

Orlagh in the City

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Come to the table

August 31st 2025



Welcome & Stilling Exercise

Opening Hymn: *We bring to this Table*

Come people in worship at table recline.

Come sing out our praises in Scripture and rhyme
Our table is open, inclusive for all,
As we celebrate Eucharist our faith we recall.

Chorus

**As the sun shines upon us enriching our earth
And the fruits of the seasons rejoicing the heart
We bring to this table - gifts of bread and wine
To share on our journey with all humankind.**

In setting our table, we recall many ways
We've been nourished and fed for the length of our days.
Creation's own table in abundant regard
Reminds us that God's love is vividly shared.

Chorus

With great thanks we offer what we have received,
The bread of the harvest from nature's own field,
And the wine that is crushed from the grape of the vine
God's gifts are poured out, all abundant in kind.

Chorus

The bread of our table is given for all
Mid starving injustice we hear the poor call,
May our lives too be broken to serve all in need
And satisfy hunger beyond race and creed.

Chorus

The thirst of our world is symbolized here
in the cups we pour out our dry hearts to cheer!
Like water abundant refreshing the soul
May the wine of this Eucharist make all people whole.

Chorus

We proclaim the feast open to all who believe.
Come share in this banquet, come now and receive,
And know in the heart that is hungry for more
That God's love is with you wherever you go.

Chorus

Penitential - Gloria - Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading -Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21, 30-31

Behave humbly, and you will find favour with the Lord

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,

And you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,

And then you will find favour with the Lord;

For great though the power of the Lord is,

He accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady,

Since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,

An attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm 67

Response *In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.*

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,

they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;

rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

Response

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,

such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;

he leads the prisoners forth into freedom.

Response

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:

when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home,

prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

Response

Second reading -Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!



Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14 -Everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Quiet Prayer & Lectio Divina

Prayers of the Faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

1. God of life, you nurture and sustain your people;

You bless us with abundance

You gift us with your graciousness

You know our every need.

2. In the birthing forth of creation, you call us into being.

You gift us with health and wholeness.

You sustain our every endeavour;

You feed your hungering people.

1. You call us to work for justice,

To share our table with all creation,

To feed the needy at our door,

To see nobody left in need.

2. For the blessing of your gifts,

and the challenge of your call to us,

we lift our voices as we acclaim in song your gracious love:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY....

1. The table we share is adorned with the gifts of creation,

Gifts given for all to share in equality and justice,

a table where all are welcome,

and from which nobody is to be excluded,

from the greatest even to the least.

2. As a Christian people we celebrate the open table,
proclaimed by Jesus our liberator and our friend,
a table of abundant life, inclusive love,
and redemptive liberation.

ALL

*This is the table, upon which we now invoke,
God's creative Spirit, to transform these earthly gifts of bread and wine,
so that they may become food that
will nourish and sustain us as a pilgrim people.*

FACILITATORS

Recalling that same night on which Jesus gathered
his loved ones to share; a meal at table,
we, too, ask God's abundant blessing upon this bread broken
to be shared by all, as we say:

Take this all of you, eat and drink:

This is my body which will be given up for you.

Upon this cup of wine,

Poured out to inebriate all who thirst for life,

we acclaim the sacrificial generosity of our God as we say:

Take this all of you and drink from it; this is the cup of my blood,
the blood; of the new and everlasting covenant.

It will be shed for you and for all, so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me.

ALL - Acclamation:



Nurtured by your love,

Nourished by your food

Called anew to be your people.

We acclaim your praise.

FACILITATORS

As we celebrate this Eucharistic feast,
we call to mind that we are a people nourished throughout the ages,
and we look forward in hope to that day when the justice of our God
will guarantee food for all who hunger for the fullness of life.

ALL

With grateful hearts we receive the gifts of this table.

*May the creative Spirit who energizes these gifts
activate in our hearts, too, a hunger for that justice that
will guarantee sustenance for every human being.*

**1. In the spirit of this celebration
we rejoice and thank our God for all we have received;
but we do so in the painful awareness of all
who are excluded from the table of God's abundant life.**

2. Awaken in us, O God, a passion for equality and
generosity of spirit that all may be brought
to the table of abundance from which
our God wants no one to be excluded

ALL

*This prayer we make in union with all God's people,
living and dead, and particularly with those
labouring for justice in our world.*

*May we all know the blessing of our loving God:
Creator, Liberator and Holy Spirit,
in whose power we gather here, nourished & sustained,
now and forever. Amen.*

Post Communion Hymn [*“One Bread one body” M Talbot*](#)

Prayer for the road ahead!



We must use our imagination
Rooted in Christ
To find openings
Where there appear to be none.

Michel Sabbah,
Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem,
7th Oct. 2024 (extract)

Bernadette - News

Recessional Hymn: [*Send forth by God's blessing*](#)
Omer Westendorf

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
Our liturgy ended, so now be extended
the fruits of this Eucharist in all who believe.
The fruit of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, his love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living
the tasks of our everyday life we embrace.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
we journey, with people of each tribe and race.
Your feast it will feed us, your light it will lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ through the Good News we bear.

