



Feast Day of Our Lady of Mercy

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Welcome

Opening Hymn and lighting of Candles - Be God's

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Where the world is merciless, be God's mercy.
Where the world is hopeless, be God's hope.
Where there is injustice, be God's justice.
Where there is sadness, be God's joy.
Where the world is doubting, be God's faith.
Where there is ingratitude, be God's grace.
Where there is confusion, be God's truth.
Where there is weakness, be God's strength.

Refrain: Let your life change the world one person at a time.
Let your life be the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.
As the bread becomes his body, we can be the living sign.
With God's love, change the world with your life.

Where the world is wounded, be God's healing.
Where the world is weeping, be God's song.
Where there is despairing, be God's beauty.
Where the world is crumbling, be God's rock.
Where there is no tenderness, be God's child.
Where there is loneliness, be God's smile.
Where the world is dying, be God's life.
Where there is darkness, be God's light. *Refrain*

If you want the world to change, be God's love.
Use your gifts to bless this day, be God's love.
God has greater plans for you, be God's love.
Plans to make a saint of you! Be God's love!
Heaven will fall down to earth, thank you, Father.
When you live a life of love, thank you, Son.
The lame will walk, the blind will see,
Thank you Spirit. Jesus dwells in me! *Refrain*

Lord Have Mercy

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Cantor: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart, Lord have mercy

All: Lord have mercy on us.

C: You came to call sinners, Christ have mercy.

A: Christ have mercy on us.

C: You are seated at the right hand of the Father, to intercede for us.
Lord have mercy.

A: Lord have mercy on us.

Enthronement of the Word

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?
A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.
The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises.

The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north;
round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits, the wind returns.
All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow.

All things are wearisome; more than one can express;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing, or the ear filled with hearing.
What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done;
there is nothing new under the sun.

Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"?
It has already been, in the ages before us.
The people of long ago are not remembered, nor will there be any
remembrance of people yet to come by those who come after them.

The Word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response: In Every Age

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Long before the mountains came to be,
and the land and sea and stars of the night.
Through the endless seasons of all time,
You have always been, You will always be.

Refrain: In every age, Oh God, You have been our refuge.
In every age, Oh God, You have been our hope.

Teach us to make use of the time we have.
Teach us to be patient even as we wait.
Teach us to embrace our every joy and pain,
to sleep peacefully, and to rise up strong. **Refrain**

You have been our refuge, You have been our hope.

Gospel: Luke 1:46 - 55

Presider: The Lord be with you.

A: And with your spirit.

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

A: Glory to you O Lord.

P: And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour
on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord

A: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection

Universal Prayer

We pray for those in leadership who have the ability to influence our world in ways that protect those most vulnerable
- may they show Mercy in their actions.

We pray for those who seek a kind word, a gentle compassionate look or the patient hearing of troubles
- may we show Mercy in our actions.

We pray for those who are denied education
- may our efforts result in inclusion.

We pray for those who are in need of safe shelter, warm clothes and nourishing food
- may we find ways to offer an open door and a Mercy welcome.

We pray for Earth
- may the spirit of Mercy cover Earth and bring her healing.

We pray for all who serve others through the spiritual and corporal works of Mercy
- may our actions bring forth the fullness of life for all.

Presentation of Gifts: Easter Snow (instrumental)



Eucharistic Prayer Responses

- P: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- A: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.
- P: The Lord be with you.
- A: And with your spirit.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- A: We lift them up to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- A: It is right and just.

Holy Holy

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,

Memorial Acclamation

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We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your resurrection
until you come again

Amen

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Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Word made flesh, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

- P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
A: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion: Suscipe of Catherine McAuley

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My God, I am yours for time and eternity,
Lord, I am yours forever.
It is you that must teach me
to trust in your Providence, loving God.

You are a God of love and tenderness.
I put my faith in you.
And I ask that you grant me
acceptance of your will, loving God

Take from my heart all painful anxiety.
Let nothing sadden me but sin.
And let my delight be
hoping to see your face, loving God.

Dismissal

- P: The Lord be with you.
A: And with your spirit.
P: May almighty God bless you: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
A: Amen.
P: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
A: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: Circle of Mercy

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In Mercy, we touch the hearts of those who are in misery.
In Mercy, we're touched by them and feel their strength and courage.
In Mercy, we heal the pain of those who are in sorrow.
In Mercy, we're healed by them and see the face of hope.

Refrain: For the Circle of Mercy is timeless, it is Spirit of life itself,
which grounds us in faith, and lifts us in hope
and holds us in God's loving care,
and holds us in God's loving care.

In Mercy, we welcome those the world has left rejected.
In Mercy, we're drawn within the loving heart of God.
In Mercy, we forgive the incompleteness in another.
In Mercy, our sins are healed and we are whole again. *Refrain*

In Mercy, the Spirit faith will ground us in God's presence.
In Mercy, the Spirit hope will lift us out of doubt.
In Mercy, the love of God will be our joy in living.
In Mercy, we join with one another on our journey. *Refrain*

