

**The Grouped Parishes of  
Annahilt and Magherahamlet**

**A Service of Prayer  
following the death of  
HRH Prince Philip The Duke of Edinburgh  
1921-2021**

**and**

**Risen with Christ  
An Easter Festival**



**Sunday 11 April 2021**

*The service will proceed without announcement  
of Hymns or Lessons.*

*The Rector says:*

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.  
Grace and mercy be with you all  
**And also with you.**

Today we come together to remember before God  
Philip, Duke of Edinburgh  
to give thanks for his life  
and to comfort one another in our grief.

*This Psalm may be sung or said*

*Psalm 23*

1 The Lord | is my | shepherd : therefore | can I | lack nothing.  
2 He shall feed me in a | green | pasture : and lead me forth be | side  
the | waters of | comfort.  
3 He shall con | vert my | soul : and bring me forth in the paths of  
righteousness | for his | Name's | sake.  
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death \* I  
will | fear no | evil : for thou art with me \* thy | rod and thy | staff |  
comfort me.  
5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me | against | them that |  
trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil | and my | cup  
shall be | full.  
6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the | days  
of my | life : and I will dwell in the | house of the | Lord for |ever.  
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. A | men.

O God, our sovereign and shepherd,  
who brought again your Son Jesus Christ  
from the valley of death,  
comfort us with your protecting presence  
and your angels of goodness and love,  
that we also may come home  
and dwell with Him in your house for ever. **Amen.**

*A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John, Chapter 14,  
beginning at verse 1*

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God,  
believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-

places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

*Let us pray:*

Almighty and everlasting God, ‘the life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.’

But You are forever, from everlasting to everlasting, and we put our trust in You for You have promised never to leave us nor forsake us.

“Loving Lord, in this last year, through the worst of a global pandemic, we’ve been face to face with our fragility and vulnerability, perhaps for some of us as never before.

“Against that backdrop of hurt and loss, we give you thanks for the life and service of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. Some are called to the front of the stage, others to supporting roles and we rejoice in the way he supported Her Majesty the Queen through all of the years of her reign.

“We remember, too, his work supporting charities and, perhaps most memorably for young people for over sixty years, his patronage of The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

At this time of grief, we offer our heartfelt prayers for Her Majesty and her family. Comfort them in their loss, bind up their wounds and grant them the consolation of a store of treasured memories. Grant Her Majesty the peace that comes from knowing you and which passes all understanding.

“These and all our prayers we ask in the name of Jesus, who through his life, death and resurrection offers us hope instead of despair, life instead of death. **Amen.**

Almighty God,  
whose power can bring good out of evil:  
Give us faith and light in times of darkness,  
and help us to understand your ways;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God be in my head, and in my understanding.  
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
God be in my heart and in my thinking.  
God be at mine end and at my departing. **Amen.**

*As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:*

**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 National Anthem*

Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Processional Hymn CH 251*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise;  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest-field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine  
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain and dew and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
so that we, with hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be;  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high!  
Alleluia to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory!  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
to the blessed Trinity!

*Bidding Prayer*

*Lesson 1 Mary Magdalene and other women visit the holy  
sepulchre, and find it empty St Luke 24.1-10*

*The Easter Anthems*

Christ our passover is | sacri • ficed | for us;  
therefore | let us | keep the | feast,  
Not with the old leaven nor with the leaven of | malice • and|  
wickedness;  
but with the unleavened bread | of sin | cerity • and | truth.  
Christ being raised from the dead | dieth • no | more:  
death hath no | more do | minion | over him.  
For in that he died he died unto | sin | once:  
but in that he liveth he | liveth | unto | God.  
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed | unto | sin:  
but alive unto God through | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.  
Christ is | risen • from the | dead:  
and become the first | fruits of | them that | slept.  
For since by | man came | death:  
by man came also the resur | rection| of the | dead.  
For as in Adam | all | die:  
even so in Christ shall | all be | made a | live.

Glory to the Father and | to the | Son: and | to the | Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be | ginning is | now: and shall be for | ever. |  
A-| men

*Lesson 2 Peter and John visit the empty tomb and find the  
grave-clothes set aside St John 20.3-20*

*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 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!

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

*Lesson 3 Christ appears to Mary Magdalene and talks with her,  
and she supposes him to be the gardener  
St John 20.11-18*

*Hymn CH 290*

Walking in a garden at the close of day,  
Adam tried to hide him when he heard God say:  
'Why are you so frightened, why are you afraid?  
You have brought the winter in, made the flowers fade'.

Walking in a garden where the Lord had gone,  
three of the disciples – Peter, James and John;  
they were very weary, could not keep awake,  
while the Lord was kneeling there, praying for their sake.

Walking in a garden at the break of day,  
Mary asked the gardener where the body lay;  
but he turned towards her, smiled at her and said:  
'Mary, spring is here to stay, only death is dead'.

*Lesson 4 Christ appears to two of his disciples and walks and  
talks with them as they journey from Jerusalem to  
Emmaus St Luke 24.13-16, 28-35*

*Hymn CH 253*

As we walked home at close of day,  
a stranger joined us on our way.  
He heard us speak of one who'd gone,  
and when we stopped, he carried on.

'Why wander further without light?  
Please stay with us this troubled night.  
We've shared the truth of how we feel,  
and now would like to share a meal.'

We sat to eat our simple spread,  
then watched the stranger take the bread;  
and, as he said the blessing prayer,  
we knew that someone else was there.

No stranger he; it was our eyes  
which failed to see in stranger's guise,  
the Lord who, risen from the dead,  
met us when ready to be fed.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
As Mary and our sisters said,  
'The Lord is risen from the dead!'

*Lesson 5 Christ talks with his disciples in hiding, and shows them  
his risen Body St John 20.19;  
St Luke 24.37-40, St John 20. 20-23*

*Hymn CH 286*

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung:  
*Alleluia!*

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
and Jesus has his foes dispersed;  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:  
*Alleluia!*

On the third morn he rose again,  
glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain:  
*Alleluia!*

He broke the bonds of death and hell,  
the bars from heav'n's high portals fell;  
let hymns of praise his triumph tell:  
*Alleluia!*

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee:  
*Alleluia!*

*Lesson 6 The Apostle, Thomas, is doubtful of the Resurrection of  
Christ, and is given convincing proof  
St John 20.24-29*

*Anthem Easter Flowers Solo*

*Lesson 7 Peter, Thomas, Nathaneal, James and John go fishing in the Sea of Galilee, and Christ visits them and eats with them St John 21.1-9, 12,13*

*Hymn CH 283*

The day of Resurrection,  
earth, tell it out abroad –  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ has brought us over,  
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light:  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing,  
may raise the victor-strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
let earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy that has no end.

*Lesson 8 Christ appears to his eleven disciples and gives them his final charge St Matthew 28.16-20; St John 20.30,31*

*Hymn T&P 129*

Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing.  
Around God's throne exult in harmony.  
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave.  
Salute your King in glorious symphony.

Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!  
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly.  
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death.  
The night is past: the day of life is here.

Sing, church of God! Exult with joy outpoured.  
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won.  
Your Saviour lives: he's with you evermore.  
Let all God's people shout the long Amen.

*Lesson 9 Hear the words of St Peter, in his first epistle, beginning at the third verse. St Peter 1.3-9*

*Hymn CH 260*

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love drowned in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine;  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift and war,  
where colour, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

*The Blessing*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal  
covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight:

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.

*Rector:* *The Lord be with you*

*All:* ***And also with you***

*Rector:* *Let us bless the Lord*

*All:* ***Thanks be to God***

*Notices*