

Divine Mercy Sunday
Holy Hour of Adoration of
Jesus, The Divine Mercy, in the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Hymn

Saint Thomas Aquinas

O Saving Victim, open wide
The gate of heaven to all below.
Our foes press on from every side;
Your aid supply, Your strength bestow.

To Your great name be endless praise
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
Oh, grant us endless length of days,
In our true native land with Thee. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Fr. Romeo:

Lord our God,
in this great sacrament we come into the presence of Jesus Christ, your Son,
born of the Virgin Mary and crucified for our salvation.

May we who declare our faith in this fountain of love and mercy
drink from it the water of everlasting life.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading – 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.

In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 103: *The Lord Is Kind and Merciful*

The Lord is kind and merciful; the Lord is kind and merciful.
Slow to anger, rich in kindness, the Lord is kind and merciful.

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul; all my being bless God's name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul; forget not all God's blessings.
2. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, full of kindness.
God is good to all creation, full of compassion.
3. The goodness of God is from age to age, blessing those who choose to love.
And justice toward God's children; on all who keep the covenant.

Gospel Reading – Luke 15:1-10

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to him, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them he addressed this parable.

“What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’

I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

“Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.’

In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Reflection on God’s Merciful Love

Silent Adoration

(Words of Jesus to St. Faustina) *My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Humanity will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.* (Diary, no. 699)

Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy (*prayed using Rosary beads*)

In the name of the Father...

Opening Prayer:

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls,
and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat 3 times) O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus
as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

Our Father, Hail Mary and the Apostle's Creed

For each of the five decades:

(On each “Our Father” bead of the rosary, pray)

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

(On each of the 10 “Hail Mary” beads, pray)

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding Prayers (*Repeat 3 times*)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Intercessions

Fr. Romeo:

God is the Father of all mercies. In him we place our faith as we pray the following petitions:

Deacon Patrick:

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, bishops, priests, and all the faithful:
that each will bear witness to the love and mercy of God; we pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have committed serious sin and who are afraid to go to confession:
that their fears will dissolve in the face of Jesus' longing to forgive and be reconciled to them;
We pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who serve in public office:

that they govern with true compassion for the lives of the most vulnerable among us— especially unborn children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities;

We pray to the Lord: *All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

For parents:

that, by their guidance and the witness of their own lives, they will teach their children how to love and forgive when they have been wronged; we pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the protection of human rights and freedoms,
and that all people of good will may work together to respect and preserve these rights;
we pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace throughout the world, that ancient prejudices and hatreds will be replaced by a spirit of mercy and friendship; we pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr. Romeo:

Almighty and merciful Father, we give you thanks for all of your many blessings,
and we ask you to hear these petitions in the name of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Silent Adoration

Hymn

Tantum ergo

Down in adoration falling,
This great Sacrament we hail;
Over ancient forms of worship,
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith will tell us Christ is present,
When our human senses fail.

Saint Thomas Aquinas

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who made us free,
And the Spirit, God proceeding
From them each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

Fr. Romeo: You have given them bread from heaven, alleluia,

All: Having within it all sweetness, alleluia.

Fr. Romeo: Let us pray.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament left us a memorial of your Passion: grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

You who live and reign forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Benediction *(Please kneel or stand for the blessing from Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament)*

The Divine Praises

(repeat each line after Leader)

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints. Amen

Song

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, fam'ly all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;

To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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