

Orlagh in the City
3rd Sunday , 19th April 2026

THEME: The disciples of Emmaus “Stay on the Road”

MUSIC “Just to be is a blessing, Just to live is holy”
by Colleen Fulmer

INTRODUCTION

Opening Prayer

A Glad Song (Miriam Therese Winter)

Wise women and discerning men, lift up your hearts in hope again.
Sing a glad song, Alleluia.
Good News resounding round the earth; God with us promising rebirth.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

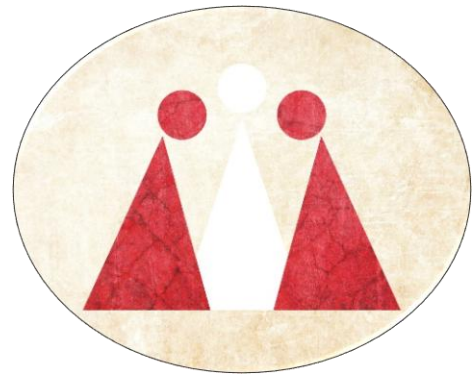
God’s own creation comprehends, responding from remotest ends.
With rejoicing, Alleluia.
Earth’s planetary harmonies, and songs of ancient galaxies.
Alleluia, etc. .

O let our grateful prayer arise, to praise the love that never dies.
Christ is risen, Alleluia.
O mystery most marvellous, Christ risen, rising now in us.
Alleluia, etc.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,
raised his voice, and proclaimed:
"People of Israel, let this be known to you, and listen to my words.
You who are Israelites, hear these words.
Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God
with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs,
which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know.
God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death,
because it was impossible for him to be held by it.
For David says of him:
I saw the Lord ever before me,
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.
Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted;



my flesh, too, will dwell in hope,
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

The Word of the Lord

Resp Psalm: Now the Green Blade Rises Hymn (John Macleod Campbell Crum)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
 In the grave they laid Him, Love Whom we had slain,
 Thinking that He'd never wake to life again,
 Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
 Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
Forth God comes at Easter, like the risen grain,
Women's vigil hailing, prophetic bold refrain;
Life rising from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
 When our hearts are saddened, grieving or in pain,
 By Your touch You call us back to life again;
 Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
 Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Second Reading from 1 Peter

Beloved, if you invoke the Father who judges impartially
according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the
time of your sojourning,
realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct,
not with perishable things like silver or gold
but with the precious blood of Christ
as of a spotless unblemished lamb.
This is the God, who raised from the dead and gave him glory,
so that your faith and hope are in God alone.

The Word of the Lord

Alleluia Verse

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Sing praise to our God.

The Gospel in Three Parts:

No 1: A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke.

No.1: Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles¹ from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them, but they failed to recognize him. He asked them:

No. 2: What are you discussing together as you walk along?

No.1: They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him,

No.3: Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?

No.2: What are the things that concern you?

No. 3: About Jesus of Nazareth. He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. It is now three days since all this took place. Moreover, some of the women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning, but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.

No.2: How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things before entering into glory?

No.1: And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over."

No.2: So, Jesus went in to stay with them. While at table with them. Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

No.3: They said to each other: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

No.1: They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The

Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the road and how they recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread.

ALL (1, 2, 3): In song we acclaim the Gospel of the Lord. (Alleluia etc.)

LECTIO Share how the Word speaks to you in your life in this moment, allowing space for all to speak if they wish.

CREDO “He Is Alive” by Josh Groban followed by Intercessions

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Preface

1. Source of Life, you nurture and sustain your people.
You bless us with abundance;
you gift us with your graciousness;
you know our every need.

2. In the birthing forth of creation, you call us into being.
You gift us with health and wholeness.
You sustain our every endeavour;
you feed your hungering people.

1. You call us to work for justice,
to share our table with all creation;
to feed the needy at our door,
to see nobody left in need.

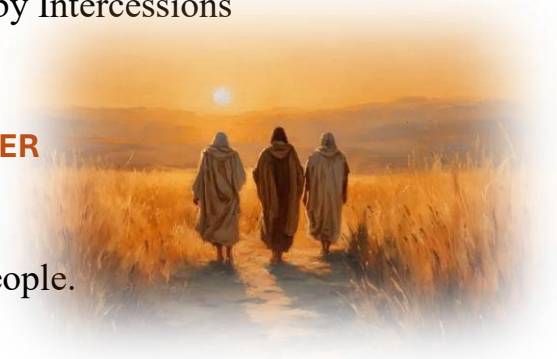
2. For the blessing of your gifts, and the challenge
of your call to us, we lift our voices as we acclaim in song:

Let all that is within us cry Holy (x 2).

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

1. The table at which we gather is adorned with the gifts of creation,
gifts given for all to share in equality and justice,
a table where all are welcome,
and from which nobody is to be excluded,
from the greatest even to the least.

2. As a Christian people we celebrate the open table,
proclaimed by Jesus, our liberator and our friend:
a table of abundant life, inclusive love,
and empowering liberation.



First Invocation.

ALL: Jesus lived life to the full in the power of the Creative Spirit, whom we invoke upon all gathered here, that we may recognise once more the transformative energy which endows these gifts of bread and wine, given to nourish and sustain us into the fullness of life.

Invoking the Memory of Tradition.

Co-celebrants: While sharing a feast at table, Jesus took earthly food, blessed you, God of all good gifts. Jesus broke the bread, and along with the cup, shared it among friends, saying: Take this all of you, eat and drink, for this is eucharistic food given for you and for all.

Co-celebrants: After the meal Jesus took another cup, poured out in a spirit of solidarity and empowerment. Jesus gave thanks and shared the cup with all gathered at table, 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 us cry Blessed (x 2)
Blessed (x 3) is the source of our being.*

1. As we celebrate this Eucharistic feast, we call to mind that we are a people nourished throughout the ages. And we look forward in hope to that day, when justice from on high will guarantee food for all who hunger for the fullness of life.

Second Invocation.

ALL: With grateful hearts we receive the gifts of this table. May the creative Spirit who energizes these gifts, activate in our hearts, too, a hunger for that justice, that will guarantee sustenance for every living creature.

2. In the spirit of this celebration, we rejoice and give thanks for all we have received; but we do so in the painful awareness of all who are excluded from the table of God's abundant life.

1. Awaken in us, O Spirit of Life, a passion for equality and generosity of heart, that all may be brought to the table of abundance, from which no creature should ever be excluded.

Doxology:

ALL: This prayer we make in solidarity with all who labour for justice in our world. May we all know the blessing of Holy Wisdom: Creator, Liberator and Holy Spirit, in whose power we are gathered here, nourished and sustained, now and forever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION REFLECTION: “In Christ Alone” Stephen MacLoed

PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

The Guest House

This being human is a guest house.
Every morning a new arrival.
A joy, a depression, a meanness,
some momentary awareness comes
As an unexpected visitor.
Welcome and entertain them all!
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture,
still treat each guest honourably.
He may be clearing you out
for some new delight.
The dark thought, the shame, the malice,
meet them at the door laughing and invite
them in.
Be grateful for whoever comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.

— *Jalaluddin Rumi,*
translation by Coleman Bar

FINAL BLESSING

New Hope is Risen Today (Anon)

Women rising with the dawn, Alleluia,
First proclaim the Easter morn, Alleluia.
From the garden Mary sent, Alleluia.
Telling what the Good News meant,
Alleluia

Forth they go, God's praises sing, Alleluia.
To Galilee, good news they bring, Alleluia.
Where at first God's reign acclaim,
Alleluia.
Now revealed in women's name, Alleluia.

Birthing forth true liberty, Alleluia.
Peace and justice, set all free, Alleluia.
Here the Church foundation laid, Alleluia.
Mid the women's rising faith, Alleluia

