

**The Grouped Parishes of  
Annahilt and Magherahamlet**

**A Service on Tuesday of Holy Week  
30 March 2021**

**PREPARATION**

May the grace, healing and forgiveness of the Lord be with you  
this Holy Week  
**and also with you.**

O Saviour of the world, who by your Cross and precious blood has  
redeemed us:

**Save us and help us, we humbly pray.**

*The Rector introduces the Service*

*Silence*

*Hymn CH 235*

O sacred head, sore wounded,  
with grief and scorn weighed down;  
O kingly head, surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown.  
Death's pallor now comes o'er thee,  
the glow of life decays;  
yet hosts of heaven adore thee  
and tremble as they gaze.

What language shall I borrow  
to praise thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
O agony and dying!  
O love to sinners free!  
Jesus, all grace supplying,  
turn thou thy face on me.

In this thy bitter passion,  
good Shepherd, think of me  
with thy most sweet compassion,  
unworthy though I be:  
beneath thy cross abiding  
for ever would I rest,  
in thy dear love confiding,  
and with thy presence blessed.  
when my last hour draws nigh.

Be thou my consolation,  
my shield, when I must die;  
remind me of thy passion  
when my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold thee,  
upon thy cross shall dwell,  
my heart by faith enfold thee;  
who dieth thus, dies well.

*Penitence*

O God, you know my foolishness  
and my sins are not hidden from you.  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

Let not the flood overwhelm me  
nor the depths swallow me up:  
let not the pit shut its mouth upon me.  
Christ, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**

Hear me, O Lord, as your loving-kindness is good;  
turn to me, as your compassion is great.  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us,  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us,  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

*The Collect of the Day*

O God, who by the passion of your blessed Son  
made an instrument of shameful death  
to be for us the means of life:

Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ  
that we may gladly suffer pain and loss  
for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ:  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever. **Amen**

#### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*Psalm 71:1-14*

**In you, O Lord, do I take refuge  
let me never be put to shame.**

In your righteousness deliver me and set me free:  
incline your ear to me and save me.  
Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort:  
send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.  
Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked:  
from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.

**In you, O Lord, do I take refuge  
let me never be put to shame.**

For you are my hope, O Lord God;  
my confidence, even from my youth.  
Upon you have I leaned from my birth, when you drew me from my  
mother's womb:  
my praise shall be always of you.

**In you, O Lord, do I take refuge  
let me never be put to shame.**

I have become a portent to many:  
but you are my refuge and my strength.  
Let my mouth be full of your praise:  
and your glory all the day long.  
Do not cast me away in the time of old age:  
forsake me not when my strength fails.

**In you, O Lord, do I take refuge  
let me never be out to shame.**

For my enemies are talking against me:  
and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together.  
They say 'God has forsaken him; pursue him and take him:  
because there is none to deliver him'.

**In you, O Lord, do I take refuge  
let me never be put to shame.**

O God, be not far from me:  
come quickly to help me, O my God.  
Let those who are against me be put to shame and disgrace:  
let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and  
reproach,  
But as for me, I will hope continually:  
and will praise you more and more.

**In you, O Lord, do I take refuge  
let me never be put to shame.**

*Bible Reading John 12: 20-36*

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were  
some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in  
Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup>Philip went  
and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told  
Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of  
Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat  
falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it  
dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and  
those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal  
life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there  
will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

27 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save  
me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this  
hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven,  
'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing  
there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel  
has spoken to him.' <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for  
your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgement of this world; now  
the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted  
up from the earth, will draw all people\* to myself.' <sup>33</sup>He said this to  
indicate the kind of death he was to die. <sup>34</sup>The crowd answered him,  
'We have heard from the law that the Messiah\* remains for ever.  
How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this  
Son of Man?' <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little  
longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not  
overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where  
you are going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, so  
that you may become children of light.'

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

*Canticle The Song of Isaiah*

Surely God is my salvation:  
I will trust and will not be afraid.  
For the Lord God is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.  
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation:  
and you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his  
name;  
make known his deeds among the nations:  
proclaim that his name is exalted.  
Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously:  
let this be known in all the earth.  
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O Royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.  
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.

*Sermon: The Rector*

RESPONSE

*Scriptural Affirmation of Faith 1 Peter 2:21b-25*

**Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example,  
that we should follow in his steps.  
He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips,  
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.  
when he suffered, he did not threaten,  
but he trusted himself to God, who judges justly.  
Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.  
By his wounds we have been healed, for we were straying like  
sheep,  
but have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of our  
souls.**

*Hymn T&P 163*

When you prayed beneath the trees,  
it was for me, O Lord,  
when you cried upon your knees  
how could it be, O Lord?  
When in blood and sweat and tears  
you dismissed your final fears,  
when you faced the soldiers' spears,  
you stood for me, O Lord.

When their triumph looked complete,  
it was for me, O Lord,  
when it seemed like your defeat,  
they could not see, O Lord!  
When you faced the mob alone  
you were silent as a stone,  
and a tree became your throne;  
you came for me, O Lord.

When you stumbled up the road,  
you walked for me, O Lord,  
when you took your deadly load,  
that heavy tree, O Lord;  
when they lifted you on high,  
and they nailed you up to die,  
and when darkness filled the sky  
it was for me, O Lord.

When you spoke with kingly power,  
it was for me, O Lord,  
in that dread and destined hour,  
you made me free, O Lord;  
earth and heaven heard you shout,  
death and hell were put to rout,  
for the grave could not hold out;  
you are for me, O Lord.

*The Prayers*

Let us pray to the Father through his Son who suffered on the cross  
for the world's redemption.

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church...  
Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing  
to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
**Lord, save us and help us.**

Bless those who lead the Church's worship at this solemn time...  
in the preaching of the word and the celebration of the sacraments  
draw your people close to you.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
**Lord, save and help us.**

Strengthen those who are preparing for baptism,  
together with their teachers, sponsors and families...

Teach them what it means to die and rise with Christ and prepare them to receive the breath of his Spirit.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save and help us.**

Look in your mercy on the world you loved so much that you sent your Son to suffer and to die...

Strengthen those who work to share

the reconciliation won at such cost upon the cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save and help us.**

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ

To all who are weighed down by coronavirus and other diseases

Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying, to

find strength in the companionship of Jesus,

and in his passion to know their salvation.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save and help us.**

Welcome us into paradise when we leave this world in your friendship, as we remember Aileen Stockdale recently departed this life in your faith and fear.

According to your promises bring us with all your saints

to share in all the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save us and help us.**

**Holy God,**

**Holy and strong,**

**Holy and immortal,**

**Have mercy on us.**

Have mercy, O Lord,

on all who are called to the terrible loneliness

of giving judgement;

all who know that upon their conclusions

rest the lives of others;

all who are the object of violence or menace.

Give them great courage and great goodness.

Make them wise in heart,

humble in spirit,

accurate in thought,

brave in decision,

resolute in life.

Make them righteous and give them peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, You asked forgiveness for those who crucified you, for they did not know what they were doing. We acknowledge that we are often caught in the web of the world's sinfulness, that we fail to recognize the deceitfulness of our hearts and the depths of our own self-seeking and that we are continually crucifying you afresh. Lord, forgive us all our wrong-doing against you, our families, our neighbours, and ourselves, and help us to forgive those who cause us hurt, grant this for your mercies' sake. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father,

We pray for all those on the frontline of the fight against

Coronavirus.

For doctors, nurses, pharmacists and all medical staff, especially those we know.

For all those working in essential services.

For those who are sick, those who have been bereaved and those living alone who may be afraid.

And for all of us,

That we may know the peace of God that passes all understanding.

Lord God help us to hear and to heed your voice as you lead and guide us daily.

Enable us to know your presence and your power in our lives that we would see you at work more and more as each day passes.

We cry out to you asking you to intervene and halt the spread of this virus.

We ask for your wisdom and enabling for all involved in managing the transportation and distribution of vaccines.

We pray for a new wind of your Holy Spirit to blow across this island with healing and hope, repentance and faith towards you.

In your love and mercy, we pray that you would bless us with a new awareness of your presence with us, your love towards us, your

kindness and care for us and for all those for whom Jesus lived and died.

May we and may many respond to you with all our hearts in love and faith.

We pray this in and through the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

Almighty and merciful God who in days of old didst give to this land the benediction of thy holy Church; Withdraw not, we pray

thee, thy favour from us, but so correct what is amiss, and supply what is lacking, that we may more and more bring forth fruit to thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Closing Hymn (sung kneeling)*

*The Story of the Cross Part II – The Answer*

Follow to Calvary,  
Tread where he trod:  
This is the Lord of life,  
Son of God.

Is there no loveliness,  
You who pass by,  
In that lone figure which  
Marks the sky?

You who would love him, stand,  
Gaze at his face:  
Tarry awhile in your  
Worldly race.

As the swift moments fly  
Through the blest week,  
Jesus in penitence  
Let us seek.

*Blessing*

Christ draw you to himself and grant that you find in his cross  
a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
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.**

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