

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church



“We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness” (Pope Francis, *Misericordia Vultus*, 2).

“When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy. Mercy will always be great than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive” (Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*, 3).

“Mercy is the very foundation of the Church’s life. All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers; nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy. The Church’s very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love” (Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*, 10).

Origins of Divine Mercy Sunday

Saint Faustina: Humanity's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her *Diary*.

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's *Diary* records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

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. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (*Diary*, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (*Diary*, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (*Diary*, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (*Diary*, no. 687).

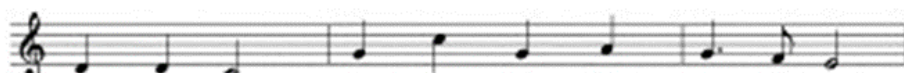
OPENING HYMN

(Stand)

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic -
 2. Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dark an - gel
 3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, Hell's fierce powers be -
 4. East - er tri - umph, East - er joy, This a - lone can



to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sheathes his sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umph - ant go
 neath you lie; You have con - quered in the fight,
 sin de - stroy; From sin's power, Lord, set us free



Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side; Praise we him, whose
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose
 You have brought us life and light: Now no more can
 New - born souls in you to be. Fa - ther, who the



love di - vine Gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 death ap - pall, Now no more the grave en - thrall;
 crown shall give, Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Gives his Bod - y for the feast,
 With sin - cer - i - ty and love
 You have o - pened par - a - dise,
 Spir - it, guide through all our days,



Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 Eat the man - na from a - bove.
 And in you your saints shall rise.
 Three in One, your name we praise.

Text: *Ad regiam agni dapes*; Latin, 4th C.; v. by Robert Cauphail, 1814-1868
 Tune: SALZBURG, 71 73 D; Jakob Huter, 1622-1702; harmon. by J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(Kneel)



1. O sa - lu - ta - ris Hos - ti - a,
2. U - ni Tri - no - que Do - mi - no,

1. Quae cae - li pan - dis o - sti - um,
2. Sit sem - pi - ter - na glo - ri - a,

1. Bel - la pre - munt ho - sti - li - a,
2. Qui vi - tam si - ne ter - mi - no,

1. Da ro - bur, fer au - xi - li - um. A - men.
2. No - bis do - net in pa - tri - a.

OPENING PRAYER

(Stand)

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.

Amen.

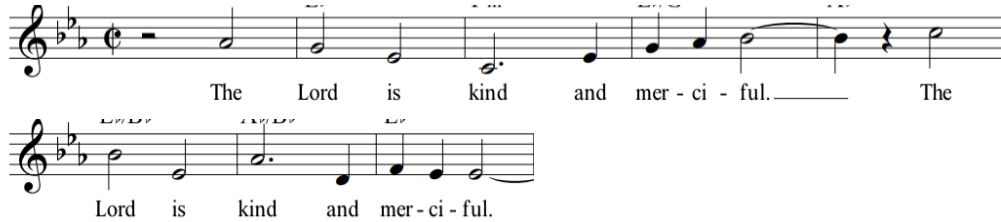
Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

(Sit)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Stand)



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GOSPEL

Luke 15:3-7

HOMILY

(Sit)

SILENT REFLECTION AND ADORATION (5 MINUTES)

(Kneel)

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

OPENING PRAYER

(Stand)

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.

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

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OUR FATHER

HAIL MARY

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 con-ceived 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.

DECADES OF THE CHAPLET

(Sit)

On the "Our Father" bead, pray:

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 each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray:

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

CONCLUDING PRAYER

(Stand)

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

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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.

SILENT REFLECTION AND ADORATION (5 MINUTES)

(Kneel)

(Stand)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the
2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans Are we
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of An - gels, Here on the
4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, You the

scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia!
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia!
earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia!

his the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone;
he is near us, Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:
here the sin - ful Flee to you from day to day:
born of Mar - y, Earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne:

Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, When the
In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, Earth's re -
You, with - in the veil, have en - tered, Robed in

like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of
flesh, our great high priest; Here on earth both

ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood,
get his prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more";
all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Text: Revelation 5:6; William C. Dix, 1837-1898
Tune: HYFRYDOL, ♯ 7 & 7 D; Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Mid-afternoon Prayer

PSALM 118

(Sit)

All: Christ has risen from the dead and will never die again, alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say: "His mercy endures for ever."

Let the house of Aaron say: "His mercy endures for ever."

Let those who fear the Lord say: "His mercy endures for ever."

I called to the Lord in my distress; he answered and freed me.

The Lord is at my side; I do not fear. What can anyone do against me?

The Lord is at my side as my helper: I shall look down on my foes.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: Christ has risen from the dead and will never die again, alleluia.

All: He was handed over to death for our sins; he was raised to life to justify us, alleluia.

The nations all encompassed me; in the Lord's name I crushed them.

They compassed me, compassed me about; in the Lord's name I crushed them.

They compassed me about like bees; they blazed like a fire among thorns.

In the Lord's name I crushed them.

I was hard-pressed and was falling but the Lord came to help me.

The Lord is my strength and my son; he is my savior.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; I shall not die,

I shall live and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: He was handed over to death for our sins; he was raised to life to justify us, alleluia.

All: Since you have been raised to life with Christ, seek the things that are above, alleluia.

Open to me the gates of holiness: I will enter and give thanks.
This is the Lord's own gate where the just may enter.
I will thank you for you have answered and you are my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light.

Go forward in procession with branches even to the altar.
You are my God, I thank you. My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his mercy endures for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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READING

Romans 6:4

Through baptism into Christ's death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

This is the day the Lord has made, alleluia.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

(Stand)

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

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, bishops, priests, and all the faithful: that in this Year of Mercy, each will bear witness to the love and mercy of God, we pray to the Lord:

All: Merciful 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, we pray to the Lord:

All: Merciful 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, we pray to the Lord:

All: Merciful 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, we pray to the Lord:

All: Merciful Lord, hear our prayer.

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

All: Merciful Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace throughout the world, and especially in areas of open conflict: that ancient prejudices and hatreds will be replaced by a spirit of mercy and brotherhood, we pray to the Lord:

All: Merciful Lord, hear our prayer.

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, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(Kneel)

Come Adore / Tantum Ergo

1. Come a - dore this won - drous pres - ence, Bow to Christ the
2. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Praise to his co -
1. Tan - tum er - go Sa - cra - mén - tum Ve - ne - ré - mur
2. Ge - nī - tō - ri, Ge - nī - tō - que Laus et ju - bi -
source of grace. Here is kept the an - cient prom - ise
e - qual Son, Ad - o - ra - tion to the Spir - it,
cé - nu - i; Et an - ti - quum do - cu - mén - tum
lá - ti - o, Sa - lus, ho - nor, vir - tus quo - que
Of God's earth - ly dwell - ing - place. Sight is blind be -
Bond of love, in God - head one. Blest be God by
No - vo ce - dat rí - tu - i; Prae - stet fí - des
Sit et be - ne - dí - cti - o: Pro - ce - dén - ti
fore God's glo - ry, Faith a - lone may see his face.
all cre - a - tion Joy - ous - ly while a - ges run.
sup - ple - mén - tum Sē - su - um de - fé - ctu - i.
ab u - tró - que Com - par sit lau - dá - ti - o.

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Tune: ST. THOMAS, 8 7 8 7 8 7, John F. Wade, 1711-1786

PRAYER

Leader: You have given them Bread from Heaven.

All: **Having all sweetness within it.**

Let us pray.

God of everlasting mercy, 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 our redemption.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THE DIVINE PRAISES

(Stand)

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 St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
 Blessed be God in his angels and in his Saints.

CONCLUDING HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name! Lord of
 2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel
 3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly

all, we bow be - fore thee; All on earth thy
 choirs a - bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and
 Spir - it, Three we name thee, While in es - sence

scep - ter claim, All in heav'n a - bove a -
 Ser - a - phim In un - ceas - ing cho - rus
 on - ly One, Un - di - vid - ed God we

dore thee; In - fi - nite thy vast do - main,
 prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord:
 claim thee, And a - dor - ing bend the knee,

Repeat ad lib.
 Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: Greater God, wir' lobes dich: text, to Ignaz Franz, 1719-1793; fr. by Clarence Walworth, 1920-1900
 Tune: GROSSER GOTT, 7 8 7 8 7; Katholischer Gesangbuch, Vienna, c.1774

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