

**THE GROUPED PARISHES OF
ANNAHILT AND MAGHERAHAMLET**

**A CELEBRATION OF
THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**ON
SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER 2021**

**PRESIDENT AND PREACHER:
THE RECTOR
THE REVD CANON ROBERT HOWARD**

THE GREETING

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
and also with you

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and
in truth. St John 4:24

HYMN CH 34

O worship the King all-glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, Redeemer and friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy ransomed creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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 what our Lord Jesus Christ says:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like it.
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.
On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.
Matthew 22: 37-39

**Lord, have mercy on us,
and write 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 then confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace:

Kneel

Silence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Rector pronounces the Absolution:

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (SUNG)

Stand

**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 OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
whose Holy Spirit equips your Church with a rich variety of gifts:
Grant us so to use them that, living the gospel of Christ
and eager to do your will,
we may share with the whole creation in the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sit

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Old Testament Reading is from the book of Job Chapter 38
beginning at verse 1

³⁸Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

² 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³ Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴ 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
 Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶ On what were its bases sunk,
 or who laid its cornerstone
⁷ when the morning stars sang together
 and all the heavenly beings- shouted for joy?
³⁴ ‘Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
 so that a flood of waters may cover you?
³⁵ Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
 and say to you, “Here we are”?
³⁶ Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,*
 or given understanding to the mind?—
³⁷ Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
 Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
³⁸ when the dust runs into a mass
 and the clods cling together?
³⁹ ‘Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
 or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
⁴⁰ when they crouch in their dens,
 or lie in wait in their covert?
⁴¹ Who provides for the raven its prey,
 when its young ones cry to God,
 and wander about for lack of food?

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Stand

PSALM 104 (SAID)

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. ♦
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
 2 You are clothed with majesty and honour, ♦
wrapped in light as in a garment.
 3 You spread out the heavens like a curtain ♦
and lay the beams of your dwelling place in the waters above.
 4 You make the clouds your chariot ♦
and ride on the wings of the wind.
 5 You make the winds your messengers ♦
and flames of fire your servants.
 6 You laid the foundations of the earth, ♦
that it never should move at any time.

7 You covered it with the deep like a garment; ♦
the waters stood high above the hills.
 8 At your rebuke they fled; ♦
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
 9 They rose up to the hills and flowed down to the valleys
 beneath, ♦
to the place which you had appointed for them.
 10 You have set them their bounds that they should not pass, ♦
nor turn again to cover the earth.
 26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦
**In wisdom you have made them all;
 the earth is full of your creatures.**
 37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
 and the wicked be no more. ♦
**Bless the Lord, O my soul.
 Alleluia.**

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.

Sit

THE EPISTLE

The Epistle is from the letter to the Hebrews Chapter 5 beginning at verse 1

⁵Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’; ⁶as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus* offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to

save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN T&P 80

King of kings, majesty,
God of heaven living in me,
gentle Saviour, closest friend,
strong deliverer, beginning and end,
all within me falls at your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve your majesty,
I live to serve your majesty.*

Earth and heaven worship you,
love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne;
all within me cries out to praise.

Please remain standing for the reading of the Gospel

THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Mark
Chapter 10 beginning at verse 35

All sing: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' ³⁶And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' ³⁷And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' ³⁸But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' ³⁹They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The

cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Sing: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON

Stand

THE NICENE CREED

**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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you promised through your Son Jesus Christ
to hear the prayers of those who ask in faith.

Lord of your people:
We give thanks for the grace that always exceeds what we can hope
or ask for.

We pray this diocese and for David our Bishop. We pray for the
Parishes of Killinchy, Kilmood and Tullynakill and the Rector, the
Revd Dr Stanley Gamble.

We pray for this Group of Parishes and for our Sunday Schools and
Rainbow Guides now that they have resumed their activities despite
continuing restrictions.

May your Church everywhere make Christ real in the corridors of
power and in the dark places of deprivation. At this time of an
ongoing easing of pandemic restrictions help us to be at one with
each other in love and prayer and mutual support.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Lord of creation:
We pray for our leaders whose decisions and policies have the
potential to impact the lives of millions of people around the world,
people who they may never meet, know or be aware of but are your
sons and daughters.

Bless Elizabeth our Queen, the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, the
Secretary of State, Brandon Lewis & the Government, the First
Minister, Paul Givan, Deputy First Minister, Michelle O'Neill &
Executive; also President Michael D Higgins, the Taoiseach,
Micheál Martin, Tánaiste, Leo Varadkar & Government in the
Republic.

We pray that your Spirit will the hearts and heads of our leaders and
those who hold positions of responsibility in Afghanistan, Yemen,
Iran, Myanmar and the Horn of Africa, that they might hear the
voices of the impoverished, the oppressed and the vulnerable. Help
them to see the impact of their actions and the potential to release
healing and hope through just policies.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Lord of our relationships:
We pray for our local community and all who work for its good:
those in local government, education, social, health and medical
services, the shopkeepers, the police and all associated with our
neighbouring churches.

Help us to be good witnesses among those who know us best, at
home and among friends and family Help us to be humble and
forgiving and always willing to understand our faults. So may our
family life and our neighbourhood itself be a witness to your saving
grace.

Shield our families and friends from the assaults and fear of
coronavirus and its variants.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Lord of all healing:
May the compassion of Christ still prevail to heal the sick and feed
the hungry, through the divine love that never fails.

Give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick
at home or in hospital, in particular Ruth Carlisle, Isaac Harrison,
Helen and John Neill, Blain and Betty Harrison, David, Ruth,
Emily, Holly and Joshua O'Neill. Give your wisdom in distributing
vaccine boosters. May discoveries in the field of medicine be truly
shared between rich and poor. Inspire those who as yet have not

taken up the opportunity of vaccination to consider the positive benefits of doing so.

We pray for all who are bereaved and grant them the assurance of your love.

We continue to pray for all adversely affected by the volcanic eruptions in La Palma on Spain's Canary Islands.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Grant refreshment, light and peace to all who no longer need the bread of this world. Receive them into their eternal home.

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

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.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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

THE PEACE

The Rector introduces the Peace with these words:

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

followed by:

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

HYMN T&P 157

We pray thee, heavenly Father,
To hear us in thy love,
And pour upon thy children
Thy blessing from above;
That so in love abiding,
From all defilement free,
We may in pureness offer
Our Eucharist to thee.

All that we have we offer,
For it is all thine own,
All gifts, by thine appointment,
In bread and cup are shown;
One thing alone we bring not,
The wilfulness of sin,
And all we bring is nothing
Save that which is within.

Within the pure oblation,
Beneath the outward sign,
By that his operation,
The Holy Ghost divine,
Lies hid the sacred body,
Lies hid the precious blood,
Once slain, now ever glorious,
Of Christ our Lord and God.

Wherefore, though all unworthy
To offer sacrifice,
We pray that this our duty
Be pleasing in thine eyes;

For praise, and thanks and worship,
For mercy and for aid,
The Church's great thanksgiving
For Jesus Christ is made.

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The Rector takes the bread and wine and may say

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

Kneel

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, Lord of all creation,
we praise you for your goodness and your love.
When we turned away you did not reject us.
You came to meet us in your Son,
welcomed us as your children
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened wide his arms upon the cross and,
with love stronger than death,
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer,
on the night before you died
you came to table with your friends.
Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it
and gave it to them saying,
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper
you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:
you are the true vine.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:
**dying, you destroyed our death,
rising, you restored our life;
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life,
come upon us now;
may this bread and wine be to us
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us, who know our need of grace,
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:
with your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,
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**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Rector breaks the consecrated bread in preparation for the Communion

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.**

THE COMMUNION

The Rector says

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 and other persons receive communion

THE GREAT SILENCE

When all have received communion, they keep silence for reflection.

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
Let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All say

**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.**

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 among you and remain with you always. *(All sing)* **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN CH 32

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die – I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

DISMISSAL

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

Notices