

**The Grouped Parishes of
Annahilt and Magherahamlet**

**A Celebration of the Holy Communion
on
Feast of All Saints
7 November 2021**

**President & Preacher:
The Rector
The Revd Canon Robert Howard**

The Rector welcomes all listening

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 greets the congregation with the following words:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all

All: And also with you

'The righteous will be remembered forever: the memory of the
righteous is a blessing'

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Penitence

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people, and take
them to heart:

**I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER
GOD BUT ME.**

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your
soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Matthew 22:37

YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF ANY IDOL.

God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in
truth.

John 4:24

**YOU SHALL NOT DISHONOUR THE NAME OF THE LORD
YOUR GOD.**

You shall worship him with reverence and awe.

Hebrews 12:28

REMEMBER THE LORD'S DAY, AND KEEP IT HOLY.

Christ is risen from the dead: set your mind on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.

Colossians 3:1,2

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

HONOUR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.

Live as servants of God, honour all people, love your brothers and
sisters in Christ.

1 Peter 2:16

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER.

Be reconciled to your brother and sister: overcome evil with good.

Matthew 5:24, Romans 13:21

YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY

'Know that your body is a temple of the Lord'

1 Corinthians 6:19

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

Be honest in all that you do and care for those in need.

Ephesians 4:28

YOU SHALL NOT BE A FALSE WITNESS.

Let everyone speak the truth.

Ephesians 4:25

YOU SHALL NOT COVET ANYTHING WHICH BELONGS TO YOUR NEIGHBOUR.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive. Love your neighbour as yourself for love is the fulfilling of the law.

Acts 20:35, Romans 13:9,10

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these your laws in our hearts.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us affirm our trust in God's mercy,
and confess that we need forgiveness.

Silence

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

You are loving to all,
and your mercy is over all your creation.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name,
And speak of the glory of your kingdom.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

(All Sing)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Epistle is from the Revelation of Saint John the Divine Chapter 21 beginning at verse 1

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home* of God is among mortals.

He will dwell* with them;

they will be his peoples,*

and God himself will be with them;*

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.'

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn Old ICH 204

For those we love within the veil,

Who once were comrades on our way,

We thank thee, Lord, for they have won

To cloudless day;

And life for them is life indeed,
The Splendid goal of earth's strait race;
And there no shadows intervene
They see thy face.

Free from the fret of mortal years,
And knowing now thy perfect will,
With quickened sense and heightened joy,
They serve thee still.

O fuller, sweeter is that life,
And larger, ampler is the air:
Eye cannot see nor heart conceive
Thy glory there;

Nor know to what high purpose thou
Dost yet employ their ripened powers,
Nor how at thy behest they touch
This life of ours.

There are no tears within their eyes;
With love they keep perpetual tryst;
And praise and work and rest are one
With thee, O Christ

All remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint John Chapter 11 beginning at verse 32

All sing: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.'³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, he has been dead for four days.'⁴⁰Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that

you sent me.'⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Sing: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon

The Rector

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

God has raised Jesus Christ to sit at his right hand. Let us therefore pray to our Father in heaven through his Son for all the world and remember all the saints:

O God, Heavenly Father: we thank you today for calling us your saints. In spite of our unholy lives you look at us and see Jesus' perfect life and death covering ours. Thank you for this grace, the grace we received when we were baptised.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Thank you for every Christian who has helped us on our journey and encouraged us to keep believing when we felt like giving up. Thank you for all those who taught us the faith. Thank you for those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to ensure others could hear of your love in Christ.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We remember the saints in heaven. Thank you for releasing them from the burden of sin and death in this life and for keeping your promise to them. We especially remember those from our parish who have passed away in the past year Aileen Stockdale, Richard Walker, James Luke, Hilary Stroud, Ian Douglas, Cecil Wright and Colleen Ward. Give comfort to all those who grieve over loved ones no longer with us on earth. Give them the hope only your word can offer us.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

We pray for your church on earth, that it may remain faithful to the apostles' teaching and that it will strive for unity. We pray for all Christians, especially those under persecution, that they may imitate the martyrs in bold witness to the gospel.

We pray for those who are not yet part of your church and for those who have left it, asking your spirit to convince them of your love for them in Jesus.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

Bring peace to those nations in conflict and where there is political instability or uncertainty. Protect those who fear the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and give them hope. Heal those who are sick at home or in hospital as we especially pray for Ruth Carlisle. Move those with plenty to share with those who have little. Help all people to love their neighbour as themselves.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer

God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them whenever we worship. Keep us looking to Jesus and help us to keep giving a clear witness to him, living the holy lives you have called us to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus holy name we pray.

Amen.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

Our Father ...

**We do not presume to come to this your table,
merciful Lord,**

trusting in our own righteousness

but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

**But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,**

and to drink his blood,

that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,

and our souls washed through his most precious blood,

and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

Stand

We are fellow-citizens with the Saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who are far off and those who were near.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

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!

O blessed communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of Paradise the blessed.
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 Taking of the Bread and Wine

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us
Therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving

The congregation may kneel

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise:

In the saints you have given us an example of godly living, that
rejoicing in their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race
that is set before us, and with them receive the unfading power of
glory.

And so with all your people,
with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!"**

Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted,
and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat,
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;

and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body for we all share in the one bread.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which
he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that
he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with
thanksgiving.

The Rector followed by the Congregation are invited to communicate.

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
May we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on
earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day
of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we
offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out
in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and
glory. Amen.**

The Blessing

God give you grace to share the inheritance of all his saints in glory
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 670

Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blessed;
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, O I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare,

They stand, those halls of Zion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they who, with their Leader,
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country,
that eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
to that dear land of rest;
who art, with God the Father,
and Spirit, ever blessed.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices