

Communion (continued):

*Christ Be Beside Me*

1. Christ be beside me,  
Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me  
King of my heart.  
Christ be within me,  
Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me  
Never to part.
2. Christ on my right hand,  
Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me,  
Shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping,  
Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising,  
Light of my life.
3. Christ be in all hearts  
Thinking about me,  
Christ be on all tongues  
Telling of me.  
Christ be the vision  
In eyes that see me.  
In ears that hear me  
Christ ever be.

Recessional: *Salve Regina*

Salve, Regina, Mater misericórdiae:  
Vita dulcédo et spes nostra, salve.  
Ad te clamámus, éxsules, fílii Hevae.  
Ad te suspirámus, geméntes et flentes  
in hac lacrimárum valle.  
Eia ergo, Advocáta nostra,  
illos tuos misericórdes óculos ad nos convérte.  
Et Jesum, benedíctum fructum ventris tui,  
nobis post hoc exsílum osténde.  
O clemens: O pia: O dulcis  
Virgo Maria.

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# *Feast of Our Lady of Mercy*

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**Welcome:** Sylvia Williams rsm (Mercy International Association)

**Presider:** Patrick Hume SJ (Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice)

**Opening Song:** *Circle of Mercy* (by Jeannette Goglia rsm)

In Mercy, we touch the hearts of those who are in mis'ry.  
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.

Ref.: For the circle of Mercy is timeless: it is Spirit of Life itself  
Which roots us in Faith, and lifts us in Hope,  
And holds us in God's loving care,  
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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. [Ref.]

In Mercy, the Spirit Faith will root 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. [Ref.]

**Kyrie:** A Thiarna, déan trócaire  
(by Seán Ó Riada) A Chríost, déan trócaire  
A Thiarna, déan trócaire

**First Reading:** Ecclesiastes 3:9-12, 22  
Reader: Mary Lyons rsm (Western Province)

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Here I Am Lord* (by Dan Schutte)

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Ref.: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [Ref.]

**Responsorial Psalm:** (continued)

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Ref.]

**Second Reading:** Catherine's Letter to Frances Warde (2-3 Jan 1841)  
Reader: Brigid Marnane rsm (Kenyan Province)

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Pilgrim Song* (by Liam Lawton)  
Speak O Lord, your servant here is listening.  
You have the message of eternal life.

**Gospel:** John 19:25-30

**Homily:** Helena O'Donoghue rsm (South Central Province)

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Response "*Merciful God, graciously hear us*"  
Reader: Helen Mees (Associate, Australia)

**Offertory:** *Deoraíocht* (composed by Colmcille Cunnane rsm)

**Holy, Holy, Holy:** by Seoirse Bodley

**Memorial Acclamation:** He is Lord...

**Lamb of God:** by Seoirse Bodley

**Communion:** *Though We are Many* (by Bernard Sexton)

Ref: Though we are many, we are one body,  
we who come to share this living bread.  
Cup of salvation, shared among all nations,  
nourishing us now and evermore.

We gather in this place, round the table of the Lord.  
Christ's presence is revealed, in our communion and his living Word. [Ref.]

Now our communion recalls Christ's death and resurrection.  
This living sacrifice is our salvation now and evermore. [Ref.]

And through this shared Eucharist, we are the living Church.  
We witness to Christ's Love, his living body active in our world. [Ref.]

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Teresa McConnell rsm (Institute/Great Britain)  
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