

*Closing Song:* **Christ Be Our Light** (Bernadette Farrell ©1993)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

**Ref:** Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come [R]

*A Special Thanks to the Musicians:*

Eithne Doyle rsm (organist) (South Central Province)  
Rosaleen Hogan rsm (cantor) (South Central Province)  
Ailish O'Brien rsm (violinist) (South Central Province)

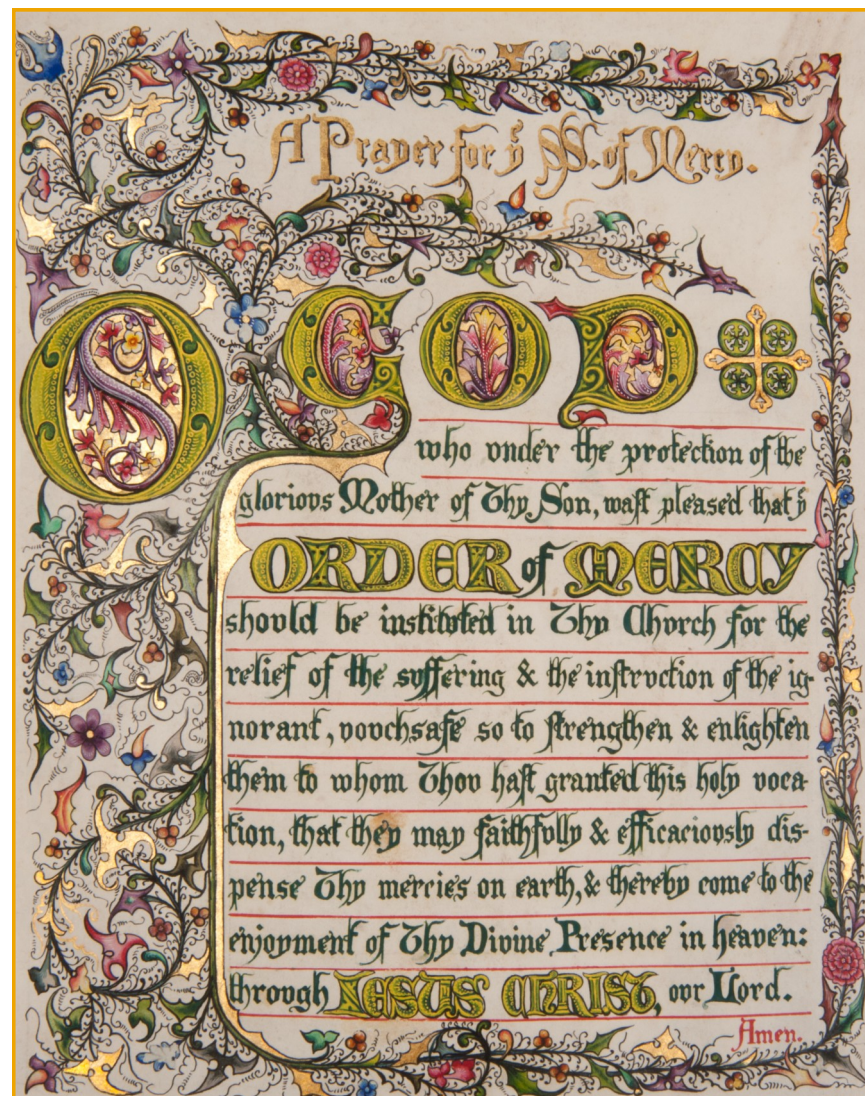
**You are invited to the dining room for lunch.  
Please also take time to visit the Icon Exhibition  
hosted by the Association of Iconographers of Ireland  
and held in the Callaghan Room (Level 0).**

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*Foundation Day*

*12 December 2014*



*Mercy International Association*

*64a Lower Baggot Street, Dublin*

*Welcome:* Mary Reynolds rsm  
(Mercy International Association)

*Presider:* Fachtna McCarthy  
(Parish Priest, St Mary's Haddington Road)

*Opening Song:* **Circle of Mercy** (Jeannette Goglia rsm ©1991)

In Mercy, we touch the hearts of those who are in misery.  
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.

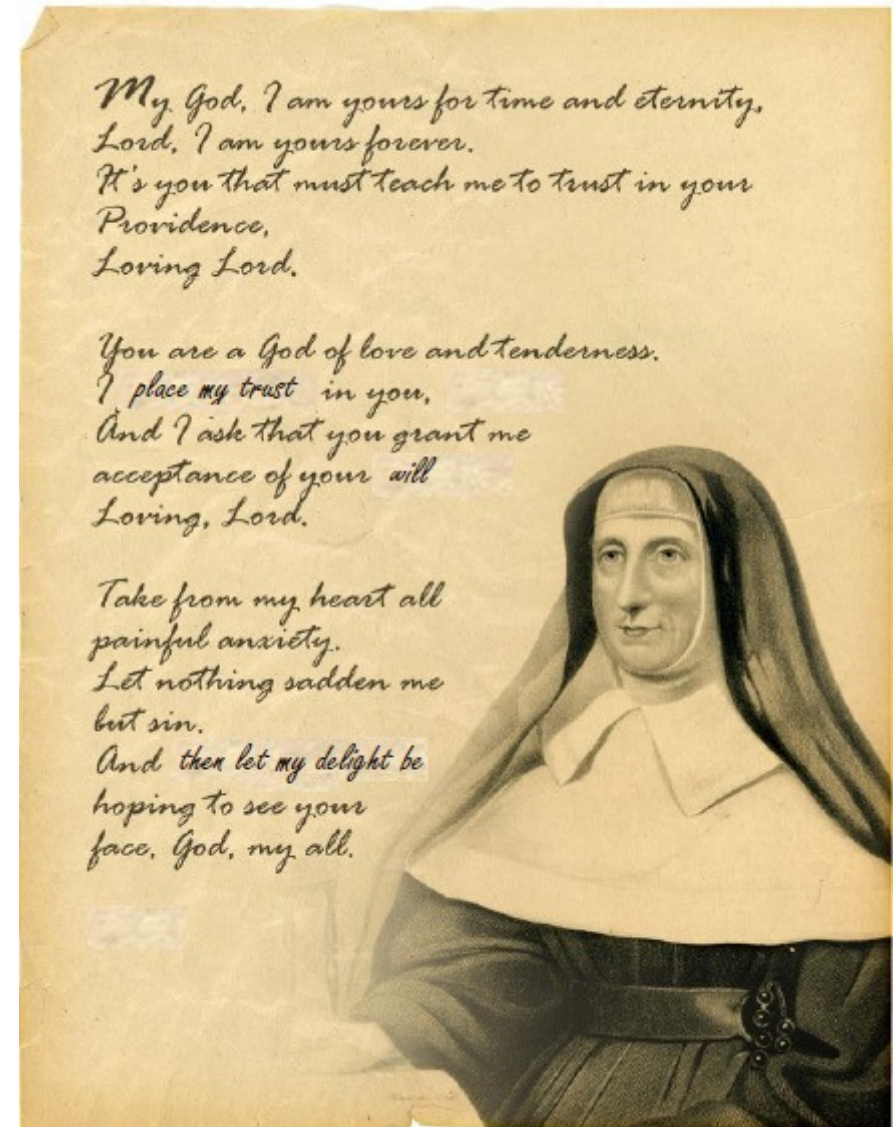
R: *For the Circle of Mercy is timeless, it is Spirit of Life itself  
which roots us in Faith, and lifts us in Hope  
and holds us in God's loving care,  
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In Mercy, we welcome those the world has left rejected.  
In Mercy, we're drawn within the loving heart of God.  
In Mercy, we forgive the incompleteness in another,  
In Mercy, our sins are healed and we are whole again. [R]

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. [R]

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

*Communion:* **Suscipe of Catherine McAuley**  
(Elaine Deasy rsm © 1994)





*Prayers of the Faithful:*

Response:

*'Merciful God, Graciously Hear Us'*



*Offertory:* Instrumental music

*Sanctus:* (Seoirse Bodley ©1981)

*Memorial Acclamation:* **Save Us, Saviour of the World**

(Liam Lawton ©2010)

Save us, Saviour of the world.  
Save us, Saviour of the world.  
For by your Cross and Resurrection  
You have set us free,  
You have set us free.

*First Reading:* Isaiah 48:17-19

*Responsorial Psalm:* **Come O Lord** (Roger Ruston)

1. Promised Lord and Christ is he,  
May we soon his kingdom see. [R]

**Ref:** Come, O Lord, quickly come.  
Come in glory, come in glory,  
Come in glory, quickly come.

2. Teaching, healing once was he,  
May we soon his kingdom see. [R]

3. Soon to come again is he,  
May we soon his kingdom see. [R]

*Second Reading:* Letter from Catherine McAuley  
to Frances Warde, 17th Feb 1838

*Gospel Acclamation:* (Seoirse Bodley ©1981)

*Gospel:* Luke 1:39-56

*Breaking Open The Word:* Noreen Foley rsm  
(Southern Province)



Chapter 9  
Of The Renewal of Vows

*Renewal of Vows  
For Sisters of Mercy*

On the day of my Profession,  
I committed myself to follow Christ  
as a Sister of Mercy  
to serve God's people.

Today,  
in Catherine's chapel,  
I .....

vow again  
Poverty, Chastity, Obedience,  
and the Service of the poor, sick  
and uneducated  
according to our Constitutions  
and I promise to persevere  
until death.

I invite you to pray for me  
as I recommit myself  
to this Mercy way of life  
in the spirit of our founder,  
Catherine,  
and as a follower of Jesus. Amen.

*Called to Mercy*



*Renewal of Commitment  
For Associates, Circle of Mercy members,  
and friends of Mercy*

God of Mercy,  
as we gather here today in Catherine's Chapel,  
I renew my commitment to live a life of love.

Inspired by Catherine McAuley,  
I accept the challenge to live the Gospel of Jesus  
and to be a person of Mercy  
visible in the world today.

Open my eyes to see the suffering  
in the poor, forgotten, and marginalized.  
And I ask you, Catherine,  
to walk this journey of faith with me. Amen.