

**The Grouped Parishes of  
Annahilt and Magherahamlet**

**A Service on Monday of Holy Week  
29 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 with these or other suitable  
words:*

Today we remember a scene in the Gospels where a woman  
anoints Jesus with precious perfume, as though preparing him for  
His death and burial. This is a reminder to us, in this week of all  
weeks, that the great love of Jesus, in giving all for us, calls forth  
our love and devotion, and our offering of all that is of value to us,  
not least our hearts and our lives.

*Silence*

*Hymn Old ICH 111*

O Thou who through this holy week  
Didst suffer for us all,  
The sick to cure, the lost to seek,  
To raise up those who fall:

We cannot understand the woe  
Thy love was pleased to bear;  
O Lamb of God, we only know  
That all our hopes are there.

Thy feet the path of suffering trod:  
Thy hand the victory won:  
What shall we render to our God  
For all that he hath done?

O grant us, Lord, with thee to die,  
Wit thee to rise anew;  
Grant us the things of earth to fly,  
The things of heaven pursue.

*Penitence*

Lord God, you sent your Son to reconcile us to yourself and one  
another

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division

Christ, have mercy

**Christ, have mercy**

Holy Spirit, through you we put to death the sins of the body- and  
live

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*

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy,  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of his cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

*Psalm 36:5-11*

**Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains, your justice  
like the great deep:

you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.  
How precious is your loving mercy, O God:  
all mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house:  
they shall drink from the river of your delights.  
For with you is the well of life:  
and in your light shall we see light.

**Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you:  
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.  
Let not the foot of pride come against me:  
nor the hand of the ungodly thrust me away.

**Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John Chapter 12  
beginning at verse 1*

12Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them\* with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii\* and the money given to the poor?' <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it\* so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

<sup>9</sup> When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup>since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

*Canticle The Song of Christ's glory*

Christ Jesus was in the | form of | God: •  
but he did not | cling to e|quality with | God.  
He emptied himself, taking the | form of a | servant:•  
and was | born in our | human | likeness.  
And being found in human form he | humbled him|self:•  
and became obedient unto death, | even | death on a | cross.  
Therefore God has | highly ex|alted him:•  
and bestowed on him the name above | every | name.  
That at the name of Jesus every | knee should | bow:•  
in heaven and on | earth and | under the | earth.  
And every tongue confess that Jesus | Christ is | Lord:•  
to the glory of God the | Father. | A|men.

*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 CH 246*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
*O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;*  
were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
*O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;*  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
*O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;*  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
*O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;*  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
*O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;*  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

#### *The Prayers*

Let us bring to our father our prayers of intercession through Jesus Christ who gave himself for the world.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,  
let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy.  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with regret, hardship, failure or sorrow, feel that God is far from them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Holy God,  
Holy and strong.  
Holy and immortal  
Have mercy on us**

Have mercy, O Lord,  
on all who bear high office and abuse its authority;  
all who plot courses of political action  
for the sole purpose of protecting her own positions;  
all who persecute prophets because of the evil they expose;  
all who manufacture a lie for public consumption;  
all who treat prophets and public alike as pawns and puppets;  
on all such, everywhere, O Lord have mercy.  
Help them to worship truth, and to give God the glory.  
Teach them to know and to understand,  
to believe and to trust,  
that for the mighty as for the meek  
It is only by losing our life that we find it,  
only by dying that we live,  
only by following Christ that we lead men and women;  
for his name's sake. **Amen.**

O God our Father, all-holy, all-loving, all-merciful, you gave your only Son for the salvation of humankind: Look mercifully on us your servants, as we bow in penitence before his cross. As we focus our hearts and minds on that cross, give us faith to behold him in the mystery of his Passion, and to enter into the fellowship of his sufferings. Let his wounds be our healing., his death be our life, his shame be our glory, that we may also partake in the victory of his resurrection; to the honour and glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, we are aware of the suffering of those around us, especially of those, both young and old, who are ill having been infected by the coronavirus, of all who have been bereaved by the loss of loved ones who didn't recover and all key-workers who are in danger when going about their many and various tasks in treating or in supporting the vulnerable.

Give patience and sympathy to doctors, nurses, carers, cleaners and all who are continuing your work in clinics and hospitals, here and throughout the world. Give inspiration to those researching new ways to combat the virus. Give endurance and compassion to all who care for the sick and infirm who follow in your steps, Jesus Christ our Healer and Redeemer. **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 (Kneeling)*

*The Story of the Cross – Part I 'The Question'*

See him in raiment rent,  
With his blood dyed;  
Women walk sorrowing  
By his side.

Heavy the Cross to him,  
Weary the weight;  
One who will help him stands  
At the gate.

Multitudes hurrying  
Pass on the road;  
Simon is sharing with  
Him the load.

Who is this travelling  
With the curst Tree,  
This weary prisoner,  
Who is he?

*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.**

*Notices*