

Feast of Our Lady of Mercy

Celebration held on 23rd September 2011

We pray for Benedict, our Pope, Diarmuid, our Bishop,
for all men and women who minister in the Church,
and seek to mend our broken world.
Open us to contemplate your presence in ourselves,
in others, and in the universe.

Keep us in communion with all those who, healed by your mercy,
rejoice to sit at the table of your plenty forever.
Keep us in communion with Mary, who sang of liberation for the poor,
with Catherine McAuley who walked the way of mercy through the alleys of
Dublin, and with the women of mercy who have gone before us.

God of New Creations, fill us with your courage to dream,
and empower us for the work that makes dreams real.
Temper us with patience for the times when we can take only short,
careful steps.

Keep us ever mindful of the dying and rising of Jesus,
companion and friend, who walks before us the way of mercy.
In the midst of all tripping about, may our hearts be always
in the same place, centred in God.

Make us delight in hope of that day when,
with Jesus, we will come to possess you, our God, our All,
in your never ending reign.

Through Him, with Him and in Him in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours all merciful God, for ever and ever.

Amen

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Eucharistic Prayer

Sisters of Mercy.

Preface:

Presider: May Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
All: We have lifted them up to the Lord.
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God we are yours for time and eternity.
We give you thanks and praise for the wonders of your Providence.
From the womb of your mercy all things came to be: our universe, wild
with possibilities, our fragile humanity, longing for wholeness.
From the fullness of your love you sent Jesus, the Redeemer, the hand of
your compassion outstretched to a broken world.
Anointed by the Spirit, he announced good news to the poor,
offered healing to the sick, and taught the word of life to all who longed for truth.
With all creation, we raise our voices in praise of the tenderness of your mercy.

Holy, holy, holy.....

Holy God, intimate and awesome, we praise the splendour of your beauty.
Your Holy Wisdom took flesh among us and entered our life of needs
and limits, of passion and promise.
With special love Jesus made his home among the littlest and the least
that they might know themselves as chosen ones,
daughters and sons of the promise.
Pour out your Spirit upon these holy gifts and upon your holy people assembled here.
Teach us the mystery of this bread and wine, that by faithfulness to love and to the
great work of mercy we can transfigure the world.

On the night before He died for us, Jesus gave us the great sign of
His enduring presence in the world, the table of welcome and bounty,
where all people find a home, and the broken know the kind word,
the gentle compassionate look, and the patient hearing of sorrows.

He took bread and breaking it said:
Take this, all of you, and eat it:
This is my body which will be given up for you.

In the same way, He poured a cup of wine and gave it to his friends saying:
Take this all of you and drink from it.
This is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:Memorial Acclamation

As we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim
Christ's death until he comes.
In the body broken and the blood poured out,
we restore to memory and hope:
the poor, the sick, and all unremembered victims of tyranny and sin.
As we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we long for the coming of God's reign
where misery is relieved and all people know their full dignity.

Come, life giving Spirit and make us one body with Christ.
Root us in God,
draw us into deeper bonds of friendship and reconciliation
and empower us for mission.
God in your tender mercy you have given us one another.
Fill your Church with your spirit of compassion
So that knowing your mercy we may ourselves be merciful.