

**Be the Light**  
**Good News Sunday**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary  
**Orlagh In the City**  
January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026



**Hymn**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**

Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.



*Christ be our light!*  
*Shine in our hearts,*  
*Shine through the darkness.*  
*Christ, be our light!*  
*Shine in your church gathered today.*

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.**

Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us,  
Make us your living voice. R.

**Longing for food, many are hungry,**

Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Make us your living voice. R.

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**First reading Isaiah 8:23-9:3**

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far  
side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
On those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,  
You have made their joy increase;

They rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time,  
As men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders,  
The rod of his oppressor –these you break as on the day of Midian.

**Meditation exercise**  
**Opening prayers**

**A thiarna déan trócaire**

A chríost déan trócaire  
A thiarna déan trócaire

**Glory to God, glory to God,**  
Glory to the Father! **X2**

To God be glory forever! **X2**  
Alleluia, Amen! **X3**

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

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

**Collect**

**Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14**

R: *The Lord is my light and my help.*

The Lord is my light and my help;  
Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
Before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
For this I long,  
To live in the house of the Lord,  
All the days of my life,  
To savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
To behold his temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
In the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord!



**Second reading**

**1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17**

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you.

What I mean, are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*cf. Mt4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom  
And cured all kinds of sickness among the people.  
Alleluia!

## **Gospel : Matthew 4:12-23**

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

*Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!*

*Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!*

*The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light;*

*On those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.*

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, **‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’**

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’ And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

**Lectio:** Not a discussion. Share how the Word speaks to YOUR life.

### **Creed**

We believe we are made  
In the image of God  
Echoes of the creator  
Children of a loving energy  
One with the universe and  
All that lies within it.

Christ has been born  
In our earthiness  
Seen in the face of justice  
Vivid in our moments of faith  
Dying and living in our passion for life.

We can feel the power of the Spirit  
Surrounding us with grace.  
She is wise in the centre  
Of our wanderings and  
Joyfully gathering the whole creation  
Into the freedom of God.

This we believe.  
This we affirm.  
From this we will live

## Prayers of Faithful/ Intercessions

### Hymn (Offertory)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est (Repeat)  
(Where charity and love are, God is there)



### Our Father (As Gaeilge)

### Prayer for the Road ahead

Gracious God  
For your love for us  
Gentle as a shower  
Healing our pain  
Binding our wounds  
**We give you thanks**

For your love for us  
Sure as the dawn  
Transforming our darkness  
Revealing your truth  
**We give you thanks**

For your love for us  
Mercifully steadfast  
Calling us to you  
Raising us up  
**We give you thanks**

For your love for us  
Encouraging questions  
Open to doubts  
Making us vulnerable  
**We give you thanks**

Urge us on, O Christ  
To find wholeness  
Through serving you  
By serving others  
In the power of your Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### Announcements



### Blessing

### Hymn



### Refrain

*The light of Christ has come into the world  
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We all must be born again  
to see the Kingdom of God  
The water and the Spirit  
bring new life in God's love

### Refrain

God gave up His only Son  
out of love for the world  
So that all men who believe  
in Him will live forever

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