

Orlagh in the City

4th Sunday Of Lent

Come and See

March 15th 2026

Maranatha

Penitential Rite:

Post Green Kyrie (Jodi Page-Clarke)

Look around you, can you see?
Times are troubled, people grieve.
See the violence, feel the hardness;
All my people, weep with me.

Chorus: Kyrie, eleison ... Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, e - le - i - son.

Walk among them, I'll go with you.
Reach out to them with my hands.
Suffer with me, and together
We will serve them, help them stand.

O God of Mercy, hear our prayer.
We'll walk with you anywhere,
Through your suffering, with forgiveness,
Take your life into the world.

PSALM:

THE LORD IS MY TRUE SHEPHERD (Ps.23)
(James Madden)



The Lord is my true shepherd I have everything I need
Everything I need God gives to me
To rest at peace in meadow grass, while leading to calm streams
Calling home the pilgrim with new hope.
*Even when I walk into the valley dark & cold
Never will I fear for you are near.
With your grace abounding, to guide me all the way
Lord you are my rock, my strength, my life.*



Patrick Pye The Ascension

FIRST Reading: 1 Samuel 16:

David is anointed by Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Shepherding the banquet, the table of new life,
Food for all the peoples to sustain.
Drinking from the fountain, to satisfy all thirst
In gratitude my cup is over-flowing.
God's arms are open to me. I'm welcomed as a guest
Blessings flow abundant on my head,
Unfailing kindness is God's gift to me for evermore,
Cherishing the promise of new life.

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth.

Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
Rise from the dead,
And Christ will shine on you.

Lenten Acclamation:

Praise to you, Source of New Life

I am the light of the world says the Lord,

Anyone who follows me will have the light of life

Praise to you, Source of New Life



GOSPEL: A Reading from the Gospel According to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam." So, the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the one."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore, the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

Then they sent for his parents and interrogated them. His parents answered: "We know he is our son, and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is an adult; ask him; he is old enough to speak for himself."

Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet." To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out. Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe." Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Yes, I do believe," and paid worship to the One who had healed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

MUSIC- [Arvo Pärt- Spiegel im Spiegel](#)

LECTIO

Eucharistic Song : 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.

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

E.P.: Calling for the Adult

1. Source of our wisdom, we gather to acclaim our thanks and praise.

You have called us into birth and gifted our youthfulness.

You have animated our growth and blessed our maturity.

You have graced our transitions, amid the changes of life.

2. In our hearts you awaken a spirit of faith, inviting us to grow through the complexity of life-stages, befriending us in times of doubt and anxiety, and leading us ever more deeply in adult hope and vision.

1. With gratitude in our hearts we thank you for being our companion on the journey. And in union with all who are called to a more mature and adult faith, we lift our voices and acclaim:

HOLY, HOLY . . . *Let all that is within me cry Holy (x 2).*

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



2. Gracious God, all creation celebrates your empowering presence.

All your creatures hunger for the new life you promise.

In Jesus, our friend and liberator, you witness our humanity come of age, amid the transitions both painful and promising,

with the ever-new the invitation to wholeness and the grace of new life.

First Invocation.

ALL: Following the example and inspiration of Jesus, we gather as adult believers around the table adorned with earthly gifts of bread and wine, energized by the living and empowering Spirit, whom we invoke upon all gathered here, so that we ourselves, and the gifts of our table, become the nourishing grace of this communal celebration.

Invoking the memory of tradition.

Co-Celebrants: Gathering adult disciples around the table of shared nourishment, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, and handing it all gathered at table, saying: Take this food all of you, eat and drink; for this is my embodied self-given for you.

Co-celebrants: After the meal, Jesus took another cup, poured out in a spirit of solidarity and empowerment. Jesus gave thanks and handing the cup to those gathered at table said: 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.



ALL: *Acclamation. Let all that is within me cry Blessed (x 2)*

Blessed (x 3) is the source of our being.

1. As adult people of faith we flourish on the wisdom from ages past,
the nourishing memory which for long has sustained us,
and in a spirit of hope we look forward, anticipating the new future
which always lies ahead, inviting our commitment and faithful participation.

ALL: As a people invited into a mature and adult faith, we gather as one, and together we invoke upon
all gathered here the discerning gifts
of the empowering Spirit, the Spirit of courage and wisdom,
to unite us in deeper fellowship in our commitment to the Good News
of Gospel liberation.

2. We unite in thought and prayer with all who are weighed down by oppression,
trapped in poverty, victimized by violence and exploitation.

We grieve for all who will never reach their full potential, because of the greed perpetuated by unjust
systems.

1. Bless us, Holy Source of liberation, to work for the freedom of all,
to bring about a world where justice can reign and love can flourish.
In the fellowship of our faith, with all the living and those gone before us,
confirm our hearts in this resolve. May we never betray that fullness of life
to which you invite all the creatures with whom we share the web of life.

ALL: This prayer we make in the name of the Holy One,
Creator, Liberator and Life-giving Spirit: in, with and through whom
We offer our praise, this day and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

MUSIC Gavin Briars: [Jesus blood never failed me yet](#)

NOTICES

CONCLUDING PRAYER: *Let Bartimaeus Speak for Himself!*

*“Shut up you blinded beggar, you have no right to speak;
you distract the Holy Master in his work.”*

**Of course, he has a right to speak, and what gives you the right
to marginate a person just lacking in his sight?**

And anyhow, he’s old enough to speak now for himself!

*“It might have been his parents that caused him to be blind,
their failure to observe the law and worship God on High.”*

**How sure you are, you hypocrites – as if you could comprehend
The ways of God with humankind your theories can’t defend.**

And, anyhow, he’s old enough to speak now for himself!

*“We think he’s just pretending as he gropes about the place,
and probably can’t see too very far.”*

**You’re wrong again, you hypocrites, his eyes are open wide,
While you remain deluded of vision deep inside.”**

And anyhow, he’s old enough to speak now for himself.

*“So tell us, you’re his parents, was he born blind like this?
That being the case, we take it that something’s now a miss.”*

**From early years of childhood he could not see a thing,
but now he sees and praise be God for liberating him.**

And anyhow, he’s old enough to speak now for himself!

*So, tell us what he did to you, all that messing with the clay,
while breaking all the holy laws upon this Sabbath day?*

I simply know I once was blind but now the day is clear.

No longer co-dependent, I’m an adult without fear.

And anyhow, I’m old enough to speak now for myself!

RECESSIONAL

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

Our liturgy ended, so now be extended
the fruits of this Eucharist in all who believe.

The fruit of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God’s grace did invite us, and now shall unite us
to work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living
the tasks of our everyday life we embrace.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
we journey with people of each tribe and race.

Your feast it will feed us, your light it will lead us,
unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ through the Good News we bear.