

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

INTRODUCTION (before 3 pm) *Brief Explanation of the Holy Hour by **Chris***

Song: Jesus, Heal Us

(around 3 pm)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*Fr. James*)

O Saving Victim (*sung, Music Ministry*)

O saving Victim open wide the gate of heaven to us 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;

O grant us endless length of days in our true native land with thee.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Fr. James: 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

Fr. James: Lk 15:3-7 (LFM 172) The Parable of the Lost Sheep

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus addressed this parable. "Who 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.

Fr. James: Call to Reflection/Meditation on God's merciful love for us all

Short Period of Reflection and Adoration

Song: Jesus, I Trust in You

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy *(There is music under the recited prayers.)*

Amanda:

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.

Amanda: repeats three times:

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

Amanda: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All: 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. Amen

Amanda: The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of
our death. Amen.

Amanda and All: The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died
and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from
the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the
dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life
everlasting. Amen.

(Music Ministry)

For each of the five decades (sung)

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

Cantor: 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: (sung)

Cantor: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,

All: Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding prayer (repeat three times) (sung)

Cantor: Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,

All: Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Amanda: Divine Mercy Closing Prayer (recited, music under)

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.

Short Period of Reflection and Adoration

Song: Only in Your Love

Intercessions

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

Amanda: 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.

Amanda: 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.

Amanda: 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.

Amanda: 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.

Amanda: For the protection of conscience rights and religious liberty: 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.

Amanda: 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.

Fr. James: Together, let us pray our Parish Prayer.

All: God of mercy and love, help us to open our hearts to the healing presence of your Holy Spirit. Guide us, your disciples, to fulfill your dreams for us and all of creation. We ask this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

BENEDICTION *(Fr. James)*

Down In Adoration Falling *(sung, Music Ministry)*

1. Down in adoration falling, this great Sacrament we hail;
Over ancient rights of worship newer rights of grace prevail;
Faith will tell us Christ is present, when our human senses fail.
Tantum ergo Sacramentum veneremur cernui.

2. 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.
Tantum ergo Sacramentum veneremur cernui.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Fr. James: 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. Amen.

(Music Ministry)

The Divine Praises *(sung)*

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.

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament *(Fr. James)*

Closing Prayer after reposition: (all stand)

Fr. James: Lord, you sent your Son, Jesus, into the world that we might enjoy your peace always. Give us the strength to live as your children and be makers of peace. Grant that all peoples might put aside their differences and seek the unity of your Kingdom. We make this prayer to you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessing: May Almighty God bless us: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Dismissal: Go in the Peace of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Closing Song: We Bend the Knee

(There is an optional Litany to the Divine Mercy that can be added if timing is running shorter than time estimates. It is provided under separate cover.)