

# THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (SOLEMNITY)

Cycle B

## ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, my brothers, praise the Lord, *alleluia*  
He's our God and we are his, *alleluia*.

Come to him with songs of praise  
songs of praise, rejoice in him.

For the Lord is a mighty God,  
he is king of all the world.

In his hands are valleys deep,  
in his hands are mountain peaks.



## GLORIA

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

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Hosea 11: 1.3-4. 8-9  
*My heart recoils from it.*

Listen to the word of the Lord:

When Israel was a child I loved him,  
and I called my son out of Egypt.  
I myself taught Ephraim to walk,  
I took them in my arms;  
yet they have not understood that I was the one  
looking after them.

I led them with reins of kindness,  
with leading-strings of love.  
I was like someone who lifts an infant close against  
his cheek;

stooping down to him I gave him his food.

How could I treat you like Admah,  
or deal with you like Zeboiim?  
My heart recoils from it,  
my whole being trembles at the thought  
I will not give rein to my fierce anger,  
I will not destroy Ephraim again,  
for I am God, not man:

I am the Holy One in your midst  
and have no wish to destroy.

The word of the Lord.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Is 12:2-6. R) v. 3

**R. With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of the Saviour.**

1. Truly God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. (R)
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. (R)
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds;  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. (R)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

3:8-12. 14-19

*The love of Christ is beyond all knowledge.*

I, Paul, who am less than the least of all the saints, have been entrusted with this special grace, not only of proclaiming to the pagans the infinite treasure of Christ but also of explaining how the mystery is to be dispensed. Through all the ages, this has been kept hidden in God, the creator of everything. Why? So that the Sovereignities and Powers should learn only now, through the Church, how comprehensive God's wisdom really is, exactly according to the plan which he had had from all eternity in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is why we are bold enough to approach God in complete confidence, through our faith in him.

This, then, is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name:

Out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

19:31-37

*One of the soldiers pierced his side and there came out blood and water.*

It was Preparation Day, and to prevent the bodies remaining on the cross during the sabbath since that sabbath was a day of special solemnity - the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken away. Consequently the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with him and

then of the other. When they came to Jesus, they found he was already dead, and so instead of breaking his legs one of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance; and immediately there came out blood and water. This is the evidence of one who saw it - trustworthy evidence, and he knows he speaks the truth - and he gives it so that you may believe as well. Because all this happened to fulfil the words of scripture:

Not one bone of his will be broken; and again, in another place scripture says:

They will look on the one whom they have pierced.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
(All bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

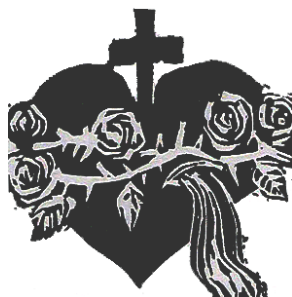
### OFFERTORY HYMN

Take my hands and make them as your own  
And use them for your kingdom here on earth  
Consecrate them to your care  
Anoint them for your service where  
You may need your gospel to be sown.

Take my hands they speak now for my heart  
And by their actions they will show their love  
Guard them on their daily course  
Be their strength and guiding force  
To ever serve the Trinity above.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

1. Sweet heart of Jesus,  
fount of love and mercy,  
today we come  
thy blessing to implore;  
O touch our hearts,  
so cold and so ungrateful,



and make them, Lord,  
thine own for evermore.

*Sweet heart of Jesus, we implore,  
O make us love thee more and more.*

2. Sweet heart of Jesus,  
make us know and love thee,  
unfold to us  
the treasures of thy grace;  
that so our hearts,  
from things of earth uplifted,  
may long alone  
to gaze upon thy face.

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1. Love is his word, love is his way  
feasting with men, fasting alone.  
living and dying, rising again,  
love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,  
better than splendour and wealth.*

2. Love is his way, love is his mark,  
sharing his last Passover feast,  
Christ at the table, host to the Twelve,  
love, only love, is his mark.

3. Love is his mark, love is his sign,  
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,  
"This is my body, this is my blood,"  
love, only love, is his sign.

4. Love is his sign, love is his news,  
"Do this," he said, "lest you forget  
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood"  
love, only love, is his news.

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1. Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

2. Strength and protection may thy Passion be;  
O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;  
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;  
so shall I never, never part from thee.

3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign;  
in death's dread moments make me only thine;  
call me, and bid me come to thee on high,  
when I may praise thee with my saints for aye.

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### RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Immaculate Mary! Our hearts are on fire,  
That title so wondrous fills all our desire.

**Ave, Ave, Ave Maria  
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2. We pray for God's glory, may his kingdom come  
We pray for his vicar, our Father and Rome.

3. We pray for our mother the church upon earth  
And bless, sweetest Lady, the land of our birth

4. For poor, sick, afflicted thy mercy we crave;  
And comfort the dying, thou light of the grave.

5. In grief and temptation, in joy or in pain,  
We'll ask thee, our mother, nor seek the in- vain.