

**The Grouped Parishes of
Annahilt and Magherahamlet**

**Morning Prayer and
Act of Remembrance**



Remembrance Sunday 14 November 2021

**Conducted by the Rector:
The Revd Canon Robert Howard**

The Rector welcomes all listening

The Greeting is said

We meet in the presence of God
who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Rector says:

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? *Micah 6 v 8*

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the
Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every
morning. *Lamentations 3.21-23*

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation
between the nations that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice
and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting or terror. We remember
with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in Two World Wars and
Conflicts past and present have been given and taken away.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary
them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

The Congregation affirms:

We will remember them.

The Silence

The Rector says:

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the
storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm
our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the
nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 'O valiant Hearts'

O valiant Hearts, who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame,
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the Land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave
To save Mankind - yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

Still stands His Cross from that dread hour to this
Like some bright star above the dark abyss;
Still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

These were his servants, in His steps they trod,
Following through death the martyr'd Son of God:
Victor He rose; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk His cup of Sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our Dead,
Whose Cross has bought them and whose Staff has led.
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing Land
Commits her children to Thy gracious hand.

Beloved in Christ, we have come together to recall the presence of God,
the Father of us all, maker and sustainer of all that is, whose love is never
withheld and whose mercy never passes away.

We remember His faithfulness in times of darkness and despair.

We thank Him for all who counted the service of others greater than the
service of self, and who gave their lives that we might live.

We rededicate ourselves in His service that His will may be done on earth
as it is in heaven, and that His kingdom of peace and joy may fill the
hearts of people everywhere. But first, we acknowledge our failure to live
as children of one Father in the world entrusted to us, with all its sins and
shortcomings, its pride, its selfishness, its greed, its evil divisions and
hatreds.

Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father

**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.**

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

Minister O Lord, open our lips:

People **and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Minister O God, make speed to save us:

People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People **as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever.
Amen.**

Minister Praise the Lord:

People **the Lord's name be praised.**

Canticle VENITE *Traditional*

1 O come let us | sing unto 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 above | 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.

Psalms 46

God is our | refuge and | strength, •a very | present | help in | trouble;
Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be | moved, •
and though the mountains | tremble in the | heart of the | sea;

+Though the waters | rage and | swell, •and though the mountains
| quake at the | towering | seas.

There is a river whose streams make glad the | city of | God, •
the holy place of the | dwelling of the | Most | High.

God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she | not be re | moved;
God shall | help her at the | break of | day.

The nations are in uproar and the | kingdoms are | shaken, •
but God utters his voice and the | earth shall | melt a | way.

The Lord of | hosts is | with us; • the God of | Jacob | is our stronghold.

Come and behold the | works of the | Lord, • what destruction he has
| wrought up | on the | earth.

He makes wars to cease in | all the | world; • he shatters the bow and
snaps the spear and burns the | chariots | in the fire.

'Be still, and know that | I am | God; I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be ex | alted | in the earth.'

The Lord of | hosts is | with us; the God of | Jacob | is our stronghold.

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

Old Testament Reading

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 • be
| cause 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 judgements 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.

New Testament Reading

Canticle BENEDICTUS *Traditional*

1 Blessed be the Lord | God of | Israel, • for he hath visited | and re |
deemed his | people,

2 And hath raised up a mighty sal | vation | for us • in the | house of • his |
servant | David;

3 As he spake by the mouth of his | holy | Prophets • which have been |
since the | world be | gan;

4 That we should be | saved.from our | enemies, • and from the | hands of |
all that | hate us,

5 To perform the mercy | promised.to our | forefathers, • and to re |
member.his | holy | covenant;

6 To perform the oath which he sware to our | fore.father | Abraham: •
that | he would | give | us,

7 That we being delivered out of the | hand of.our | enemies • might serve
| him with | out | fear,

8 In holiness and | righteous.ness be | fore him • all the | days | of our | life.

9 And thou, child, shalt be called the | Prophet.of the | Highest, •
for thou shalt go before the face of the | Lord.to pre | pare his | ways;

10 To give knowledge of salvation | unto.his | people, • of or the re | mission
| of their | sins,

11 Through the tender mercy | of our | God • whereby the day-spring from
on | high hath | visit.ed | us,

12 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the | shadow.of | death,
• and to guide our feet | into.the | way of | peace.

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.

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.

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.

Minister The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Kneel

Minister *Let us pray.*

Minister Lord have mercy

People **Christ have mercy**

Minister 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.**

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.

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.

Occasional prayers

We recall all servicemen and women, especially from the United Kingdom, who gave their lives in two world wars and other conflicts, each one remembered by and known to God. With them we remember those who love them in death as in life, their families, their colleagues and their friends:

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and forever.

Amen.

We pray for all who suffer as a result of war- the injured, disabled and mentally distressed; for civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror-the bereaved, all who have lost their livelihood or security and those whose faith in God has been weakened or destroyed. We also pray for the Royal British Legion, this year celebrating its 100th Anniversary, and other fellowships of men and women who are dedicated to the relief of those in need:

O Christ, our Master and Redeemer, you were wounded for the salvation of all and your body broken for the peace of the world. Hear us, therefore, as we commend to your care all who have been wounded in body, mind or spirit, especially in recent conflict and for whom life will never be the same. Grant them healing of body and mind, strengthening of spirit and confidence and, whatever the future holds for them, the encouragement of good companionship and of understanding love, for your dear sake. **Amen.**

We pray for all in positions of responsibility, especially all who bear the burden of political, military or religious leadership. We pray for the Queen, the Prime Minister and Government, as well as the leaders of all countries represented at the United Nations Organisation. We pray that all Church leaders may give voice to the Christian concern for justice and holiness:

Almighty God, we pray for those who occupy high office in this and all the nations of the world. Help them to lead wisely and well; to seek the welfare of all the people; and to make their contribution to the stability, well being and peace of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for the Armed Services - the Army, Navy and Air Force - and those who serve in all ranks of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, the Northern Ireland Prison Service and the Royal Irish Regiment. We pray for the emergency services everywhere and for all who work in the face of great danger day by day to establish peace and security and the well-being of people:

To your care and protection, O Lord of hosts, we commend the men and women of our security forces at home and abroad as well as all aid, medical and reconstruction workers. Defend them in the hour of danger; strengthen them in the fulfilment of their duty; and enable them to serve their country with loyalty, courage and honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We bring before God in penitence the hatreds of our world, the deep divisions of our humanity. We ask for a new understanding, a new resolve, a new obedience to the law of love. We pray for peace:

Lord Christ, you are our peace, for by your cross you have broken down the dividing wall of hostility between the nations. By the power of your Spirit reconcile us to the Father and to our brothers and sisters of every nationality and culture; that we may be no longer strangers to one another, but fellow citizens with the saints in the household of God, for the glory of your name. **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 Old ICH 312

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Sermon: The Rector

Hymn (Tune: Love unknown)

Hope for the world's despair:
we feel the nations' pain;
can anything repair
this broken earth again?
For this we pray:
in every place
a spark of grace
to light the way.

Wisdom for all who bear
the future in their hand,
entrusted with the care
of this and every land.
When comes the hour,
O Lord, we pray,
inspire the way
we spend our power.

Honour for all who've paid
war's painful, bitter price,
when duty called they made
the greatest sacrifice.
Their memory
will never cease
to cry for peace
and harmony.

Ease for the troubled mind
in endless conflict caught,
each soul that cannot find
the peace beyond all thought.
May they be blessed
with healing balm
for inner calm
and perfect rest.

Love for the human heart:
when hate grows from our fears
and inwardly we start
to turn our ploughs to spears.
Help us to sow
love's precious seed
in word and deed,
that peace may grow.

Ally Barrett, Winner of Jubilate's Hymns of Peace competition 2018, to mark the centenary of Armistice Day and the end of the First World War.

The Act of Commitment

The Rector says:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.
Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All respond:

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

The Rector says:

Let us pray:

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love:

May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer. **Amen.**

Blessing:

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people unity, peace and concord, and to us and all His servants, life everlasting; 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.**

National Anthem

Recessional Hymn CH 537

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

*Rector
People*

*Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God.
Thanks be to God. Amen.*

Notices