

HOPE

First Sunday of Advent

Orlagh In the City

November 30th 2025

Welcome + Reflection

Hymn – *Come oh Come Emmanuel*

Candle Ritual + Prayer

In lighting this Candle we pray that the blessing of Christ come upon us
Brightening our way,
And guiding us by His Truth. **Amen**

May Christ our Saviour
bring light (life!) into the darkness
of our World and to us. **Amen**

Penitential Rite

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We await His coming, Jesus,
our Emmanuel – God with us.
May we be inspired this
Advent season
By the Holy Spirit of God
who dwells within us.

Amen



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

**The Lord gathers all nations together
into the eternal peace of God's kingdom**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it;
and they will say:



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*Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.*



He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.

**O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.**



Hymn - Psalm 121 All Sing

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14 **Our salvation is near**

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon:

Let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark

Let us arm ourselves and appear in the light

Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy.

Let your armor be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Lord help us to make this Advent season

A time to reflect on your love for us, for all

People and for your creation.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,



The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

Jesus said to his disciples: As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

So, stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Lectio: *Share how the Word speaks to our life. It is not a Bible Study or a discussion.*



Maasai Creed

The **Maasai** are a Nilotic ethnic group of semi-nomadic pastoralists in **Kenya and northern Tanzania**.

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

The Lord's Prayer as gaeilge

Announcements

PRAYER FOR THE ROAD AHEAD – The Snow Geese – Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good. You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body, love what it loves.
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.

Meanwhile the world goes on.

Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain are moving
across the landscapes, over the prairies and the deep trees . .
the mountains and the rivers.

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
The world offers itself to your imagination,
Calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting—
Over and over, announcing your place in the family of things.



Final Blessing