

# Orlagh in the City

## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

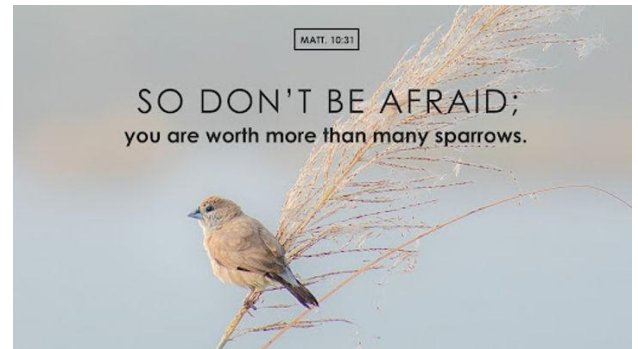
**THEME:** Trusting in God's Providence

**MUSIC** "Morning Has Broken" by Cat Stevens / Eleanor Farjeon

Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the world.

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day.



**INTRODUCTION:** Opening Prayer / Penitential Rite & Gloria

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many:  
'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!'  
All those who were my friends  
are on the watch for any misstep of mine.  
'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail,  
and take our vengeance on him.' they cry  
But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion:  
my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.  
In their failure they will be put to utter shame,  
to lasting, unforgettable confusion.  
O Lord of hosts, you who test the just,  
who probe mind and heart,  
let me witness the vengeance you take on them,  
for to you I have entrusted my cause.  
Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,  
for he has rescued the life of the poor  
from the power of the wicked!" The Word of the Lord.  
You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Responsorial Psalm (Ps 69 from Nan C. Merrill, Psalms for Praying (2007))**

**RESPONSE: Lord, in your great love, watch over your people.**

Come to my aid, Gentle Healer for my prayer is to you.  
In the abundance of your love, answer me.  
With your strength lift me up,  
And hold me in the palm of your hand. ®

Be my hope in the face of adversity,  
And deliver me from fear as from deep waters.  
You know that I have strayed.  
You know my feelings of guilt and regret,  
All my fears are known to you ®

Answer O Beloved, for I know your compassion,  
Your abundant mercy and forgiving love.  
Draw near to your people in the depths of distress,  
Let all the oppressed see you and be glad.  
May all find shelter and hope in your protective presence ®

**Second Reading: Romans 8:35-39**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:  
“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”  
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the one who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
*The Word of the Lord.*

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord;  
and you also will testify.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:26-33**

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor hidden secrets that will not be made known.  
What I say to you in the dark, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.  
And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.  
Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge.  
Even all the hairs of your head are counted.  
So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.  
Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."  
*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

### **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.

**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 **CHORUS**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER – THE CALL TO MISSION**

#### *Preface*

1. Blessed are you Holy and Gracious One,  
Source of life in the abundant creation,  
Missioning your empowering love and grace  
Into the hearts of all who are called to serve.

2. Blessed are you, radiant light of faith  
Bearer of peace and justice,  
Calling forth companions for mission  
To liberate and empower a spirit of hope.

1. Blessed are you when the promise is fulfilled,  
When Spirit radiates the energy of life,  
When God's new reign enters our world  
And disciples are sent to bear good news

2. In gratitude for all who have gone before us,  
Sowing the seeds of the empowering Word,  
We lift our voices in gratitude as we acclaim:  
*Let all that is within me cry Holy (x 2).*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy is the Source of our Being.*

1. Invigorate anew in our hearts the call to empowering mission,  
send us forth with discerning hearts, to be in your world  
a presence that radiates love, compassion, and renewed hope.

2. In the life and ministry of Jesus, we are called  
to participate in God's New Reign on earth.  
In a spirit of companions for empowerment we open our lives  
to the urgent calls of our time, ever ready in response to  
the inspiration of your Spirit.

**First Invocation. ALL**

**That same Spirit we now invoke upon all gathered here  
that we may truly know the transformative power  
of these earthly gifts of bread of wine, which in this  
Eucharist become our nourishment and strength,  
for the journey forth in mission.**

**Invoking the Memory of Tradition**

**Co-Celebrants:**

We recall the many times that Jesus gathered the beloved ones  
around the table of nourishing life,  
sharing with them bread and wine, sustenance for the  
journey forth, affirmed in the sacred words we recall today:  
Take this food all of you, eat and drink  
For this is my body which will be given up for you.

**Co-Celebrants:** After the meal we recall the sharing of another cup,  
poured out in a spirit of solidarity and empowerment.  
Sharing the cup with the disciples, Jesus said:  
Take this all of you and drink from it.  
This is the cup of my life blood,  
representing 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 me cry Blessed (x 2)  
Blessed, Blessed, Blessed be the Source of our Being.*

1. In solidarity with those who have given their lives for a  
better world, we call to mind the gift of God's empowering grace,  
bestowed throughout the ages, and we look forward with renewed  
hope for the breaking dawn of a new creation,  
where love and justice will flourish anew.

**Second Invocation. ALL**

**Unite us as one in our commitment to the call of mission.  
May the Spirit of unity bind us together as companions  
for solidarity and mutual empowerment, renewed afresh  
as we gather around this Eucharistic table.**

2. Since in God's New Reign there is neither Jew nor Gentile,  
may we work unceasingly for a world  
that will bring about an end to bigotry and hatred,  
discrimination and strife, warfare and violence,  
ecological exploitation, and all forms of injustice.

1. May we work together to recreate the new heaven and the new earth,  
seeking to enhance the sacredness of everything in creation,  
safeguarding the environment entrusted to our care,  
protecting the fragility of all life-forms,  
and ever faithful to the Gospel of liberation.

**Doxology. ALL**

*This prayer we make in the name of the Holy One,  
Creator, Liberator and Holy Spirit,  
calling us forth as missionaries of the Gospel,  
to empower everything entrusted to our care, this day, and forever. Amen.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Source: New Zealand Prayer Book).

Eternal Spirit - Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven.  
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me. (Copyright: John L. Bell)

**FINAL PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## PRAYER FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

### Reflection on "The Sun" .....Mary Oliver.

Have you ever seen or felt anything - such wild love - As the Sun.  
Creative Love being poured out through our sun's energy  
makes Eucharist possible - makes all life possible on our planet.

Without our sun, there is no bread, no wine.  
Without our sun, there are no plants, no animals, no fruits,  
no waterways, no human beings!

The sun GIVES LIFE AND LIGHT. "We, stand there - empty handed".  
We stand as a dependent species humble AND grateful.

As we embody and express, in harmony with all species  
around us, the FLOWING LOVE OF DIVINE GENEROSITY.

### CONCLUDING HYMN: Canticle of the Sun

CHORUS: The Heavens are telling the Glory of God,  
And all creation is shouting for Joy,  
Come Dance in the Forest, Come Play In the Field,  
And Sing, Sing to the Glory of the Lord.

Sing to the Sun, the Bringer of Day,  
God Carries the Light of new life in His rays,  
The Moon and the Stars, who light up the Way  
Unto your throne. (Chorus)

Praise to the Wind, that blows through the Trees,  
The Seas Mighty Storms, the Gentlest Breeze,  
They blow where they will, they blow where they please,  
To please the Lord. (Chorus)

Praise to the Rain, that waters our Fields,  
And blesses our crops, so all the Earth Yields,  
From Death unto Life her mystery concealed,  
Springs forth in Joy. (Chorus).

