

# OITC Sunday Lectio

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of the Year

13.7.25



**Welcome....** *Where two or three are gathered together in  
my name, there am I in the  
midst of them. (Mt 18-20)*



Quiet moment: [Music Open my heart](#)

Awaken us, Lord, to your light:  
Open our eyes to your presence.

Awaken us, Lord, to your love:  
Open our hearts to your indwelling.

Awaken us, Lord, to your life:  
Open our minds to your abiding.

**We pray: Lord Jesus, we give you praise. Speak to us as we listen to your word and send your Spirit into our hearts. Guide us today and each day in your service, for you are our way, our truth, our life.**

## Introduction to the Gospel

**Luke 10: 25-37**

(video)



Reflection in  
silence before  
Lectio



Lectio

Intercessions

Our Father

Loving father, you have sent your Holy Spirit to teach your truth to your holy people.

Grant that we may continue to think and pray over the words we have heard, and to share your thoughts with others throughout the day.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen



## Introduction to Thomas Halik

## The Road Ahead - thoughts and prayer

*There is no need for alarm. ... But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee . There you will see him, just as he told you.'* (Mk.16:5-7)

*Fr Tomáš Halík offers helpful insights into the 'Galilee' of today  
from [The Afternoon of Christianity](#) by Fr Tomáš Halík*

... The forms of religions and their roles in different societies and cultures ... are changing. Secularisation has not brought about the end of religion but rather its transformation. ... Traditional religious institutions have lost their monopoly on religion. The culminating process of globalisation is encountering resistance: manifestations of populism, nationalism and fundamentalism are on the rise. The world community of Christians is not united - today the greatest differences are not between churches but within them. Sometimes people reciting the same creed have very different ideas about God.

Among the transformations of today's spiritual scene is the collapse of the wall between "believers" and "non-believers",... while there is a growing number of those in whose minds and hearts, faith and scepticism are intertwined.

The certitudes of our world have been shaken by events such as the recent pandemic. In addition to the long-standing crisis of traditional religious certainties, there is also a crisis of traditional secular certitudes, especially the belief in humans' domination over nature and their own destiny.

... The current reform efforts cannot remain limited to changes in some institutional structures and a few paragraphs in the catechism, the code of canon law, and the moral textbooks. ...I regard the present crisis as a crossroad where the possibility of moving into a new "afternoon" epoch in the history of Christianity presents itself.

...In history, God is revealed in the faith, love and hope of people, even people on the margins of the churches and beyond their visible boundaries. The search for God "in all things" and in all historical situations frees our life from monological self-absorption and transforms it into dialogical openness. Here I see a sign of the times and a light of hope even in difficult times .(xi)

from *The Afternoon of Christianity* by Fr Tomáš Halík

## Profession of Hope

We pray that the Christianity of tomorrow will be, above all, a community of ... a new reading, a new and deeper interpretation of the two sources of divine revelation, scripture and tradition, and especially of God's utterance in the signs of the times." (Halík p 58).

We firmly desire and pray that we will be given the courage to face the changes we need to make, to find the Risen Lord in the evolution of society, to search for him: by his voice, like Mary Magdalen, in strangers on the road like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, in the wounds of the world like the apostle Thomas, wherever he passes through the closed doors of fear, where he brings the gift of forgiveness and new beginnings.

**A Beauty Blessing** (John O'Donohue) *We bless each other.....*

As stillness in stone to silence is wed  
May your heart be somewhere a God might dwell.

*As a river flows in ideal sequence*

*May your spirit discover time is presence.*

As the moon absolves the dark of distance

May thought-light console your mind with brightness.

*As the breath of light awakens colour*

*May the dawn anoint your eyes with wonder.*

As spring rain softens the earth with surprise

May your winter places be kissed by light.

*As the ocean dreams to the joy of dance*

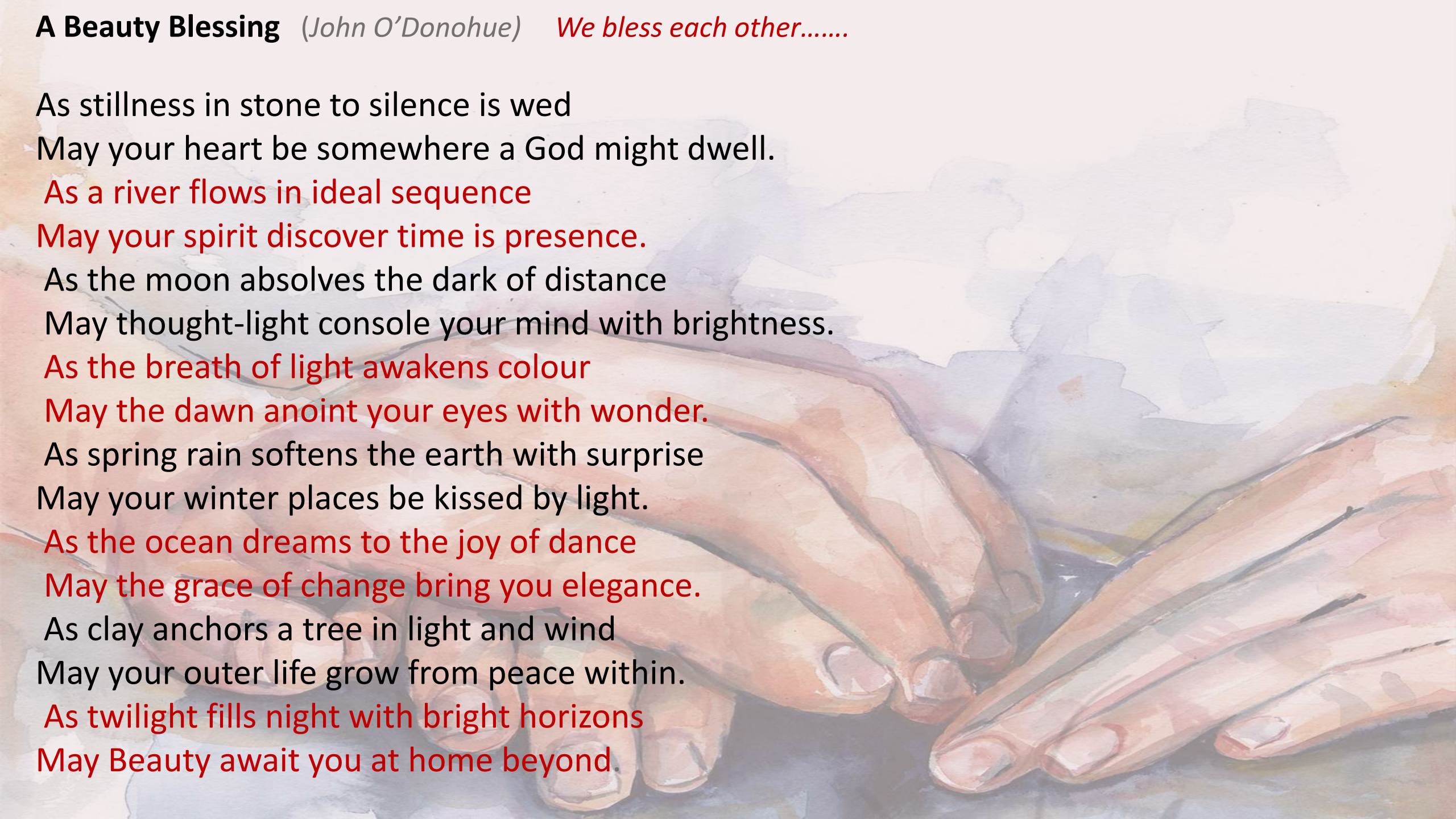
*May the grace of change bring you elegance.*

As clay anchors a tree in light and wind

May your outer life grow from peace within.

*As twilight fills night with bright horizons*

*May Beauty await you at home beyond.*





Music: Irish blessing













For everything there is a season



