

# Orlagh in The City

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th February, 2026



### Welcome and Invitation into Quiet

#### Opening Song: The Song is Alive Everywhere (Ken Medema)

For the song is alive everywhere, (2)  
and blessed are the ones who get to give the pitch,  
for the song is alive everywhere.

For the song is a garden full of flowers, (2)  
and blessed are the ones who get to till the soil,  
for the song is a garden full of flowers.

For the song is a bright, clear morning sun, (2)  
And blessed are the ones who get to lift the shades,  
for the song is a bright, clear morning sun.

For the song is a road that leads back home, (2)  
and blessed are the ones who get to raise the signs,  
for the song is a road that leads back home.

The song is alive everywhere (2)  
And blessed the ones who get to give the pitch,  
who get to till the soil, who get to lift the shades,  
who get to raise the signs.  
For the song is alive everywhere . . .

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading: A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

Wisdom has built her house; she has set up<sup>l</sup> its seven pillars.  
She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine. And she has set her table.  
She has sent out her servants, and she, calling forth the people  
from the highest point of the city:  
“Let all who are simple come to my house!”  
To those in any way deprived she says,  
“Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed.  
Leave your simple ways and you will live;  
walk in the ways of deeper wisdom.”  
*The Word of the Lord.*



### Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

#### *R/. They are happy who follow God's law!*

They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!  
They are happy who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts. R/.

You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.  
May my footsteps be firm  
to obey your statutes. R/.

Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word.  
Open my eyes that I may see  
the wonders of your law. R/.

Teach me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.  
Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart. R/.

## Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.*

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

## Gospel Reading:

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the disciples: For I tell you that unless your virtue surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, 'You shall not kill, and anyone who kills, he must answer for it before the court.

'You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at another person lustfully has already committed adultery in the heart of their being. Again, you have heard that it was said to our ancestors, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfil before God the vows you have made.'

But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: All you need to say is simply 'Yes' if you mean 'yes' and 'No' if you mean 'no'. Anything beyond that comes from an evil source.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## Lectio followed by Prayer of the Faithful

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

See separate sheet.

## Our Father (Sung)

# Concluding Rite

## Announcements

**Invitation into Reflective moment** (What are you carrying away from here this day)

**Final Hymn: The Lourdes Magnificat** (Michael Hodgetts)

**Ant:** *God fills me with joy, Alleluia. God's holy wisdom is my guide. Alleluia*

I praise the source of life, the blessings all I savour.  
Rejoice for who am I that God has shown such favour.

But when power instigates, so proud and self-conceited,  
The kings who sit in state are humbled and defeated.

The world shall call me blest and ponder on my story.  
In me is manifest God's greatness and God's glory.

God feeds the starving poor and guards our holy nation.  
Fulfilling grace in store, as shown in revelation.

For all who are God's friends and seek a life as holy.  
God's mercy never ends, for all the meek and lowly.

Then glorify with me – empowering God's endeavour,  
One holy Trinity – forever and forever.

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Eucharistic Song (Replacing the Creed): Welcome to the Table

Gather around for the table is set,  
Welcome and take your place.  
Wide is our circle with Christ at the heart,  
Sharing our sacred space.

Story of faith in the breaking of bread,  
Gifts of creation we share.  
No more malnutrition to darken our lives,  
Justice for love and care. **Chorus**

**CHORUS:** This is the banquet open to all,  
Spirit to nourish life.  
Here at this meal, here in this place,  
Gratefully we receive.

Calling forth adults the table to share,  
Co-celebrating as one.  
The gift of each table our daily prayer,  
The chant of thanksgiving is sung. **Chorus**

## Eucharistic Prayer for St. Brigid

*Preface:*

1. We gather today to recall and celebrate the sacred tradition of our country's patron, Saint Brigid of Kildare, whose life of witness and service inspires our gathering here in this Eucharistic community.

2. Beneath the oak tree from which emanates her fertile sacred vision, adorned with her cloak, embracing the spread of land and human community alike, we too embrace her ancient enduring vision of healing, hope, and springtime vitality.

1. In prayerful solidarity we unite with the flowing waters that satisfy every thirst, the fruits of the earth sustaining us in body mind and spirit, the greening of grassland, tree and shrub, in the birthing forth of the Springtime, the fertility of our land amid this time of sowing & planting.

2. As inheritors of the monastic tradition, pioneered by Brigid, Conleth, and many others, we receive in gratitude the gift of solitude, and the wisdom of contemplative vision. And in union with all who celebrate this special feast, we raise our voices and acclaim:

*HOLY . . .*

("Let all that is within me cry Holy (x2).

Holy, Holy, Holy is the source of our being.")

1. Praise to you, Holy One, gathering your people for prayer and worship, celebrating the gift of feminine creativity in the life of Brigid, and in the elegance of creation's fertility, with which we are nourished each day.

2. From the rising of the sun till its setting, we are blessed with the variety and diversity of life in abundance. As creatures of the earth, we witness each day the living Spirit of God whose energy sustains every life form, the same Spirit who gathers us as one around this Eucharistic table

### *First Invocation*

**ALL:** That same Spirit we now invoke to liberate anew the pregnant possibilities of these our gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the body & blood of Jesus our Saviour, to nurture and sustain us into the fulness of life.

### *Invoking Sacred Memory*

**Co-celebrants:** As the Abbess gathers the monastic community for worship, and mothers in every home gather families around the table of nourishing love, Jesus too calls us, as the first disciples were called, to the echo of these empowering words: Take this all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body which will be given up for you.

**Co-celebrants:** After the meal, Jesus took another cup, poured out in a spirit of solidarity and mutual empowerment. Jesus gave thanks, and in the spirit of Brigid's inclusive cloak, Jesus shared the cup with friends saying: Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my life-blood, the life of the new and everlasting covenant. In prophetic solidarity it is poured out for you and for all. Sustain one another in the power of sacred memory.

*Eucharistic Acclamation:* "Let all that is within cry Blessed (x2)  
Blessed, Blessed, Blessed is the source of our being."

1. The sacred gifts of this Eucharistic table, bread broken and wine poured out, hold for us cherished memories of the God who has birthed so much life into our universe, and continues to do so through the women and men of our world today.

### *Second Invocation*

**ALL:** In the inclusive gathering of this Eucharistic meal, we gratefully acknowledge the Spirit who dwells in our midst. In the power of that same Spirit may we be united as one, as we seek to heal the brokenness around us, and restore to creation the wholeness for all to flourish.

### *In Union with . . .*

2. In union with the holy women and men of this land, along with the ancestors of cherished memory, and those who inspire the leadership of our faith today (Pope .... and Bishop .....), may we continue to cherish what we have received, and pass on that sacred wisdom to generations yet to come.

1. Weaving her Cross while sitting beside the anguished, dying chieftain, Brigid delivered the gentle healing peace of Christ. May we too be weavers of healing and hope for our wounded earth, for threatened species, for the victims of war and violence, for all loved ones living with pain and suffering, and for our beloved departed that they may rest eternally.

### *Doxology*

**ALL:** This prayer we make in the name of the One whose cloak of compassion embraces everything within the unity of diversity, Creator, Saviour, and Holy Spirit nourishing and sustaining us, this day and forever. Amen.