

# **Eucharistic Celebration with the Rite of Opening of the Door of Mercy Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

Officiated by Cardinal John Tong

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

1 January 2016

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY



Misericordes Sicut Pater (P INWOOD)

Misericordes Sicut Pater! Misericordes Sicut Pater!

## **I. THE RITE OF INTRODUCTION OUTSIDE THE CHURCH**

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

Bishop: The mercy of the Father,  
the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

Bishop: Dear brothers and sisters,  
Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God and  
open the Door of Mercy, as instructed by Pope Francis. Let  
us now call upon the mercy of God.

All sing: Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christe, eleison.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy on us.



Bishop: Glory to you, Father, who forgive our faults and heal our infirmities.

R. Your mercy endures forever.

Bishop: Glory to you, Lord, merciful and kind, slow to anger and abounding in mercy.

R. Your mercy endures forever.

Bishop: Glory to you, Lord; you who are a tender Father toward your children.

R. Your mercy endures forever.

*(The procession begins and moves toward the Door of Mercy.)*

## II. AT THE DOOR OF MERCY

Bishop: This is the Lord's gate:

let us enter through it and obtain mercy and forgiveness.

*(The Bishop opens the door.)*

*(All bow and pause for prayer)*

*(The Parish Priest incenses the Door of Mercy.)*

Bishop: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord, holy Father,

who sent your Son into the world

to gather all men and women,

wounded and scattered by sin,

into one body through the shedding of his blood.

You appointed him both shepherd and gate for the sheep,

so that whoever enters may be saved,

and whoever comes in and goes out

will find pasture for eternal life.

Grant that your faithful may pass through this gate,

and be welcomed into your presence,

so that they may experience, O Father, your abundant mercy.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM AND RENEWAL OF VOWS

Deacon: Dear brothers and sisters, this year of mercy, inaugurated by the Holy Father, invites each of us to a profound experience of grace and reconciliation.

The sprinkling of this holy water is a reminder of our baptism.

It recalls the mercy and salvation we have received through the power of Christ's resurrection.

*(The celebrant enters the Church via the Door of Mercy, then he sprinkles the people with holy water as they enter the Church.)*

## III. ENTRANCE

*(While sprinkling congregation, the Bishop proceeds to the sanctuary.)*

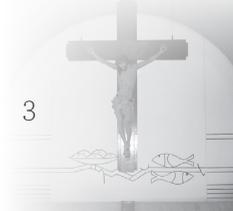
Bishop: May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,

and through the celebration of this Eucharist

make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom.

Amen.

## GLORIA



## COLLECT

Bishop: Let us pray. *(pause)*

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING *(They shall invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.)*

A reading from the Book of Numbers (6:22-27)

The Lord said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

—The Word of the Lord.

*(Pause in silence)*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8)

R. May God bless us in his mercy. (Ps 67:2a)

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation. *(R)*

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on earth you guide. *(R)*

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him! *(R)*

SECOND READING *(God sent his Son, born of a woman.)*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians (4:4-7)

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God. —The Word of the Lord.

*(Pause in silence)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Heb 1:1-2)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son. *(R)*

GOSPEL *(They found Mary and Joseph and the infant. When the eight days were completed, he was named Jesus.)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (2:16-21)

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. —The Gospel of the Lord.

#### HOMILY

*(Pause in silence).*

*The Creed is said.*

#### GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

R. Lord of Glory, hear our prayer.

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Bishop: O God, who in your kindness begin all good things and bring them to fulfillment,  
grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity of the holy Mother of God,  
that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your grace, so one day we may rejoice in its completion.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

#### COMMUNION HYMN

*Christ, Be Our Light Bernadette Farrell*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.
3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today..
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building sheltering others, walls made of living stones.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop: Let us pray (*pause*)

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord:  
grant, we pray,  
that it may lead us to eternal life,  
for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary  
Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(The Parish Priest advises the faithful about invoking a plenary indulgence at this Church)*

#### PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE JUBILEE

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.  
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved  
by money;  
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created  
things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal,  
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you  
spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”  
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and  
mercy:

let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and  
glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness  
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and  
error:

let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and  
forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to  
the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary,  
Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the  
Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

#### INVOCATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY

Bishop: We now turn our thoughts to Mary, the Mother of Mercy.  
May her merciful gaze be upon us throughout this Holy  
Year, so that all of us may rediscover the joy of God’s  
tenderness.



All sing: Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing,  
You reign now in splendour with Jesus, our King.  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria,  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

#### SOLEMN BLESSING

Bishop: The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.

Deacon: Bow down for God's blessing.

Bishop: *(with hands extended over the people)*

May God, the source and origin of all blessing,  
grant you grace,  
pour out his blessing in abundance,  
and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.

R. Amen.

Bishop: May he give you integrity in the faith,  
endurance in hope,  
and perseverance in charity  
with holy patience to the end.

R. Amen.

Bishop: May he order your days and your deeds in his peace,  
grant your prayers in this and in every place,  
and lead you happily to eternal life.

R. Amen.

Bishop: And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, ✠ and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, ✠  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

Deacon: Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father  
is merciful. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

##### Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth re-ceive her King;  
Let ev-'ry heart pre-pare Him room,  
And heav'n and na-ture sing, And heav'n and na-ture sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and na-ture sing.
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav-ior reigns; Let men their songs em-ploy;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Re-peat the sound-ing joy, Re-peat the sound-ing joy,  
Re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.
3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, Nor thorns in-fest the ground;  
He comes to make His bless-ings flow  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na-tions prove  
The glo-ries of His right-eous-ness,  
And won-ders of His love, And won-ders of His love,  
And won-ders, and won-ders of His love.  
And heav'n and na-ture sing, And heav'n and na-ture sing,  
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