



**The Grouped Parishes of
Annahilt and Magherahamlet**



**Family Service on Sunday 9 May 2021
to mark the beginning of
Christian Aid Week**

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 CH 258

Christ the Lord is risen again! *Alleluia!*
Christ has broken every chain! *Alleluia!*
Hark! angelic voices cry, *Alleluia!*
singing evermore on high, *Alleluia!*

He who gave for us his life, *Alleluia!*
who for us endured the strife, *Alleluia!*
is our Paschal Lamb to-day; *Alleluia!*
we too sing for joy, and say *Alleluia!*

He who bore all pain and loss *Alleluia!*
comfortless upon the cross, *Alleluia!*
lives in glory now on high, *Alleluia!*
pleads for us, and hears our cry: *Alleluia!*

He whose path no records tell, *Alleluia!*
who descended into hell, *Alleluia!*
who the strong man armed hath bound, *Alleluia!*
now in highest heaven is crowned. *Alleluia!*

He who slumbered in the grave *Alleluia!*
is exalted now to save; *Alleluia!*
now through Christendom it rings *Alleluia!*
that the Lamb is King of kings. *Alleluia!*

Now he bids us tell abroad *Alleluia!*
how the lost may be restored, *Alleluia!*
how the penitent forgiven, *Alleluia!*
how we too may enter heaven. *Alleluia!*

Thou, our paschal Lamb indeed, *Alleluia!*
Christ thy ransomed people feed; *Alleluia!*
take our sins and guilt away: *Alleluia!*
let us sing by night and day *Alleluia!*

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.

**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.**

Hymn T & P 94

Low in the grave he lay,
Jesus my saviour,
waiting the coming day,
Jesus my Lord!

*Up from the grave he arose
with a mighty triumph he o'er his foes;
he arose, a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives for ever with his saints to reign -
he arose, he arose, Alleluia - Christ arose!*

Vainly they guard his bed,
Jesus my saviour,
vainly they seal the dead,
Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose...

Death cannot keep his prey,
Jesus my saviour,
he tore the bars away,
Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave he arose...

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY Easter V and Rogation Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
whose will it is that the earth and the sea
should bear fruit in due season:
Bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,
grant us a good harvest
and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter
10 beginning at verse 44*

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hymn CH 16

Like a mighty river flowing,
like a flower in beauty growing,
far beyond all human knowing
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the hills serene and even,
like the coursing clouds of heaven,
like the heart that's been forgiven
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the summer breezes playing,
like the tall trees softly swaying,
like the lips of silent praying
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the morning sun ascended,
like the scents of evening blended,
like a friendship never ended
is the perfect peace of God.

Like the azure ocean swelling,
like the jewel all-excelling,
far beyond our human telling
is the perfect peace of God.

THE SERMON

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 CH 525

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes,
may now your love sweep this nation,
cause us, O Lord, to arise;
give us a fresh understanding
of brotherly love that is real,
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

THE PRAYERS

Rejoicing in the amazing love of God our Father; let us pour out to him our needs, cares and concerns.

O God, as we see, with sorrow, the divisions between Christian groups, we ask you to enable us to become one flock.

Pause

Father, hear us: **and help us to hear you.**

As we see the glaring injustices of wealth and food distribution in our world, we ask you to give us courage to work in your strength towards building a safer and more caring society.

Pause

Father hear us: **and help us to hear you.**

We pray for all who are working to combat the growing famine in South Sudan and Lake Chad Basin, across the Horn of Africa and Yemen . We pray for our sisters and brothers caught up in a cycle of drought and hunger: for parents struggling to find food and seeing their children go hungry, for farmers seeing their crops fail and livestock die.

Pause

Father hear us: **and help us to hear you.**

We pray for ourselves: May we share generously from the abundance that you have given us and join our voices with those who call for an end to poverty, that lives may be saved and rebuilt with hope for the future.

Pause

Father hear us: **and help us to hear you.**

We ask your blessing upon Christian Aid and its partners distributing food, and tools, seed and fishing gear to help people get back on their feet. We pray especially for a safe space for children, in particular those who are refugees.

Pause

Father hear us: **and help us to hear you.**

As we watch our children growing up and our parents growing older and feel anxious for their future, we ask you for the assurance of your steadfast love, and we entrust our lives to your perfect care.

Pause

Father, hear us: **and help us to hear you.**

As we see and read in the news of all afflicted by coronavirus natural disasters, by terrible accidents and by war, we ask you, O Lord of life, to bring good out of every evil and growth out of every suffering.

Pause

Father hear us: **and help us to hear you.**

Loving Lord, we thank you for the many joys and blessings you give us each day, and for this opportunity we worship you.
Merciful Father **accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**

A GENERAL COLLECT

**Heavenly Father,
in darkness and in light,
in trouble or in joy,
help us to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gathering all our prayers and praises into one,
we pray as our Saviour Christ has taught us:
Our Father....

Hymn CH 499

When I needed a neighbour, were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

*And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
were you there?*

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,
were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there,
were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

When I needed a shelter, were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there?

When I needed a healer, were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there?

Wherever you travel, I'll be there,
I'll be there.
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

*And the creed and the colour
and the name won't matter,
I'll be there?*

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

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life:
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