



Foundation Day
12 December 2017



Mercy International Centre
Presider: Fr John O'Gara sm





Introduction

Sr Mary Reynolds rsm

Entrance Hymn: Gather

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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.

*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.*

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.

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.

Gather from all races, gather from all creeds,
Gather that you may believe.
Gather all you ages, gather in his keep,
Gather in the Lord's own peace.

Penitential Rite

Leader: A Thiarna, déan trócaire.	R: A Thiarna, déan trócaire.
L: A Chríost, déan trócaire.	R: A Chríost, déan trócaire.
L: A Thiarna, déan trócaire.	R: A Thiarna, déan trócaire.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm Response: Pour out Compassion and Mercy

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

*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.*

If you seek out and find the stranger, and comfort the lonely of heart;
And offer them your friendship, then my justice you impart.

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.

Gospel

Matthew 18:12-14 (New Revised Standard Version)

Renewal of Vows

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.





Renewal of Commitment

God of Mercy,
 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 marginalised. Amen.

Litany of the Saints

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Lord Have Mercy
 Christ have Mercy
 Lord have Mercy

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 Christ have Mercy
 Lord have Mercy



Holy Mary Mother of God
 St Michael
 Holy Angels of God
 St John the Baptist
 St Joseph
 St Peter and St Paul
 St Patrick
 St John

Pray__ for__ us
 Pray for us
 Pray for us
 Pray for us
 Pray for us
 Pray for us
 Pray for us
 Pray for us



All you holy men and women pray for us

St Mary Magdalene
 St Stephen
 St Augustine, St Monica
 St Lawrence
 St Perpetua, St Felicity
 St Agnes

Pray for us
 Pray for us
 Pray for us
 Pray for us
 Pray for us
 Pray for us

St Gregory
St Finnian
All you holy men and women pray for us

Pray for us
Pray for us

St Anne and St Joachim
St Brigid
St Angela
St Benedict
St Francis and St Dominic
St Francis Xavier
St Vincent de Paul
St Catherine of Sienna
All you holy men and women pray for us

Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us

St Teresa of Jesus
St Clare
St Elizabeth
St Agatha
St Cecilia
Catherine McAuley
All Holy men and women
Saints of God
All you holy men and women pray for us

Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us

Lord be merciful
From all evil
From every sin
From everlasting death
By your incarnation
By your death and resurrection
By the outpouring
Of the Holy Spirit
All you holy men and women pray for us



Lord de- liv- er us we pray
Lord deliver us we pray
Lord deliver us we pray
Lord deliver us we pray
Lord deliver us we pray
Lord deliver us we pray
Lord deliver us we pray
Lord deliver us we pray





Presentation of Refectory Bell

Sr Patricia O'Donovan, from the Sisters of Mercy Ireland Leadership Team will present the bell.

Holy Holy

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

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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.

Amen

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Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace,
grant us peace.

Communion: Instrumental - Suscipe

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Thanksgiving: Circle of Mercy

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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.

*For the Circle of Mercy is timeless, it is Spirit of Life itself,
which grounds 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. Refrain:

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. Refrain





Final Hymn: Be God's

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Where the world is merciless, be God's mercy.
Where the world is hopeless, be God's hope.
Where there is injustice, be God's justice.
Where there is sadness, be God's joy.
Where the world is doubting, be God's faith.
Where there is ingratitude, be God's grace.
Where there is confusion, be God's truth.
Where there is weakness, be God's strength.

*Let your life change the world one person at a time.
Let your life be the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.
As the bread becomes his body, we can be the living sign.
With God's love, change the world with your life.*

Where the world is wounded, be God's healing.
Where the world is weeping, be God's song.
Where there is despairing, be God's beauty.
Where the world is crumbling, be God's rock.
Where there is no tenderness, be God's child.
Where there is loneliness, be God's smile.
Where the world is dying, be God's life.
Where there is darkness, be God's light. Refrain

If you want the world to change, be God's love.
Use your gifts to bless this day, be God's love.
God has greater plans for you, be God's love.
Plans to make a saint of you! Be God's love!
Heaven will fall down to earth, thank you, Father.
When you live a life of love, thank you, Son.
The lame will walk, the blind will see,
Thank you Spirit. Jesus dwells in me!