

Orlagh in the City

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seek and Ye shall find

July 27th 2025



WELCOME AND STILLING EXERCISE

‘O Lord hear my prayer’ – Taize chant

PENITENTIAL RITE - GLORIA - COLLECT

FIRST READING: **Genesis 18:20-32** *Abraham negotiates with the Lord*

The Lord said, ‘How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.’

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. **Approaching him he said,** ‘Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them; will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?’ the Lord replied, ‘If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.’

Abraham replied, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?’ ‘No,’ he replied ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.’ **Again Abraham said to him,** ‘Perhaps there will only be forty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the forty.’

Abraham said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘if I find thirty there.’ **Abraham said,** ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the twenty.’ **Abraham said,** ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the ten.’

PSALM 137:1-3, 6-8

Response **On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

Thank you, Lord, with all my heart; you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple

Response

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of
you.

On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul

Response

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes

Response

You stretch out your hand and save me; your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands

Response

SECOND READING- Colossians 2:12-14

Christ has brought you to life with him and forgiven us all our sins

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by
baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief
in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead,
because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has
brought you to life with him; he has forgiven us all our sins. He has
overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we
had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:

To all who did accept him

He gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’ **Jesus said to them,** ‘Say this when you pray:

Father, may your name be held holy,
Your kingdom come;
Give us each day our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins,
For we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test.

Jesus also said to them:

Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, “**My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him**”; and the man answers from inside the house, “**Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you.**” I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship’s sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

LECTIO: *An opportunity to find the Good News in today's readings*

CREED -

Leader: We believe in God:

All: the One who reveals new life when all seems dead.

We believe in the new, in the incarnation which renews the face of the earth

Leader: We believe in Jesus Christ:

All: The pledge to us of God's promise of new life.

We believe in the new, in the possibilities in our midst that challenge us to see with new eyes.

Leader: We believe in the Spirit:

All: Whose power enables us to make things new.

We believe in the new heaven and the new earth coming to birth before our eyes

All: God of our lives, you are always calling us to follow you into the future, inviting us to new ventures, new challenges, new ways to care for the earth and new ways to touch the hearts of others.

When we are fearful of the unknown, give us courage; remind us that we can bring change and hope into all situations. God of our lives, create new hearts within us.

This we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, who is our Lord now and forever.

Amen

PRAYERS OF FAITHFUL - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER - Sing 'OUR FATHER'

COMMUNION - Meditation from Thais (Joshua Bell)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD (ALL)

'Prayer is not the reverberation of sound; it is the articulation of love. It is with the heart rather than the lips that we pray: whether we cry to the Lord with the voice of the body- where occasion demands it – or in silence, we must cry from the heart'. St. Augustine

Short Reflection: What am I taking from today's liturgy?

RECESSIONAL: Laudate Omnes Gentes – Taize chant

Laudate Omnes Gentes. (Praise, all nations)

Laudate Dominium (Praise the Lord)