

Orlagh in the City

27 September 2025



Timothy P. Schmalz's bronze sculpture "Homeless Jesus",

The Lord hears the cry of the poor

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I will bless the Lord at all times
With praise ever in my mouth
Let my soul glory in the Lord
Who will hear the cry of the poor

Let the lowly hear and be glad
The Lord listens to their plea
And to hearts broken God is near
Who will hear the cry of the poor

Peruvian Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father!

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Father!*

To God be glory forever!

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Alleluia, Amen! *Alleluia, Amen!*

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Alleluia, Amen! *Alleluia, Amen!*

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus...

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit...

Liturgy of the Word

Amos 6:1, 4-7

Woe to you live in luxury in Zion,
and to you self-important people on
the mountain of Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of
ivory, and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock, and
calves from the stall; who sing idle
songs to the sound of the harp, and
like David improvise on instruments
of music; who drink wine from
bowls, and anoint themselves with
the finest oils, but are not grieved
over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore
they shall now be the first to go into
exile, and the revelry of the loungers
shall pass away.

Praise Yahweh, my soul

Psalm 145:6-10

Praise Yahweh, my soul

Yahweh, You keep faith forever.

You secure justice for the oppressed;

You give food to the hungry

You set captives free. (R./)

You give sight to the blind;

You raise up those who were bowed
down;

You love those who do justice;

You protect strangers. (R./)

You sustain orphans and the bereaved
But you thwart the way of the corrupt.
Yahweh will reign for ever through all
generations. (R./)

1 Timothy 6:11-16

But you are to flee from these things.
As one dedicated to God, strive to be
a person of integrity and piety, filled

with faith and love, patience and gentleness. Run the great race of faith. Take firm hold of the everlasting life to which you were called when, in the presence of many witnesses, you made your good profession of faith. Before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I charge you to keep God's command without fault or reproach until our Saviour Jesus Christ appears. This appearance God will bring to pass at a chosen time. God alone is the sovereign over all, the blessed and only ruler above all earthly rulers, who alone possesses immortality, and who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no human being has ever seen or can see. To God be the honour and the everlasting kingdom. Amen

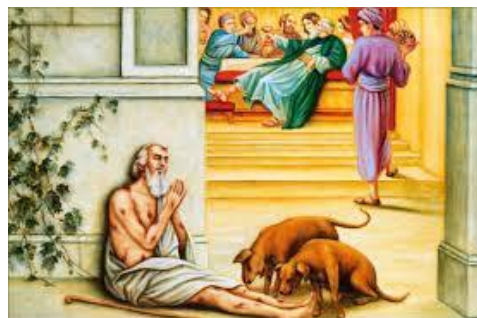
Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees) "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father

Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house- for I have five brothers-that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"



Maasi Creed



We believe in the one High God,
who out of love created the beautiful
world
and everything good in it.
God created us all and wanted us to
be happy in the world.
God loves the world and every
nation and tribe on the earth.
We have known this High God in
the darkness,
and now we know him in the light.
God promised in the book, the
Bible,
that the world and all nations and
tribes would be saved.
We believe that God made good this
promise by sending Jesus Christ, a
human in the flesh,
a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little
village,
who left his home and was always
on safari doing good,
curing people by the power of God,
teaching about God and people,
showing that the meaning of religion
is love.
He was rejected by his people,
tortured and nailed hands and feet to
a cross and died.
He was buried in the grave,
but the hyenas did not touch him,

and on the third day, he rose from
that grave.

He ascended to the skies.

He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are
forgiven through him.

All who have faith in Jesus must be
baptized in the Holy Spirit of God,
live by the rules of love, and share
the bread together in love,
to announce the good news to others
until Jesus comes again.

We are waiting for him.

He is alive. He lives.

This we believe.

Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Blest are you, Lord, God of all
creation,
thanks to your goodness this bread
we offer:
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
it will become the bread of life.

*Blessed be God! Blessed be God!
Blessed be God forever! Amen!
Blessed be God! Blessed be God!
Blessed be God forever! Amen!*

Blest are you, Lord, God of all
creation,
thanks to your goodness this wine
we offer:
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
it will become the cup of life.

Thought for the Road Ahead

We are siblings of one another, we of the human species, for we are one family of brothers and sisters populating planet earth, sharing a genetic history, evolving from a common source before taking divergent paths. When we look into a stranger's eyes, we see they are similar to our own, and if we linger, we may even see the residual light of a star.

The world filled by God appears to our enlightened eyes as simply a setting in which universal communion can be attained.

That is how Teilhard de Chardin describes it, but sense of cosmic oneness is not limited to mystics. We can feel the heartbeat of life itself pulsate throughout the planet whenever we take another's hand and acknowledge that we are one. How then can we fail to recognise that our multifaceted diversity is a prism of the Divine!

Paradoxology *Miriam Therese Winters*

Tending the Spark

Heather Houston

And we will care for each other
as the world around us unravels
And we will tend to the spark of hope
that lives within our grieving hearts

And we are here now in this present
moment lifting our voices and hearts
And we are here now we have come
together
we are tending together we are
tending spark of hope

Oh may it grow

And we will care
for each other



Announcements