

## **EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

*[Cathedrals and parishes throughout the country are encouraged to join together in prayer and adoration seeking God's mercy for ourselves and for our nation for offenses against life, marriage, and religious liberty. The following Holy Hour is a basic model with suggested readings and prayers for this time. Other suitable prayers may be used by the presiding minister.]*

### **Procession/Exposition**

**Opening Hymn:** "O Salutaris Hostia" or another suitable Eucharistic hymn

### **Opening Prayer**

*Presiding Minister:*

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** (*select 1 or 2 readings and a passage from Luke's Gospel or a similar passage illustrating God's merciful love*)

- **Jon 4:1-11** (LFM 463) And should I not pity Nineveh?
- **Psalms 103:1-14** (LFM 377) The Lord is kind and merciful
- **1 Pt 1:3-9** (LFM 347) The death and resurrection of Jesus has won us the hope of salvation
- **Eph 2:4-10** (LFM 32) God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life in Christ
- **Rom 5:6-11** (LFM 91) Christ died for us while we were still sinners
- **Lk 15:3-7** (LFM 172) The Parable of the Lost Sheep
- **Lk 15:1-3, 11-32** (LFM 33) The Parable of the Prodigal Son

### **Reflection/meditation on God's merciful love for mankind**

The Presiding Minister may offer insights on the revelation of God's mercy throughout salvation history—in Scripture, through the writings of saints and, in a particular way, through the revelations recorded in the *Diary* of St. Faustina Kowalska. Attached is a brief description of Divine Mercy and the origin of devotions and the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday, along with selected quotations.

### **Period of Silent Reflection and Adoration**

**Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (*A pamphlet or the attached instruction sheet may be made available to congregants to enable full participation in the chaplet.*)

## **Intercessions**

*Presiding Minister:*

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

*Deacon or Lector:*

For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, bishops, priests, and all the faithful:  
that in this Year of Faith, 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 grave 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 conscience rights and religious liberty,  
and that all people of good will may work together  
against the increasing threats to these fundamental rights;  
We pray to the Lord:

*All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace throughout the world, and especially in areas of open conflict:  
that ancient prejudices and hatreds will be replaced by a spirit of mercy and brotherhood;  
We pray to the Lord:

*All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Presiding Minister:*

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.

## **Benediction**

“*Tantum ergo*” or another suitable Eucharistic hymn is sung as the presider incenses the Blessed Sacrament.

*Presiding Minister:*

Let us pray.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament  
have 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.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*All:* Amen.

## **Reposition**

### **Divine Praises**

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.

**Closing Hymn** “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” or another suitable hymn

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