

Orlagh in the City

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WELCOME AND STILLING EXERCISE

OPENING MUSIC *Spiegel im Spiegel, Arvo Part*

PENITENTIAL RITE

In today's gospel, Peter seems like a child taking its first steps.

Let us too look to Christ, who reaches out His hand to save us; and let us acknowledge our sins so that we may prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries.

✠ Lord Jesus, you invite us to come to you but we often fear and lose courage due to our selfishness

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

✠ Christ Jesus, you are our strength in time of weakness

All: *Christ, have mercy.*

✠ Lord, we are now your hands. Forgive us for when we do not reach out to those who need our help

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: *Amen.*

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it.

Then he was told,

'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.'

Then the Lord himself went by.

There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord.

But the Lord was not in the wind.

After the wind came an earthquake.

But the Lord was not in the earthquake.

After the earthquake came a fire.

But the Lord was not in the fire.

And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze.

And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 84(85):9-14

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help.*

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help.*

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

*Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help.*

Second reading: Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence;
I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth -
my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit
assures me of it too.

What I want to say is this:
my sorrow is so great,

my mental anguish so endless,
I would willingly be condemned
and be cut off from Christ
if it could help my brothers of Israel,
my own flesh and blood.
They were adopted as sons,
they were given the glory and the covenants;
the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them,
and the promises were made to them.
They are descended from the patriarchs
and from their flesh and blood
came Christ who is above all,
God for ever blessed! Amen.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation cf. Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia! My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word. Alleluia!

Gospel of Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat
and go on ahead to the other side
while he would send the crowds away.

After sending the crowds away
he went up into the hills by himself to pray.
When evening came, he was there alone,
while the boat, by now far out on the lake,
was battling with a heavy sea,
for there was a head-wind.
In the fourth watch of the night
he went towards them,
walking on the lake,
and when the disciples saw him
walking on the lake
they were terrified.

'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear.
But at once Jesus called out to them, saying,
'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'

It was Peter who answered.

'Lord,' he said **'if it is you,
tell me to come to you across the water.'**
'Come' said Jesus.

Then Peter got out of the boat and
started walking towards Jesus across the water,
but as soon as he felt the force of the wind,
he took fright and began to sink.

'Lord! Save me!' he cried.

Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.

'Man of little faith,' he said **'why did you doubt?'**

And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him
and said,

'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Pause

LECTIO

The Immigrants Creed

I believe in Almighty God,
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,
the God of foreigners and immigrants.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
a displaced Galilean,
who was born away from his people and his home,
who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger,
And returning to his own country suffered the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the
servant of a foreign power;
who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured,
accused and condemned to death unjustly.
But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead,
not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries,
and reunites all races.
I believe that the church is the secure home
for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it,
who speak the same language and have the same purpose.
I believe that the communion of the saints begins
when we accept the diversity of the saints.
I believe in the forgiveness of sin,
which makes us all equal,
and in reconciliation, which identifies us more
than does race, language, or nationality.
I believe that in the resurrection
God will unite us as one people
in which all are distinct
and all are alike at the same time.
Beyond this work, I believe in life eternal
in which no one will be an immigrant
but all will be citizens in God's kingdom
which will never end.

Amen.

(by Revd. Jose Luis Casal in the Book of Common Worship: 2018. Presbyterian Church)

Prayers of the Faithful

Communion Hymn **Ave Verum**, Byrd

Prayer for the Road Ahead

Announcements

Music: 'Forever Young', Bob Dylan (as at Glen Hansard's funeral)