

# Richard Fitzralph

## "St Richard of Dundalk"

*Archbishop of Armagh*  
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### The Gathering of God's People

#### THE GREETING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

#### SENTENCE

Help us, Unity in Trinity,  
Trinity in Unity, take pity.

*Laidcenn, Irish, seventh century*

#### INTRODUCTION

He was popularly known as St. Richard of Dundalk. A learned scholar, at one time Chancellor of Oxford University, he has been affectionately honoured in Dundalk, the place of his birth, for his compassionate and caring nature. Figuring with importance in church history, he was nevertheless deeply concerned for the sufferers during the Black Death among the people of Dundalk and Drogheda and their surroundings. He had an option for the poor. This however did not prevent him from criticizing the mendicants of the day. Some of his teaching and writing influenced John Wycliffe, later providing insights about Christian stewardship of possessions. Pilgrims who visited his tomb "Many a mile did walk but never had seen so good a man as Richard of Dundalk."

## OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Father, God the Son,  
and to God the Holy Spirit  
whose infinite greatness  
enfolds the whole world,  
in persons three and one  
in essence simple and triune,  
suspending the earth above the waters,  
hanging the upper air with stars,  
that he may be favourable to sinners  
who righteously justifies all who err,  
who ever-living lives.  
May God be blessed for ages. **Amen.**

*Moucan, Welsh, eighth century.*

## PENITENCE

Lord Jesus, you call by name those who are yours:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy**

Lord Jesus,  
you are the door of the sheepfold;  
those who enter by you will be saved:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
Grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

### THE FIRST READING

*Deuteronomy 15: 7-11*

If there is among you poor man, one of your brethren, in any of your towns within your land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him, and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. Take heed lest there be a base thought in your heart, and you say, "The seventh year, the year of release is near", and your eye be hostile to your poor brother, and to give him nothing, and he cry to the Lord against you, and it be sin in you. You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him; because for this the Lord your God will bless you and all your work and in all that you undertake. For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, you shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in the land.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

*Psalm 82: 1-4*

**In the midst of the gods he gives judgement**

**God has taken his stand in the counsel of heaven;**

In the midst of the gods he gives judgment:  
how long will you judge unjustly  
and show such favor to the wicked? **℟**

You were to judge the weak and the orphan;  
defend the right of the humble and needy;  
rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked. **℟**

### THE SECOND READING

*Romans 12: 9-end*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the Saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought

for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. *John 15:16*

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL READING

*Luke 10: 25-37*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Luke, chapter 10, beginning at verse 25.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "what is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "and who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Prayers of the People

We pray for all who are concerned with social justice and the relief of the needy. We pray for the work of the church's Boards of Social Responsibility, and the creation of opportunities of work for all.

Holy and merciful God,  
you gave Richard Fitzralph  
not only gifts of piety and learning  
but also such compassion for those  
who were suffering and in need  
that he strove to care for them:  
Enable us to seek holiness in life  
and integrity of intellect  
with a like concern for the helpless;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

We are fellow citizens with the saints  
and all the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord,  
who came and preached peace to those who were far off  
and those who are near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Celebrating at the Lord's Table

### THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

### THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

*The priest takes the bread and cup*  
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
*Eucharistic Prayer 3*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Father, Lord of all creation,  
we praise you for your goodness and your love.  
When we turned away you did not reject us.  
You came to meet us in your Son,  
welcomed us as your children  
and prepared a table where we might feast with you.

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
He opened wide his arms upon the cross  
and, with love stronger than death,  
he made the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Lord Jesus Christ our redeemer,  
on the night before you died  
you came to table with your friends.  
Taking bread, you gave thanks, broke it  
and gave it to them saying,  
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
you are the bread of life.**

At the end of supper  
you took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said,  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Lord Jesus, we bless you:  
you are the true vine.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life,  
come upon us now;  
may this bread and wine be to us  
the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us, who know our need of grace,  
one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:  
with your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of thanks and praise  
and lift our voice to join the song of heaven,  
for ever praising you and saying:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Thanks be to you, our God, for your gift beyond words  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*or*

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**Our Father, who art in heaven**  
**hallowed be thy name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory**  
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;  
**in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia;**

For the loaf that we break is the body  
of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia;  
**The cup which we bless is the blood**  
**of our Lord Jesus Christ, Alleluia**  
**for the remission of our sins. Alleluia;**

O Lord, let your mercy come upon us, Alleluia;  
**in you O Lord have I put my trust. Alleluia.**

They recognized the Lord, Alleluia;  
**in the breaking of the loaf, Alleluia.**

*Lk 24:35 1 Cor 10:16-17; Mt 26:28 Ps 31:1 Stowe (9th c)*

#### AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**



*or*

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

#### THE COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

#### THE GREAT SILENCE

### Going out as God's People

#### PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

May this sharing, Lord,  
in your Son's body and blood  
be the washing away of our sins,  
the strength of the weak,  
and our protection against the dangers of the world.  
May it set us free from evil  
and grant us our share  
in the joy of your kingdom. **Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

DISMISSAL  
*The Blessing*

God who in days of old gave to this land  
the benediction of his holy Church,  
fill you with his grace  
to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints  
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:  
And the blessing of God almighty  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**