



Holy Mass for the World Day of the Poor

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From Prayer to Action: A Celebration of the
World Day of the Poor & World Youth Day

OPENING HYMN// Come, Holy Spirit Come

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Called by the Gospel to gather this people of God
Called to embrace all communities here into one
Broken and bonded by pains of the past
Striving to fashion a love that will last
We call on the Spirit of God to open our hearts

Chorus:

Come, Spirit of Wisdom and Light
O Come Spirit of Consolation
Come Spirit of Strength, Fire of Love
Come bathe our darkness in light
Come reveal what will liberate us
Make of us one
Come, Holy Spirit Come

Carry the cross now and bring down the word of the Lord
Lighten the pathway and celebrate the Spirit, come forth
Come set the table with gifts of the earth
Pray for this moment to mark our birth
And call on the Spirit of God to open us more

Chorus

We open our hands
Prepare to receive
We open our hearts
for we believe.

Chorus

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

PENITENTIAL ACT

The poor among us: who are they?
Do we see them? Care enough for them?
Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Show us your mercy.
And grant your salvation.

Sung:

*Kyrie, eleison
Christe, eleison
Kyrie, eleison*

ABSOLUTION

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.

COLLECT

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
Through 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.

FIRST READING// Daniel 12: 1-3

At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as the stars for all eternity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM// Psalm 15: 5, 8-11

R: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

R: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

R: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever.

R: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

SECOND READING// Hebrews 10: 11-13,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake, praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence
before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL// Mark 13: 24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
ON the third day he rose again
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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray to you, Lord, for all of the young people in the world who spend their time and creativity to serve the poor. Let them be a shining sign in the world of your love as a Father who cares for everyone, especially the lowest.

Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

For people who suffer from poverty and exclusion, that they may find fraternal and caring Christian Communities that can share with them the love and the kindness of God, who is fully committed to them.

Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Help us, Lord, so that Christians may come out of their individualism and overcome their selfishness. May they see the face of Christ in the poor and may other believers see in them the face of a brother or sister.

Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

For each one of us, so that we get involved in life and grow weary in the service to others, especially to the poor, recognizing that, what we do for them, we do for Christ.

Lord, in your Mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are delighted to serve the poor. Guide their paths and bless their hands as they continue to serve the marginalized in our communities. Protect their families and grant them good health.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father and lover of the poor, your Son has declared the poor and the persecuted blessed, and promised a reward to anyone who welcomes one of them in His name. Protect and comfort all those who suffer from poverty and injustice, and those who live in conditions of war and persecution. And make us your disciples, ready to offer them a helping hand in your name.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN// My Own Two Hands

Written by Ben Harper

I can change the world **with my own two hands**
Make it a better place **with my own two hands**
Make it a kinder place **with my own two hands**
With my own, with my own two hands

I can make peace on earth **with my own two hands**
I can clean up the earth **with my own two hands**
I can reach out to you **with my own two hands**
With my own, with my own two hands

I'm gonna make it a brighter place **with my own two hands**
I'm gonna make it a safer place **with my own two hands**
I'm gonna help the human race **with my own two hands**
With my own, with my own two hands
With my own, with my own two hands
With my own, with my own two hands