

# **EUCHARISTIC LITURGY**

Commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the Death of Catherine McAuley

Held at
Mercy International Centre
64a Lower Baggot St, Dublin 2, Ireland



Welcome: Mary Reynolds rsm

(Executive Director, Mercy International Association)

Presider: John Byrne OSA

Opening Song: Circle of Mercy (by 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.

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.]

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Philemon 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Pour Out Compassion & Mercy

(by Briege O'Hare OSC @2011)

1. Pour out compassion and mercy from the depths of your heart; And give to the poor and the broken, the service of your love.

Ref.: In so far as you do these holy deeds, with all the love of your soul; Then you will resemble me, your God, and I will make you whole.

- 2. If you seek out and find the stranger, and comfort the lonely of heart; And offer them your friendship, then my justice you impart. [Ref.]
- 3. So pour out compassion and mercy from the depths of your heart; And give to the poor and the broken, the service of your love. [Ref.]

Second Reading: Sweet Mercy! by Catherine McAuley

Gospel Acclamation: Sing Alleluia! (Liam Lawton ©2009)
Sing Alleluia! Sing Alleluia! Sing Allelu, Sing Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:30-37

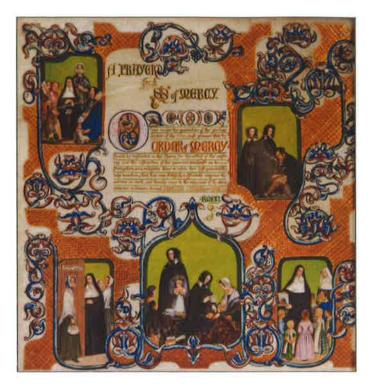
**Breaking Open the Word:** 

Brenda Dolphin rsm (Postulator, Cause of Catherine's Canonisation)

Prayers of the Faithful: "We are yours O God for time and eternity."

Offertory: Instrumental Music





## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Memorial Acclamation: Save Us, Saviour of the World (by 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.

Communion:

Suscipe of Catherine McAuley (by Elaine Deasy rsm ©1994)

My God, I am yours for time and eternity; Lord, I am yours forever. It is you who must teach me to trust in your providence, Loving Lord. You are a God of love and tenderness; I place my trust in you. And I ask that you grant me acceptance of your will, Loving Lord. Take from my heart all painful anxiety. Let nothing sadden me but sin. And then let my delight be hoping to see your face, God my all. My God, I am yours for time and eternity; Lord, I am yours forever. It is you who must teach me to trust in your providence, Loving Lord.

#### Communion Reflection:

In Elizabeth Moore's narrative of Catherine's final hours, we are told:

About five in the evening she asked for the candle to be placed in her hand; we commenced the last prayers; when I repeated one or two she herself had taught me, she said with energy 'God may bless you.'

With Catherine's death, the spark that illuminated her life is the legacy of those of us who follow in her tradition. As a sign of our commitment to be and share that light, you are invited to light the candle of your neighbor and say to her/him:

'Spirit of Catherine, live on in you and me.'

Go Light Your World (by Christopher Rice @1993)

There is a candle in every soul, some brightly burning, some dark and cold. There is a Spirit who brings a fire, ignites a candle and makes His home.

Carry your candle, run to the darkness; seek out the hopeless, confused and torn. Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle, and go light your world. Take your candle, and go light your world.

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to light his own candle some other way. See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to, still holds a candle without a flame.

Carry your candle, run to the darkness; seek out the lonely, the tired and worn. Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle, and go light your world. Take your candle, and go light your world.

We are a family whose hearts are blazing, so let's raise our candles and light up the sky. Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus, make us a beacon in darkest times.

Carry your candle, run to the darkness; seek out the helpless, deceived and poor. Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle, and go light your world.

#### **Closing Song**

Healing Balm (by Peter Kolar ©2004)

Healing balm, we shall be, for we are steeped in your mercy. Send us out to do your will O God: to be your compassion and your love.

- Gentle God, kind and true, you are the source of all that is good.
  You sent your son to be our healing balm;
  in Christ we find forgiveness. [Ref.]
- 2. Gracious God, we blossom anew, fed by the rain of your endless love. Steeped in seas of your boundless compassion, we will go forth to be bearers of hope. [Ref.]
- 3. Healing God, give us strength, to be fountains of justice, springs of peace. Let us be your outstretched hand to a world that thirsts for your mercy. [Ref.]



