

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who danced in the darkness at the dawn of time to bring light and life. Who breathes life and purpose into all living things inspiring and guiding all people throughout the ages. Opening our eyes to injustice and transforming our hearts and minds, empowering us to be faithful stewards of creation.

We commit ourselves to live day by day in the light of these beliefs, cherishing one another and the earth. Amen

Prayer of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer for the Road Ahead

And some time, make the time to drive out west
 Into County Clare, along the Flaggy Shore,
 In September or October, when the wind
 And the light are working off each other
 So that the ocean on one side is wild
 With foam and glitter, and inland among stones
 The surface of a slate-grey lake is lit
 By the earthed lightning of a flock of swans,
 Their feathers roughed and ruffling, white on white,
 Their fully grown headstrong-looking heads
 Tucked or cresting or busy underwater.
 Useless to think you'll park and capture it
 More thoroughly. You are neither here nor there,
 A hurry through which known and strange things pass
 As big soft buffetings come at the car sideways
 And catch the heart off guard and blow it open.

"Postscript" by Seamus Heaney

Announcements

Recessional Music (*What A Wonderful World* Louis Armstrong)

I see trees of green	The colours of the rainbow
Red roses too	So pretty in the sky
I see them bloom	Are also on the faces
For me and you	Of people going by
And I think to myself	I see friends shaking hands
What a wonderful world	Saying, "How do you do?"
	They're really saying
	I love you

I see skies of blue	I hear babies cry
And clouds of white	I watch them grow
The bright blessed day	They'll learn much more
The dark sacred night	Than I'll ever know
And I think to myself	And I think to myself
What a wonderful world	What a wonderful world
	Yes, I think to myself
	What a wonderful world,
	Ooh, yes



Orlagh in the City

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 21.09.2025

Welcome and Stilling Exercise

Opening Hymn: How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
 Thy power throughout the universe displayed



Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee,
 How great thou art(x2)

When through the woods and forest glades I
 wander,
 And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
 And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
 and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!
Refrain

Penitential

For the ways we have neglected and spoiled Your
 creation, we ask forgiveness. **Lord have mercy**

For the ways we have neglected those in need of
 our help, we ask forgiveness. **Christ have mercy**

For the ways we have failed to use our imagination
 to make the kingdom of God a reality. **Lord have
 mercy**

God forgives us and sets us free. May we forgive
 others and forgive ourselves and come to our God
 in peace. **Amen**

Gloria – Collect

Liturgy of the Word

First reading Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
 and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
 you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
 so that we can sell our corn,
 and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
 Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
 by swindling and tampering with the scales,
 we can buy up the poor for money,
 and the needy for a pair of sandals,
 and get a price even for the sweepings of the
 wheat.

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'
The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm 112(113):1-2,4-8

R. Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! R.

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? R.

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dunghheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. R.

Second reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for those in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right and, will please God our saviour: who wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want all people to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.
The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples:
'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the

stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Quiet Prayer / Lectio Divina

Share how the Word speaks to your life. Not a Bible Study or a discussion.

A Creation Care Creed

We believe and trust in God, Creator and Sustainer
Who fashions the heavens and the earth and all that is in them.
Who gazes on their handiwork in love,
pronouncing it 'very good'

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ
Who shared with us the wonder and promise of creation.

We are grateful that he was born like us, choosing to share our humanity with its joy and its pain. He lived an earthly life affirming and celebrating the goodness of the physical world and used the natural world to teach us more of God's nature.