

**Communion Song: Though We Are Many**

by Bernard Sexton (© 2010 by IEC2012)

*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.

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

And through this shared Eucharist  
we are the living Church.  
We witness to Christ's love  
His living body active in our world.

**Closing Song: When Creation Was Begun**

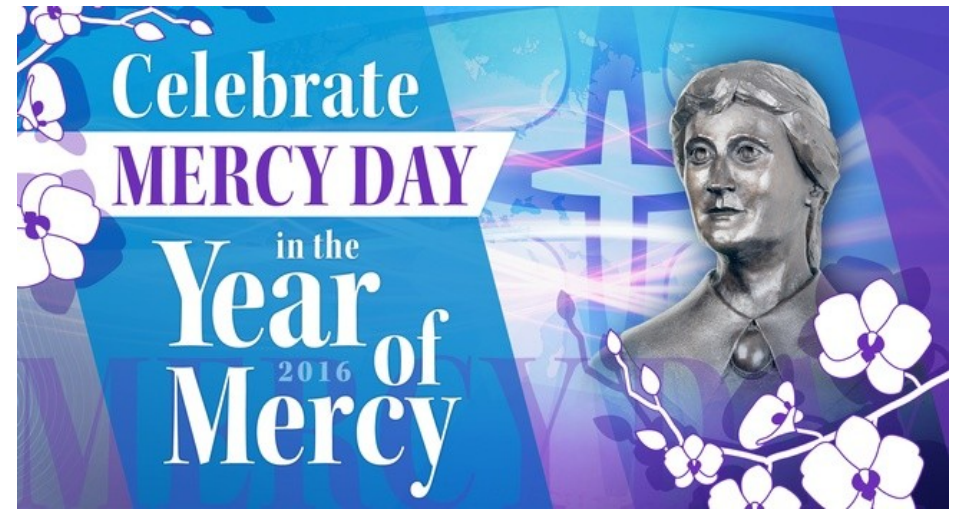
(Author and composer unknown)

When creation was begun,  
God had chosen you to be,  
Mother of his blessed Son,  
Holy Mary full of grace.  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Lead us to your child above  
He will teach us how to love  
How to pity and forgive  
Holy Mary full of grace  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

When creation was restored  
You were there beside the Lord  
Whom you cherished and adored  
Holy Mary full of grace  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

All of us are children too,  
Often doubtful what to do,  
Needing to confide in you.  
Holy Mary full of grace  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.



**Eucharistic Liturgy**

Saturday, 24 September 2016

12.00 p.m.

Mercy International Centre

64a Lower Baggot St, Dublin 2, Ireland

Presider:

John Byrne OSA

**Prelude:** Organ music by Prof Gerard Gillen  
Professor Emeritus in Music,  
National University of Ireland, Maynooth  
& titular organist of Dublin's Pro-Cathedral

**Welcome:** Mary Reynolds rsm  
Executive Director, Mercy International Association

**Opening Song:** **Gather** by Liam Lawton (©1996)

1. Gather from the East, gather from the West,  
Gather from the highways too.  
Gather from the North, gather from the South,  
Gather when the night is noon.

Ref: *And we'll gather and we shall reap,  
and no longer in sadness we'll weep.  
And we'll gather, and we shall reap,  
resting, rising, calling, guiding, O Lord.*

2. Gather all the needy, gather all in pain  
Gather all who cry in vain.  
Gather all the thirsty, gather all the poor,  
Gather all in Jesus' name. [R]

3. Gather all forgotten, gather all forlorn.  
Gather all who weep and mourn.  
Gather all the silent, gather all who sing,  
Gather all the hearts reborn. [R]

**Kyrie:** by Seán Ó Riada (Ceol an Aifrinn, ©1968)

A Thiarna, déan trócaire  
A Chríost, déan trócaire  
A Thiarna, déan trócaire



## Prayers of the Faithful

Response:

*'May we be signs  
of your Mercy.'*

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

**Offertory:** *(instrumental)*

**Holy Holy:** **Is Naofa Thú** by Sean O'Riada  
(Ceol an Aifrinn, ©1968)

Is naofa, naofa, naofa thu'  
A Thiarna Dia na slua.  
Tá neamh agus talamh lán de do ghlóir,  
Hósanna 'sna harda.  
Is beannaithe 'n té 'tá ag teacht in ainm an Tiarna,  
Hósanna 'sna harda.

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

by Liam Lawton (Glendalough Mass, ©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.

## Renewal of Commitment (Continued)

### **Mercy Associates and Partners in Mercy**

*On this Mercy Day, and in imitation of Catherine McAuley, a woman who responded to God's call to reach out in compassion to those around her, especially those in need, I wish to answer God's call to me to discover and reveal the loving kindness of God in all the circumstances of my life.*

*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.*

*May the God of all Mercy bless us; and may Catherine the first Sister of Mercy, accompany us and inspire us as we commit ourselves anew in mercy.*

### **Sung Response      Suscipe of Catherine McAuley** (by Elaine Deasy rsm ©1994)

Ref: 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.

1. 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.
2. 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.                    [Ref.]

## Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:**            **1 John 4:7-9,11-12**  
[proclaimed in Spanish]

**Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and God's love is brought to perfection in us.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**        **Like a Shepherd**  
by Bob Dufford SJ (©1976)

Ref: *Like a Shepherd He feeds His flock  
and gathers the lambs in His arms.  
Holding them carefully close to His heart,  
leading them home.*

1. Say to the cities of Judah,  
"Prepare the way of the Lord!  
Go to the mountaintop! Lift your voice!  
Jerusalem, here is your God!" [R]
2. "I Myself will shepherd them  
for others have lead them astray.  
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds  
and pasture them giving them rest." [R]
3. "Come unto Me  
if you are heavily burdened  
And take My yoke upon your shoulders.  
I will give you rest." [R]

**Second Reading:** from *Tender Courage*  
by Joanna Regan rsm & Isabelle Keiss rsm

Catherine's absorption in the Word of God, written and incarnate, called her to imitate the example of Jesus in translating the love of God to others. In her experience of her own limitations, Catherine found a God of love, a hidden God, whose healing grace helped her transcend her frustrations, bitterness and weaknesses and enabled her to translate her own pain into a deep compassion for others. In this compassion, she experienced the alleviating effect created by her willing entry into the pain of others. Catherine somehow grasped intuitively that mercy is gift given in response to need, neither earned nor deserved. She did not shrink from the demands mercy places on whoever would extend it. She knew that rendering the merciful service was not an act of beneficence, but one of gratitude to God for mercy received.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Pilgrim Song* by Liam Lawton (©2000)

Alle, Allelu, Alleluia (x4)  
Speak, O Lord your servant here is listening.  
You have the message of eternal life. (x2)  
Alle, Allelu, Alleluia (x4)

**Gospel:** **Mark 6:30-44**

**Breaking Open of the Word:** Mary Kay Dobrovolny rsm  
Assistant Director,  
Mercy International Association



## Renewal of Commitment

### *Sisters of Mercy*

*Loving God, in the presence of this community of Mercy, we renew the vows we made at our profession as Sisters of Mercy.*

*We recommit ourselves to a life of celibate chastity for the sake of your reign. We give ourselves in love to our sisters in community, to those in need, to our family and friends.*

*We recommit ourselves to a life of gospel poverty. We strive to live simply and to seek unity of mind and heart in sharing all we have. We value the resources of Earth and desire to use them in harmony and interdependence with all creation.*

*We recommit ourselves to a life of obedience. We desire to inform our minds, prepare our hearts for dialogue, listen to one another in love, and accept conversion to your will.*

*We recommit ourselves to a life of service through the works of mercy.*

*Encouraged and sustained by the fidelity of this community of Mercy, we rejoice in the continued invitation to seek justice, to be compassionate and to reflect your mercy in our world.*