

JUBILEE LITURGY

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Acknowledgement of country: **Cheryl Camp RSM**

We acknowledge the Wulgurukaba and Bindal peoples as traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to the elders past and present. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

Welcome: **Helen White RSM**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn - SUNG:

Circle of Mercy

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 roots 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.

For the circle of mercy is timeless: it is Spirit of Life
itself.

Which roots 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, 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.

For the circle of mercy is timeless: it is Spirit of Life
itself.

Which roots us in faith, and lifts us in hope,
and holds us in God's loving care, and holds us in God's
loving care.

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Sign of the Cross:

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

All: Amen

Greeting:

Presider: We adore you, O God, as the Merciful One.
We seek to discover your movements in us
and in our world.
God of the lowly and meek, teach us to love
tenderly, act justly and walk humbly with you.

All: Amen

Penitential Rite:

Presider: Let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries...

Presider: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, Have mercy

Presider: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, Have mercy

Presider: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, Have mercy

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life

All: Amen

The Gloria* **SUNG*

**All: Glory to God in the highest and on earth
peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify
you, we give you thanks for your great glory.**

Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

**You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on
us.**

**You take away the sins of the world, receive our
prayer.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have
mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with
the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.**

Amen. Amen.

Prayer:

Presider:

Wondrous God, we come into your presence, bringing our whole selves..... *(pause)*

Open our minds and hearts to the great gift of life we have been given, and are being given, in and through the gift of each other.

All: Inspire us, encourage us. Fill us with enthusiasm to live, recognise, and encourage your spirit of tender compassion and open-hearted service, which mirrors the love and self-giving that Jesus proclaimed. Amen!

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading:

First Reader: A reading from Pope Francis
Second Reader: and the Constitutions of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea

First Reader:

Pope Francis tells us that 'mercy' is God's most powerful message. "Mercy is (the) concrete action of love that, by forgiving, transforms and changes our live. In this way, the divine mystery of mercy is made manifest". *(Misericordia et Misera: para 2)*

Second Reader:

Our name reminds us that God can be mercy for others through us only when we open ourselves to receive God's mercy. (1.03) Our gift as Sisters of Mercy is to know God's loving kindness and to share it with others. (1.02)

First Reader:

“A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just”. (Pope Francis – March 7, 2013)

Second Reader:

We are called to be symbols of a radically transformed meaning of life, a life that finds the sacred in everything, a life that is a powerful sign of profound joy and a deep sense of belonging. (5.02)

First Reader:

“Mercy gives rise to joy, because our hearts are opened to the hope of a new life. The experience of mercy brings joy. May we never allow this joy to be robbed from us by our troubles and concerns. May it remain rooted in our hearts and enable us to approach with serenity the events of our daily lives”. (*Misericordia et Misera*: para 3)

Second Reader:

As we find God in our response to others, our compassion becomes contemplation, our contemplation becomes commitment to the

rebirth of all creation in Christ. (5.01) Our ultimate accountability is to God whose mercy calls us forth, moving us to create centres of faith and love, hope and liberation, for God's people and all creation. (5.13)

First Reader:

“How beautiful is this gaze of Jesus – how much tenderness is there! Let us never fail to trust in the patience and mercy of God”. (Pope Francis – April 7, 2013)

Second Reader:

Conscious of our frailty and our need for healing, we seek God's reconciling love. We are led especially to understand the healing that takes place through our compassion towards one another. (5.10) We must know our dependence on another's mercy before we can give and receive the mercy of God. (1.06)

First Reader:

“Together let us pray to the Virgin Mary that she helps us to walk in faith and charity, ever trusting in God's mercy”. (Pope Francis – April 7, 2013)

Second Reader:

Mary is the one who experienced most deeply the meaning of God's mercy. We venerate in Mary the prophetic woman of faith. In her life she made visible the steadfast love and mercy of God. (1.03; 5.07)

The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

SUNG

O God, You Search Me

O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down you are before me
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,
You have known its meaning through and through.
You are with me beyond my understanding:
God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me,
still I search for shelter from your light.
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:
even darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me.
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonders of who I am I praise you.
Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

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Gospel Acclamation: **SUNG**

Celtic Alleluia

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

‘The sheep of my flock’, says the Lord
‘hearing my voice, they will listen,
they will follow me, for I know them,
they are mine.

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Presider:

Seeing the crowds, he went onto the mountain. And when he was seated his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

How blessed are the poor in spirit:

The kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Blessed are the gentle:

They shall have the earth as inheritance.

Blessed are those who mourn:

They shall be comforted.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
uprightness:

They shall have their fill.

Blessed are the merciful:

They shall have mercy shown them.

Blessed are the pure in heart:

They shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:

They shall be recognised as children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted in the
cause of uprightness:

The kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute
you and speak all kinds of calumny against you falsely
on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward
will be great in heaven; this is how they persecuted
the prophets before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Renewal of Vows:

Helen White RSM to invite RSMs to participate

All RSMs:

**God of all Mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ, and
under the special care of Mary, the Mother of**

Mercy, I, N..... vow to you perpetual chastity, poverty, obedience and apostolic service through the works of mercy according to the Constitutions of the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea.

Intercessions:

Presider: Loving and merciful God, we bring you our prayers of gratitude for your revelation of mercy in the lives of the Jubilarians and for your gift of mercy to us all.

Reader:

1. We pray for Pope Francis and all leaders in our Church that they may reveal the mercy of God in their lives. We pray -

***All:* God of mercy hear our prayer.**

2. We pray in gratitude for Carmel, Mary and Cheryl who, having received the mercy of God, have lived their lives as Sisters of Mercy in love and service of others. We remember too, Anne, Helen and Jane who were professed with us. We pray -

God of mercy hear our prayer.

3. We pray for all who have received the gifts of the Jubilarians in their many ministries in Australia, Papua New Guinea and Pakistan.

May they carry the love and learning received from us into the lives of others. We pray -

God of mercy hear our prayer.

4. We pray for all Sisters of Mercy who, inspired by Catherine McAuley, keep alive and share her flame of mercy with others. We pray -

God of mercy hear our prayer.

5. We pray for all who have loved and nurtured us – our families, especially Mary’s father, Colin Lowcock, who cannot be with us today, our friends, teachers, Sisters and colleagues. May they be blessed for their generous gifts of love and life. We pray –

God of mercy hear our prayer.

6. We pray for those who have died: In Carmel’s family – Billie and Owen Ruddick and Pat and David Ypinazar; in Cheryl’s family – Tom and Beryl Camp and Ronald Camp; and in Mary’s family – Ellen Lowcock. May they enjoy the presence of God forever. We pray –

God of mercy hear our prayer.

Presider: Merciful God, give us all a stronger faith in Jesus, our Risen Lord, that we may always be open to receive your mercy and be the bearers of mercy to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Instrumental:

Presider: Blessed are you, God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the bread we offer you:
Fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will be come for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Presider: Blessed are you, God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Presider: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
Almighty Father.

**All: May God accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,**

**for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Presider: God of abundant life,
we give you thanks
for bread, friendship and hope.
We are nourished by these gifts of your grace.

**All: Continue then to inspire and call us,
that we may be faithful witnesses of your
presence.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the
compassionate One.
Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer:

Presider: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right and just.

Presider:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our
salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Father of mercies and faithful God.

For you have given us Jesus Christ, your Son,
as our Lord and Redeemer.

For you have showed compassion
for children and for the poor,
for the sick and for sinners,
and he became a neighbour
to the oppressed and the afflicted.

By word and deed he announced to the world
that you are our Father
and that you care for all your sons and
daughters.

And so, with all the Angels and Saints,
we exalt and bless your name
and sing the hymn of your glory,
as without end we acclaim:

SUNG:

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

You are indeed Holy and to be glorified, O
God, who love the human race
and who always walk with us on the journey of
life.

Blessed indeed is your Son,
present in our midst
when we are gathered by his love
and when, as once for the disciples, so now
for us,
he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

Therefore, Father most merciful,
we ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit
to sanctify these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may become for us
the Body and +Blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,
on the night of the Last Supper,
he took bread and said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples,
saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it,
for this is my Body,
which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended.
he took the chalice, gave you thanks

and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:
Take this, all of you, and drink from it,
for this is the chalice of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal
covenant,
which will be poured out for you and for
many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

The mystery of faith.

SUNG

All:

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

Therefore, holy Father,
as we celebrate the memorial of Christ your
Son, our Saviour,
whom you led through his Passion and Death
on the Cross
to the glory of the Resurrection,
and whom you have seated at your right hand,
we proclaim the work of your love until he
comes again

and we offer you the Bread of life
and the Chalice of blessing.

Look with favour on the oblation of your
Church,
in which we show forth
the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been
handed on to us,
and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of
your love,
we may be counted now and until the day of
eternity
among members of your Son,
in whose Body and Blood we have
communion.

Bring your Church, O Lord,
to perfect faith and charity,
together with Francis our Pope and Tim our
Bishop,
with all Bishops, Priests and Deacons,
and the entire people you have made your
own.

Open our eyes
to the needs of our brothers and sisters;
inspire in us word and actions
to comfort those who labour and are
burdened.

Make us serve them truly,
after the example of Christ and at his
command.

And may your Church stand as living witness
to truth and freedom,
to peace and justice,
that all people may be raised up to a new
hope.

Remember our brothers and sisters (**N** and **N**)
who have fallen asleep in the peace of your
Christ,
and all the dead whose faith you alone have
known.

Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face,
and in the resurrection give them the fullness
of life.

Grant also to us,
when our earthly pilgrimage is done,
that we may come to an eternal dwelling place
and live with you for ever;

There, in communion with the Blessed Virgin
Mary, Mother of God,
with the Apostles and Martyrs,
with Catherine McAuley
and with all the Saints,
we shall praise and exalt you
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Through him, and with him, and in him,

O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

SUNG

All: **Amen. Amen. Amen**

Communion Rite:

Presider: At the Saviour's command
And formed by divine teaching,
We dare to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name;
thy kingdom come, they will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against
us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Presider: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days, that,
by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin

and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and forever.**

Sign of Peace:

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Presider: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
(Choir is going to sing a peace hymn here to give people time to greet each other with the sign of peace).

Breaking of the Bread:

SUNG

**All: 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.**

Presider: Behold Jesus,
Face of compassion and forgiveness.
Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the
world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the
Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy,
That you should enter under my roof
But only say the word
And my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Song: **SUNG**

Pour Out Compassion and Mercy

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

Refrain:

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 lowly of heart;
and offer them your friendship, then my justice you
impart. Refrain

So pour out compassion and mercy from the
depths of your heart;
and give to the poor and broken the service of
your love. Refrain

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Reflection: **SUNG**

Love Beyond All Telling

Praise to you who made creation, you who shaped
the skies and earth;

You named us as your children and carried us to
birth.

You are near to all who suffer, you are one with
every fear;

You know our every sorrow and share our every
tear.

You are love beyond all telling, you are life beyond
all death;

formed to be your children from the start –
You carry us forever in the space beneath your
heart.

To the ones who walk in shadow, to the ones who
live in fear,

we sing a God of Mercy, a God who holds us near.

Who is rest for all the weary, who is hope when
hope is gone;

new freedom for the captive, our story and our
song.

You are love beyond all telling, you are life beyond
all death;

formed to be your children from the start –

You carry us forever in the space beneath your
heart.

(Marty Haugen)

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CONCLUDING RITES

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: Compassionate God,
through this celebration
You give us new direction and hope.

**All: May the power of your love,
witnessed in the life of Catherine McAuley
and all women and men of mercy,
continue to work among us and bring us
the joy of your promise,
through Jesus Christ, present among us.
Amen.**

*A few words from Bishop Tim Harris and
Helen White rsm*

Departure Blessing:

Presider:

Go forth from this place with joy; go forth with
hopeful hearts.

Go forth from this place with remembering hearts,
grateful for all that we have shared.

Go forth with arms held wide,

open to what God sends to us for merciful
embrace.
Go forth with ears attuned to the nuances of
conversations in mercy.
Go forth from this place with feet that itch to
continue the dance
and to walk the roads of mercy.
Go forth from this place with enthusiastic faith in
God and in one another
until we meet again.
May God the Trinity of love –
Creator, Word and Wisdom – bless each of us on
the journey.

(Mary Wickham)

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional: *SUNG*
God's Mercy is from Age to Age

God's mercy is from age to age; Your love
endures forever.
Your loving kindness moves in us, and through us
to each other.

We are God's own people, let us join together.
Sing of your mercy in us, for it will last forever.
Refrain

When we lift another's burden, show someone we
care,
God's mercy touches other hearts, as your love
and peace we share. Refrain

Fill us with your mercy God; hold us safely in your
hand.

Send us out to where's there's need. Spread
mercy through our land. Refrain

(Lyrics: Cheryl Camp RSM and Marie Leonie Williams RSM)
(Music: Ronda Rollino)

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Suscipe

My God, I am yours for time and eternity.

Lord, I am yours forever.

It's you who must teach me to trust in your providence, loving Lord.

You are a God of love and tenderness.

I put my faith in you;

And I ask that you grant me acceptance of your will, loving Lord.

Take from my heart all painful anxiety. Let nothing sadden me but sin;
and let my delight be hoping to see your face, God my all.

(Elaine Deasy)

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