

**THE GROUPED PARISHES OF  
ANNAHILT AND MAGHERAHAMLET**

**A SERVICE OF  
HOLY COMMUNION**

**ON**

**SUNDAY 4 JULY 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**

Jesus said: 'Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.' *Psalm 124:7*

**HYMN CH 646**

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word can ne'er be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
grace which, like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age?

Saviour, since of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.

**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:

*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)**

**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 and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
Hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

The Old Testament reading is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of Samuel  
Chapter 5 beginning at verse 1

5Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said,  
'Look, we are your bone and flesh. 2For some time, while Saul was  
king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in.  
The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people  
Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' 3So all the elders of Israel  
came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with  
them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king  
over Israel. 4David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and  
he reigned for forty years. 5At Hebron he reigned over Judah for  
seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all  
Israel and Judah for thirty-three years. 9David occupied the  
stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all  
around from the Millo inwards. 10And David became greater and  
greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM 48**

- 1 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, ♦  
**in the city of our God.**
- 2 His holy mountain is fair and lifted high, ♦  
**the joy of all the earth.**
- 3 On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place, ♦  
**stands the city of the great king.**
- 4 In her palaces God has shown himself ♦  
**to be a sure refuge.**
- 5 For behold, the kings of the earth assembled ♦  
**and swept forward together.**
- 6 They saw, and were dumbfounded; ♦  
**dismayed, they fled in terror.**
- 7 Trembling seized them there;  
they writhed like a woman in labour, ♦  
**as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.**
- 8 As we had heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God: ♦  
**God has established her for ever.**
- 9 We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God, ♦  
**in the midst of your temple.**

- 10 As with your name, O God,  
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; ♦  
**your right hand is full of justice.**
- 11 Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad, ♦  
**because of your judgements, O Lord.**
- 12 Walk about Zion and go round about her;  
count all her towers; ♦  
**consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,**
- 13 That you may tell those who come after  
that such is our God for ever and ever. ♦  
**It is he that shall be our guide for evermore.**

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.**

#### THE EPISTLE

The Epistle is from Saint Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Corinthians,  
Chapter 12 beginning at verse 2

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep\* me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.\* <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power\* is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

#### GRADUAL HYMN CH 92

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
it soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.

Dear Name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled ◡  
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus, my saviour, shepherd, friend,  
my prophet, priest, and king,  
my lord, my life, my way, my end,  
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy Name  
refresh my soul in death.

#### THE GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint Mark  
Chapter 6 beginning at verse 1

**All sing: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>6</sup>He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary\* and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence\* at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not

without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.<sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.<sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.<sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.<sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;<sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.<sup>10</sup> He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.<sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.'<sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.<sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Sing: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**THE SERMON**

**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:  
Keep the Church steadfast in good work, having confidence in the  
strength that comes only from your grace.

We pray this diocese and for David our Bishop. We pray for this  
Group of Parishes especially those recently confirmed..

We pray for those recently ordained, in particular Adrian Waller  
made Deacon yesterday. May they lead your people boldly, walk  
with them lovingly, and send them forth joyfully to proclaim the  
good news of your kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Lord of creation:  
Have pity on a world full of discontent, restless and finding it  
difficult to find the faithfulness which you have made known to all  
generations. When disappointments weigh us down open our eyes  
to see your creative ways in new plans for life and fresh instances of  
grace. We pray for renewed vision: to see a path of life emerging  
through the wilderness of former hopes and dreams. Look upon us  
with mercy and love – the same steadfast mercy and love you have  
shown toward all your people throughout history.

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

Inspire us today with fresh revelations of your plans for our lives and our world. Instil in us a new sense of adventure to embrace what lies ahead with anticipation and hope.

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

Lord of our relationships:  
Help us to discern and follow the right way in all our relationships within our families, amongst our friends and alongside neighbours. Give us wisdom to discern the gifts that you have given to our friends and colleagues. Teach us to learn from one another and to give support where it is needed.

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Lord of all healing:  
Have mercy on those whose lives are weary and whose burdens are heavy. May they come to know the freedom of trust in Jesus Christ. Be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light

Give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick especially all affected by coronavirus and your wisdom in the ongoing distribution of vaccine.

Uphold those who wish to help others but are frustrated by unwillingness or indifference. Give grace to all who all who suffer that they may be open to accept relief.

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

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

Raise up to eternal life the souls of those departed this life in your faith and fear. May their example strengthen and prepare us for the coming of joy made complete and love made perfect in your heavenly kingdom.

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.**

#### **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 CH 425**

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts;  
thou fount of life, our lives sustain;  
from the best bliss that earth imparts  
we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
thou savest those that on thee call;  
to them that seek thee, thou art good,  
to them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
and long to feast upon thee still;  
we drink of thee, the fountain-head,  
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
glad when thy gracious smile we see,  
blessed when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
make all our moments calm and bright;  
chase the dark night of sin away,  
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

#### **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.**

##### **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 one other person receive communion*

#### **THE GREAT SILENCE**

*When all have received communion, silence is kept for reflection.*

#### **GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Holy and blessed God,  
as you give us the body and blood of your Son,  
guide us with your Holy Spirit,  
that we may honour you not only with our lips  
but also with our lives;  
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  
o 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.**

#### **HYMN**

Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he hath loosed the fateful lightning  
of his terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

*Glory, glory, alleluia! (x3)  
His truth is marching on.*

He has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men  
before his judgment seat;

O be swift, my soul, to answer him;  
be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.

*Glory, glory, alleluia! (x3)*  
*Our God is marching on*

In the beauty of the lilies  
Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom  
that transfigures you and me;  
as he died to make men holy,  
let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on.

*Glory, glory, alleluia! (x3)*  
*While God is marching on*

He is coming like the glory  
of the morning on the wave,  
he is wisdom to the mighty,  
he is succour to the brave;  
so the world shall be his footstool,  
and the soul of time his slave.  
Our God is marching on.

*Glory, glory, alleluia! (x3)*  
*Our God is marching on!*

**DISMISSAL**

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

*Notices*