

Orlagh in the City

Feast of Christ the King
23 November 2025

Invitation to Presence

Reconciliation Moment

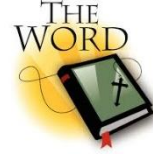


Gloria

Glory be to God in heaven:
Let all people hear the call.
Peace to those who honour God
Who bear good will and love to all
Gracious ruler, loving creator,
We adore and give you praise.
Hear our song of glad thanksgiving
For your grace, your loving ways.

Praise to you O Jesus Christ,
The Son the Lamb
Who once was slain.
Now you are alive forever,
Help us all God's life to gain.
You alone are blessed and holy:
Jesus Christ, beloved Son,
sharing glory with the Spirit
And with the Eternal One

Liturgy of the Word



2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel gathered in Hebron and said to David:
"we are your own flesh and blood.
In the days when Saul ruled, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back. And the Yahweh said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'"

All the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, David made an agreement with them there before the LORD and they anointed him ruler of Israel.

Psalm 122

Response: *"Come, come to the Heart of Love!"*

My spirit soared when a Voice spoke to me:

"Come, come to the Heart of Love!"

How long I had stood within the house of fear yearning to enter the gates of Love! *Response*

The New Jerusalem, the Holy City, is bound firmly together.

All who seek the Heart of Love, those who have faced their fears, enter the gates in peace and with great joy, singing songs of thanksgiving.

Response

There, in harmony with the cosmos,
the community gathers united in
love.

Pray for the peace of the world!

Response

Nan C. Merrill. Psalms for Praying



Colossians 1:12-20

Thanks be to the God for having made
you worthy to share in the inheritance
of the holy ones in light.

God rescued us from the authority of
darkness

and brought us into the reign of Jesus,
God's only Begotten. And it is through
Jesus that we have redemption, the
forgiveness of sins.

Christ is the image of the unseen God,
the firstborn of all creation.

For in Christ all things in heaven and
on earth, everything visible and the
invisible, Thrones, Dominations or
principalities or powers - were
created, all things were created
through Christ and for Christ.

Before anything was created, Christ
existed, and all things hold together in
Christ.

The church is the body; Christ is its
head. Christ is the beginning, the

firstborn from the dead, and so Christ
is first in every way. God wanted all
perfection to be found in Christ, and
all things to be reconciled to God
through Christ –
everything in haven and everything on
earth – when Christ made peace by
dying on the cross.

Mark 11:9, 10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the One who comes in the
name of our God!

Blessed is the coming reign of our
ancestor David!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Luke 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said,
"He saved others, let him save himself
- if he really is the Messiah of God,
the Chosen One."

The soldiers also mocked him.
they served him sour wine and said "If
you are really King of the Jews, save
yourself."

Above him there was an inscription
that read, "This is the King of the
Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging
there beside him insulted Jesus, too,
saying "Are you really the Messiah?
Then save yourself - and us."

But the other answered the first with a
rebuttal: "Don't you even fear God?
We are only paying the price for what
we have done, but this one has done
nothing wrong." Then he said,

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your glory."

Jesus replied to him,
In truth is, today you'll be with me in paradise."

Lectio

CREDO!

Cor = coeur = Croi = heart

'do' = to give I give, I am giving now

'in' = in/into/unto

**I am now
giving
My heart
Unto you,
Only God / God of All**



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.



Announcements

Thought for the Road Ahead

Extract: Iliia Delio

On this feast how can we emphasise the true kingship of Christ? Teilhard de Chardin perceived that the modern world has shattered the ordering of the cosmos as a fixed hierarchy descending from God through angels, nobility, commoners, and servants. He believed that as humanity develops, we recognize the equal dignity of all persons who are part of the evolutionary flow.

Teilhard insists that the structure of reality is not external hierarchy but internal communion. Love does not flow downward through fixed ranks; rather, it works as the attraction drawing all into unity.

Yet radical egalitarianism does not solve the problem. The question becomes: how can we create a new world order appropriate to a humanity awakening to its unity without imposing totalitarian uniformity? How can we honour both individual freedom and collective responsibility? Teilhard's answer points toward a politics of love: political (*and religious*) leadership that emerges from below, that honours the unique dignity and perspective of each person, (*and all of creation*) that seeks

genuine convergence where difference strengthens rather than threatens unity. This is an enormously difficult practical challenge. It can only be solved by evolving consciousness itself toward greater capacity for genuine, planetary love.



Blessing

All Over the World

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news;
Announcing peace, proclaiming news
of happiness:
our God reigns, our God reigns!

Refrain:

**Our God reigns, our God reigns, our
God reigns,
our God reigns, our God reigns!**

Deep from matter God comes with
grace and majesty,
God is alive, God is alive!
Announcing peace, proclaiming news
of happiness:
our God reigns, our God reigns!