



***The Grouped Parishes of
Annahilt and Magherahamlet***

***Children's Day Service on
Sunday 13 June 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 T&P 27

Come, sing the praise of Jesus,
sing his love with hearts aflame,
sing his wondrous birth of Mary,
when to save the world he came;
tell the life he lived for others,
and his mighty deeds proclaim,
for Jesus Christ is King.

*Praise and glory be to Jesus,
praise and glory be to Jesus,
praise and glory be to Jesus,
for Jesus Christ is King!*

There's joy for all who serve him,
more than human tongue can say;
there is pardon for the sinner,
and the night is turned to day;
there is healing for our sorrows,
there is music all the way,
for Jesus Christ is King.

To Jesus be the glory,
the dominion, and the praise;
he is Lord of all creation,
he is guide of all our ways;
and the world shall be his empire
in the fullness of the days,
for Jesus Christ is King.

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.

**Glorify 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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY Trinity II

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
Send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Old Testament Reading is from the first book of Samuel Chapter 15
beginning at verse 34

34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah
of Saul. ³⁵Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but
Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul
king over Israel.

16 The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?'⁵ He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.'⁶ But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.'¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.'¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.'¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Hymn T&P 75

Jesu's love is very wonderful,
Jesu's love is very wonderful,
Jesu's love is very wonderful,
O wonderful love!

So high you can't get over it,
so low you can't get under it,
so wide you can't get round it,
O wonderful love!

(repeat verse 1)

The New Testament Reading is from the Gospel according to Saint Mark Chapter 4 beginning at verse 26

26 He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

30 He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?'³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it;³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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 SERMON The Rector

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

He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got everybody here in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the tiny little baby in His hands
He's got the tiny little baby in His hands
He's got the tiny little baby in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got you and me brother in His hands
He's got you and me sister in His hands
He's got you and me brother in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands.

THE PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our homes and families, for our food and clothing and for all the joy that parents and children can share. Be with us where people see us at our best and at our worst. We ask that your love may surround us, your care protect us and that we may know your peace at all times.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Forgive us when jealousy, greed, temper, or pride disturb the peace of a family. Help us to find the right words and the right actions to soothe and heal the hurt. Forgive us when we quarrel. Help us to forgive others. Help others to forgive us.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Father, you made us to live together in families. Grant to all parents wisdom and understanding in the upbringing of their children: that as they grow in stature so too they may learn to love you more day by day.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Today, O Lord, remember for good all our friends. Thank you for those with whom we play day by day as well as those who are far away. Bless those, too, whom we find it hard to be friends with; and make us true friends to one another and to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Friend of sinners.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, look in love on all our neighbours. Keep them from all harm. Deepen our friendship with them and may we grow in love of you, our Saviour and our Friend.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Lord Christ, our unseen yet eternal friend, the Giver of true friendship, the Guardian of our love: we pray for all our absent friends and loved ones wherever in our great world they may be. Bless them with the fullness of your grace and power. You know the pain and loneliness of being separated. As we link our hands in yours grant us to know the strength and peace of your presence and the sheltering warmth and comfort of your love.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

God our Father, we thank you for the times of rest from the normal daily round. However we spend our holiday this summer, may we be enabled to find the threefold recreation of body, mind and spirit that will strengthen us for your service in the days that lie ahead.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

A GENERAL COLLECT

God our Father, we ask your blessing on all children dear to us and those for whom we have responsibility. Grant that they may grow up healthy and strong, wise and good, in the knowledge of your love and in the service of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering all our prayers and praises into one, we say together:
Our Father...

Hymn CH 517

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Won't you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

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 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.

The power of God hold and lead us.
His heavenly host be our guard.

Notices