

Feast of Our Lady of Mercy

24th September 2013



Front Cover:

Our Lady of Mercy (located in MIC Chapel)

Description:

The oil painting of Our Lady of Mercy, hanging in the alcove to the right of the tabernacle, was sent by Pope Leo XIII through Msgr. Kirby, President of the Irish College, to Rev. Mother M. Ligouri Keenan in 1890. "The Holy Father placed his hand on it, blessed it, and commissioned me to send it to your Convent in his own name, as the special image or painting of the entire Order of the Irish Sisters of Mercy." It is a copy of a mosaic found in the Church of Pudensiana, one of Rome's oldest churches.

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Welcome: Sylvia Williams rsm (Mercy International Association)

Presider: Bishop Peter Connors (Emeritus Bishop of Ballarat)

Opening Song: *Sing A New Song* (by Dan Schutte)

Ref: Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

1. Shout with gladness, dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for Him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. [R]
2. Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. [R]
3. Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives. [R]

Spoken Gloria:

Gloria to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Presentation: Mary Reynolds rsm
Mercy International Association

Recessional: *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,
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. [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.]

A Special Thank You to the Musicians & Singers:

Organ: Dympna Corkell rsm (South Central, Ireland)
Guitar & Voice: Margaret Corkery rsm (South Central, Ireland)
Voice: Rosaleen Hogan rsm (South Central, Ireland)
Violin: Ailish O'Brien rsm (South Central, Ireland)



Eucharistic Ministers:

Helen Amos rsm (South Central Community, Americas)
Mary Catherine Bunting (Friend of Mercy, Baltimore Maryland USA)
Robin Gillies rsm (North Sydney Congregation, Australia)
Mary Lyons rsm (Western Province, Ireland)
Charlotte Kiesel (Friend of Mercy, Burlingame California USA)
Mary Ryan rsm (South Central Province, Ireland)
Rita Valade rsm (West Midwest Community, Americas)
Mary Walsh rsm (Western Province, Ireland)

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-14; 4:10-15

Reader: Anne O'Connell
(Associate, Institute/Australia & Papua New Guinea)

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.]

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: Excerpts from the Limerick Manuscript

Reader: Anne Doyle rsm (South Central Province, Ireland)



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

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

Breaking Open the Word:
Mary C Sullivan rsm (NyPPaW Community, Americas)

Prayers of the Faithful:
Response "**Merciful God, graciously hear us**"
Reader: Cathy Edge rsm (Institute/Great Britain)

Offertory:

A MHUIRE MHÁTHAIR

A Mhuire Mháthair, 'Sé seo mo ghuí
Go maire Íosa, Go deo im' chroí
**Ave Maria, mo ghrá Ave,
Is tusa mo mháthair
's máthair Dé**
A Mhuire Mháthair, I rith mo shaoil
Bí liom mar dhídean, ar gach aon bhaol
A Mhuire Mháthair, 'tá lán de ghrást'
Go raibh tú taobh liom, Ar uair mo bháis

Holy, Holy, Holy: (by Seoirse Bodley)

Memorial Acclamation: We Remember (by Marty Haugen)
We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
And we believe that we will see you when you come,
in your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

Lamb of God: (by Seoirse Bodley)

Communion: Suscipe of Catherine McAuley (by Elaine Deasy rsm)

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

*You are a God of love and tenderness.
I put my faith in you, O Lord,
And I ask that you grant me
acceptance of your plan, O
Loving, Lord.*

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

Amen

