

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Hymn: O Salutaris Hostia

O salutaris Hostia	Uni trinoque Domino
Quæ cæli pandis ostium.	Sit sempiterna gloria:
Bella premunt hostilia;	Qui vitam sine termino,
Da robur, fer auxilium.	Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Priest: Let us Pray:

Lord our God,

in this great sacrament we come into the presence of Jesus Christ, your Son,
born of the Virgin Mary and crucified for our salvation.
May we who declare our faith in this fountain of love and mercy

drink from it the water of everlasting life.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Brief period of Silent Adoration

Liturgy of the Word:

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (ROM 5:6-11):

Brothers and sisters, hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath? Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life? Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God

The Three O'Clock Prayer

Leader: Let us put ourselves in the presence of the Lord as we pray together the three o'clock prayer:

All: You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty yourself out upon us.

Leader: O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us

All: I trust in You!

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and the whole world! (3x)
Jesus, King of Mercy, we trust in You!

The Divine Mercy Chaplet

Begin with the Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, and Apostles Creed

For each "Our Father" bead of the Rosary:

Leader: Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All: In atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

For each "Hail Mary" bead:

Leader: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,

All: Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

After the five decades (3x):

Leader: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,

All: Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Leader: Let us pray: Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

Litany in Praise of the Divine Mercy

Our response for each is "I trust in You."

Divine Mercy, gushing forth from the bosom of the Father,
Divine Mercy, greatest attribute of God,
Divine Mercy, incomprehensible mystery, of the Most Blessed Trinity,
Divine Mercy, unfathomed by any intellect, human or angelic,
Divine Mercy, from which wells forth all life and happiness,
Divine Mercy, better than the heavens,
Divine Mercy, source of miracles and wonders,
Divine Mercy, encompassing the whole universe,
Divine Mercy, descending to earth in the Person of the Incarnate World,
Divine Mercy, which flowed out from the open wound of the Heart of Jesus,
Divine Mercy, enclosed in the Heart of Jesus for us, and especially for sinners,
Divine Mercy, unfathomed in the institution of the Sacred Host,
Divine Mercy, in the founding of Holy Church,
Divine Mercy, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism,
Divine Mercy, in our justification through Jesus Christ,
Divine Mercy, accompanying us through Jesus Christ,
Divine Mercy, embracing us especially at the hour of death,
Divine Mercy, endowing us with immortal life,
Divine Mercy, accompanying us every moment of our life,
Divine Mercy, shielding us from the fire of hell,
Divine Mercy, in the conversion of hardened sinners,
Divine Mercy, astonishment of Angels, incomprehensible to Saints,
Divine Mercy, unfathomed in all the mysteries of God,
Divine Mercy, lifting us of every misery,
Divine Mercy, source of our happiness and joy,
Divine Mercy, in calling us forth from nothingness to existence,
Divine Mercy, embracing all the works of His hands,
Divine Mercy, crown of all of God's handiwork,
Divine Mercy, in which we are all immersed,
Divine Mercy, sweet relief for anguished hearts,
Divine Mercy, only hope of despairing souls,
Divine Mercy, repose of hearts, peace amidst fear,
Divine Mercy, delight and ecstasy of holy souls,
Divine Mercy, inspiring hope against all hope.

Brief period of Silent Adoration

**Solemn Act of Entrustment
of the World to the Divine Mercy**

All: O God, merciful Father, in Your Son Jesus Christ, You have revealed Your love and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. We entrust to You today the destiny of the world and of every man and woman.

Bend down to us sinners, heal our weaknesses, conquer all evil, and grant that all the inhabitants of the earth may experience Your mercy. May they always find the source of hope In You, the Triune God.

Eternal Father, for the sake of the sorrowful Passion, and the Resurrection of Your Son, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

In Thanksgiving

All: O Jesus, Eternal God, I thank You for Your countless graces and blessings. Let every beat of my heart be a new hymn of thanksgiving to You, O God! Let every drop of my blood circulate for You, Lord. My soul is one hymn in adoration of Your Mercy. I love you God, for Yourself alone. Amen (Diary #1794)

To the Mother of God

Leader: O Mary, my Mother and my Lady, I offer you my soul, my body, my life and my death, and all that will follow it. I place everything in your hands. O my Mother, cover my soul with your virginal mantle and grant me the grace of purity of heart, soul and body. Defend me with your power against all enemies, and especially against those who hide their malice behind the mask of virtue. Fortify my soul that pain will not break it. Mother of grace, teach me to live by God's power.

O Mary ... a terrible sword has pierced your holy soul. Except for God, no one knows of your suffering. Your soul does not break; it is brave, because it is with Jesus. Sweet Mother, unite my soul to Jesus, because it is only then that I will be able to endure all trials and tribulations, and only in union with Jesus will my little sacrifices be pleasing to God. Sweetest Mother, continue to teach me about the interior life. May the sword of suffering never break me. O pure Virgin, pour courage into my heart and guard it. Amen!

Leader: Our Lady of Mercy,

All: Pray for us!

Prayer of the Intercession of St. Faustina

Leader: St. Faustina, you told us that your mission would continue after your death and that you would not forget us. Our Lord also granted you a great privilege, telling you to "distribute graces as you will, to whom you will, and when you will." Relying on this, I ask your intercession for the graces I need, especially...(**silently mention your petition**). Help me, above all, to trust in Jesus as you did and thus to glorify His mercy every moment of my life. Amen.

Leader: St. Faustina,

All: Pray for us!

Prayer for Healing

Leader: Jesus, may Your pure and healthy blood circulate in my poor ailing organism, and may Your pure and healthy body transform my weak unhealthy body, and may a healthy and vigorous life flow once again within me, if it is truly Your Holy Will. Amen!

Leader: O Blood and Water which gushed forth from the heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

All: I trust in You!

Prayer for Souls

Our Lord said that the following prayer would release 1,000 souls from Purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was extended to the living sinners as well.

All: Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

All: And let perpetual light shine upon them!

Leader: May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace!

All: Amen!

Prayer for Divine Mercy

O greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy — to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You; anticipate us with Your Grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour.

Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children await Your final coming—that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: Through His merciful Heart as through an open gate we pass through to heaven.

Benediction

Hymn: Tam tum Ergo

Tantum ergo sacramentum	Genitóri, Genitóque
Venerémur cérnui:	Laus et jubilátio,
Et antíquum documéntum	Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Novo cedat rítui:	Sit et benedictio:
Præstet fides suppléméntum	Procedénti ab utróqu
Sénsuum deféctui.	Compar sit laudátio. Amen.

Leader: You have given the Bread from Heaven, Alleluia. **All: Having all sweetness within it, Alleluia**

Leader: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen. (please remain silent during Benediction until the priest returns to kneeler)

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God. Blessed be His Holy Name
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God
and true Man
Blessed be the Name of Jesus
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament
of the Altar
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete

Blessed be the great Mother of Christ,
Mary most Holy
Blessed be her Holy and
Immaculate Conception
Blessed be her Glorious Assumption
Blessed be the Name of Mary,
Virgin and Mother
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints

Leader: May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time Amen.

Closing Hymn: Holy God, We praise thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in Heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.

Image Blessing on Mercy Sunday

Almighty and Eternal Father, in your goodness, bless and sanctify this Image of The Divine Mercy, Your dearly beloved Son, which has been fashioned to reveal to us the great love of our Crucified and Risen Savior, The Divine Mercy Personified. Help us recall to our minds the streams of Blood and Water that had gushed forth from His pierced Heart to be for us a continuous fount of mercy. Grant to all who invoke Your Mercy with this Image before their eyes, the grace of true repentance, pardon and peace. Shield them from every danger to soul and body in this life.

Jesus, our loving Savior, establish in this Image the Throne of Your Mercy. Pour out upon all of us, who approach it with faith and trust, the purifying, healing and sanctifying rays of grace ever emanating from it as a blazing star. Gaze upon us as you did from the Cross with your great love and mercy so that we may be filled with your grace.

Through this Image, may Your Divine Mercy triumph over all the powers of evil. May all who venerate this Image never perish. May it be their joy in life, their hope in death, and their glory in eternity for ever and ever. This we ask through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!

Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image

**To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents—in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.*

