

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH



DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

7 APRIL 2024

3:00 P.M.

From the diary of a young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through scripture and tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone - especially the greatest sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message of mercy is that God loves us - all of us - no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Devotion to The Divine Mercy involves a total commitment to God as Mercy. It is a decision to trust completely in Him, to accept His mercy with thanksgiving, and to be merciful as He is merciful.

*"This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depth of My tender mercies...It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter...I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."*

*(St. Faustina's Diary, #420, 699)*

# ORDER OF CELEBRATION

## OPENING HYMN

## *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness  
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ures  
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of



of the sea; There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice  
of our mind, And the heart of the E-ter-nal  
fright-ened sheep? Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der



Which is more than lib-er-ty. There is plen-ti-  
Is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were  
From a love so true and deep? There is wel-come



ful re-demp-tion In the blood that has been shed;  
but more sim-ple We should take him at his word,  
for the sin-ner And more grac-es for the good;



There is joy for all the mem-bers  
And our lives would be thanks-giv-ing  
There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior,




In the sor-rows of the Head.  
For the good-ness of our Lord.  
There is heal-ing in his blood.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.  
Tune: IN BABILONE, 8 7 8 7 D; *Oude en Nieuwe Hollanste Boerenliedjes*, c.1710

# EXPOSITION HYMN

# O Salutaris Hostia

Please kneel as the deacon brings the Blessed Sacrament to the altar.



1. O sa - lu - tá - ris hó - sti - a, Quae  
2. U - ni tri - nó - que Dó - mi - no Sit

cae - li pan - dis ó - sti - um: Bel - la pre - munt ho -  
sem - pi - tér - na gló - ri - a: Qui vi - tam si - ne

stí - li - a, Da ro - bur fer au - xí - li - um.  
tér - mi - no No - bis do - net in pá - tri - a.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227-1275; tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.  
Tune: DUGUET, LM; Dieu donne Duguet, d.1767

## OPENING PRAYER

*Presider:* 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.

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24



Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is ev - er - last - ing.

Text: *Lectionary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL  
Music: Chrysogonus Waddell, OCSO, © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 John 4:10



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

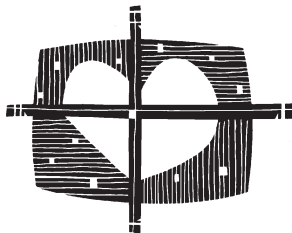
God loved us and sent his Son  
as expiation for our sins.

Music: Chant Mode VI

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

HOMILY



# THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

## SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## OPENING PRAYERS

**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.**

*(Prayed three times):*

**O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus  
as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!**

## THE OUR FATHER

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.**

## THE HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;  
blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
**Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

## ON THE "OUR FATHER" BEAD BEFORE EACH DECADE

Eternal Father,  
I offer You the Body and Blood,  
Soul and Divinity  
of Your dearly beloved Son,  
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
**in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**

## ON THE "HAIL MARY" BEAD

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,  
**have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

## AFTER FIVE DECADES, THE CONCLUDING DOXOLOGY (THREE TIMES)

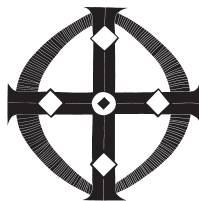
**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

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.**

## SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**





## INTERCESSIONS

*Presider:*

God is the Father of all mercies. In him we place our faith  
as we pray the following petitions:

*Deacon or Reader:*

For our Holy Father Pope Francis, bishops, priests, and all the faithful:  
that each will bear witness to the love and mercy of God,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have committed grave sin and who are afraid to go to confession:  
that their fears will dissolve in the face of Jesus' longing to forgive  
and be reconciled to them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who serve in public office:

that they govern with true compassion for the lives of the most vulnerable among us—  
especially unborn children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For parents:

that, by their guidance and the witness of their own lives,  
they will teach their children how to love and forgive when they have been wronged,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the protection of conscience rights and religious liberty,  
and that all people of good will may work together  
against the increasing threats to these fundamental rights,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine and other areas of conflict:  
that ancient prejudices and hatreds will be replaced  
by a spirit of mercy, peace, and unity,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have turned away from God:  
that, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they may find the strength to return  
to our merciful Father and be strengthened in a life of Faith,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died:  
that, through the rich mercy of God, they may see the face of the Risen Jesus in heaven,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Presider:*  
Almighty and merciful Father,  
we give you thanks for all of your many blessings,  
and we ask you to hear these petitions in the name of your Son,  
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**All: Amen.**



# BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

## BENEDICTION HYMN

*While the celebrant incenses the Blessed Sacrament,  
all sing the Benediction Hymn:*



1. Tan-tum er - go Sac - ra - mén - tum Ve - ne - ré - mur cé - r - nu - i:  
2. Ge - ni - tó - ri, Ge - ni - tó - que Laus et ju - bi - lá - ti - o,  
Et an - tí - quum do - cu - mén - tum No - vo ce - dat rí - tu - i:  
Sa - lus, ho - nor, vir - tus quo - que Sit et be - ne - dí - cti - o:  
Prae - stet fi - des sup - ple - mén - tum Sén - su - um de - fé - ctu - i.  
Pro - ce - dén - ti ab u - tró - que Compar sit lau - dá - ti - o. A - men.

Text: *Pange lingua, gloriosi*, T. Aquinas, 13th cent.  
Tune: ST. THOMAS, 87.87.87.; *Cantus Diversi*, J.F. Wade

## PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

V. You have given them bread from heaven, alleluia.  
R. **Having all sweetness within it, alleluia.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.  
O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament  
have left us a memorial of your Passion,  
grant us, we pray,  
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood  
that we may always experience in ourselves  
the fruits of your redemption.  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
R. Amen.

## BLESSING

### THE DIVINE PRAISES

*Each phrase is repeated by the people after the celebrant:*

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 God, 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 Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.

**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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name! Lord of  
 2. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly

all, we bow be - fore thee; All on earth thy  
 Spir - it, Three we name thee, While in es - sence

scep - ter claim, All in heav'n a - bove a -  
 on - ly One, Un - di - vid - ed God we

dore thee; In - fi - nite thy vast do - main,  
 claim thee, And a - dor - ing bend the knee,

*Repeat ad lib.*

Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
 While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich*; ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719-1790; tr. by Clarence Walworth, 1820-1900  
Tune: GROSSER GOTT, 7 8 7 8 77; *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, c.1774





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