beginning at verse 1

45The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: ²Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: ³You said, 'Woe is me! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.' ⁴Thus you shall say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land. ⁵And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the LORD; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.'

SECOND CANTICLE

URBS FORTITUDINIS

1 We have a | strong | city: ■
salvation will God ap|point for | walls and | bulwarks.
2 Open | ye the | gates: ■
that the righteous nation which keepeth the | truth may | enter | in.
3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is | stayed on | thee ■
because he | trusteth · in | thee.
4 Trust ye in the | Lord for | ever: ■
for our rock of | ages | is the | Lord.
5 The way of the | just is | uprightness; ■
thou that art upright dost di|rect the | path · of the | just.
6 Yea in the way of thy judgments O Lord have we | waited · for | thee; ■
the desire of · our soul is to thy Name, |
and · to the re|membrance · of | thee.

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.

SECOND READING

The New Testament Reading is from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter 20 beginning at verse 20

20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. ²¹And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' ²²But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' ²³They said to him, 'We are able.' ²⁴He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

THIRD CANTICLE

GLORY AND HONOUR

- 1 Glory and | honour · and | power ■
are yours by | right O | Lord our | God.
- 2 For you cre|ated | all things ■
and by your | will they | have their | being.
- 3 Glory and | honour · and | power ■
are yours by | right O | Lamb · for us | slain;
- 4 For by your blood you ransomed | us for | God ■
from every race and language
from | every | people · and | nation.
- 5 To make us a | kingdom of | priests, ■
to stand and | serve be|fore our | God.
- 6 To him who sits on the throne and | to the | Lamb ■
be praise and honour, glory and might,
for ever and | ever. | A|men.

THE APOSTLES CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**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 versicles and responses may be said.

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen
and grant her government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit

THE COLLECTS

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
Help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,
to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom:
Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,
that we, surely trusting in your protection,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God,
we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day:
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,
and in all things guide us to know and do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn CH 461

For all thy saints, O Lord,
who strove in thee to live,
who followed thee, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.

For all thy saints, O Lord,
accept our thankful cry,
who counted thee their great reward,
and strove in thee to die.

They all, in life and death,
with thee their Lord in view,
learned from thy Holy Spirit's breath
to suffer and to do.

Thine earthly members fit
to join thy saints above,
in one communion ever knit,
one fellowship of love.

Jesu, thy name we bless,
and humbly pray that we
may follow them in holiness,
and live and die in thee.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS

*We pray for the Church in this diocese and for David our bishop,
for this Group of Parishes, especially those recently confirmed. that
the Holy Spirit who inspired Saint James may be our guide into all
truth:*

All praise to you, O God, our Father, for James the Apostle of
Jesus, who drank his Lord's cup of suffering and won the martyr's
crown. Make us, like him, ready to bear the reproach of Christ and
to tread the way of the cross, and keep us faithful unto death;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God, we thank you for all the saints – James and others
recognised by the Church and those only known to a few, and to
you. We praise you for their example and rejoice that they live with
you with every tear wiped away.

In your mercy may all who have passed from this life in your friendship know your everlasting peace; for Jesus's sake. **Amen.**

We pray that we may be instruments in relieving other's needs:

Almighty Father, giver of life and strength, we beseech you for the millions of people in the world who are suffering. We acknowledge the richness of your goodness towards us, and we pray for grace to show our thankfulness by working and giving to relieve the needs of those who are in want. We ask it in the name of him who is the bread of life, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for those in positions of responsibility in both Church & State and those whom they serve, for Elizabeth our Queen, the Prime Minister Boris Johnson, the Secretary of State Brandon Lewis and the Government, the First Minister, Paul Givan, Deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill and Executive, President Michael D Higgins, the Taoiseach Micheal Martin, Tánaiste Leo Varadkar and Government in the Republic:

Almighty God, we know that everything is in your sovereign control. We ask that you will assist us in keeping these new variants of coronavirus from spreading further. Give to all in positions of responsibility the ability to appropriately admit people arriving from other countries. As restrictions are lifted and regulations eased help people to avoid exercise their newfound freedoms cautiously and sensibly. Remind people to continue to wash their hands properly. We pray for real communication which listens to needs and appreciates difficulties, so that we may live on this earth together in harmony and peace; in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for ourselves as we seek to identify and fulfil the vocation and ministry to which God is calling us:

Lord God, as we praise you for all the people in the Bible whom you called to serve you, we remember how some doubted, not the reality of their calling, but their own ability to fulfil it. As we ask you now to call men and women to your service, we pray that you will assure them of your own unlimited resources available to all who obey you. Teach us to be supportive of them in fellowship, in prayer and in giving. So may your Church be built up, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

We pray for all engaged in competitive sport especially at the Olympic Games:

We pray for all who engage in sports and contests, for their own pleasure and for the enjoyment of others. We ask that through their knowledge of the rules they may see that there are greater laws; that through their experience of training they may see that there is greater discipline; and that through their desire to win they may be directed to the greatest triumph of all, and the goal which is Christ, the Saviour of the world. For his name's sake. **Amen.**

We pray for all on holiday:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the holidays and for all times of rest and recreation. Give refreshment of body and spirit to our friends who are now on holiday, that they may return to their work and to our fellowship with new strength and a fresh vision of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; have compassion on our weakness, and give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and in our blindness we cannot ask; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Hymn CH 319

Father, of heaven, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls has found,
Before your throne we sinners bend;
To us your pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
Our prophet, priest, redeemer, Lord,
Before your throne we sinners bend;
To us your saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before Thy throne we sinners bend;
To us Thy quickening power extend.

Thrice holy, Father, Spirit, Son;
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
Before your throne we sinners bend;
Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

THE SERMON

Hymn CH 459

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesu, be for ever blessed.

Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true Light.

Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way,

Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Alleluia!

THE BLESSING

God give you grace to share the inheritance of James and all his
saints in glory:
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 82

Summer suns are glowing
over land and sea,
happy light is flowing
bountiful and free.
Every thing rejoices
in the mellow rays,
all earth's thousand voices
swell the psalm of praise.

God's free mercy streameth
over all the world,
and his banner gleameth
everywhere unfurled.
Broad and deep and glorious
as the heaven above,
shines in might victorious
his eternal love.

Lord, upon our blindness
thy pure radiance pour;
for thy loving-kindness
makes us love thee more.
And when clouds are drifting
dark across our sky,
then, the veil uplifting,
Father, be thou nigh.

We will never doubt thee,
though thou veil thy light;
life is dark without thee:
death with thee is bright.
Light of light, shine o'er us
on our pilgrim way;
go thou still before us
to the endless day.

Going Out as God's People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Notices