

Mysteries of Mercy

1st Day: The gift of the Eucharist and the Washing of the Feet: “Jesus, knowing that He had come from God, and the Father had given all things into His hands, that He had come from God and was going back to God, arose from the table, stripped off His garments, put a towel about His waist and began to wash the feet of His Disciples....” Meditation: At the time of Jesus, everyone went barefoot or in open sandals. The roads of the countryside were covered with animal dung, the byways of the city were covered with dung and human excrement. The washing of feet was the filthiest job one can imagine; and relegated to the lowest slave in the household. And yet, Jesus does not hesitate to slave for us, and wash the feet of His disciples. Such is the extreme humility of our God and in stripping off His clothes, He unclothes for us the infinite Mercy of God, that desires to wash the filth of sin and death away from us; if only we will come to Him for His mercy!

2nd: The Way of the Cross: “His Blood be upon us and the people...” Unbeknownst to the Chief Priests and the Sanhedrin, their curse becomes a prophecy, because by Blood of the Cross we are washed clean from our sins, if only we will come to Him and allow us to wash us in the endless fountain of Divine Mercy. For those sinners who trust in Him, who come to Him seeking His infinite Mercy, who are willing to repentant of their sins, the Blood of Jesus becomes an endless fountain of the Divine Mercy; this Mercy is our only hope for salvation, and in Jesus, we find an infinite ocean of Mercy!

3rd Day: Jesus is Crucified: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing...” Even as the cruel nails are pressed into the socket of the wrists of Jesus, and thrust through the arches of both feet, Jesus begs forgiveness for those who are torturing Him! Even in our most despicable sins, we never have to be afraid to approach Jesus upon the cross. The cross is the Throne of God on earth, it is the Throne of Divine Mercy from which Jesus presides: “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already,

because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son!" To believe in the Son of Man, Jesus, is to believe all that He is and all that He does for us; it means to stake our eternal lives and our present lives upon Him and His word, and to stake our lives and eternity upon His Divine Mercy for us!

4th Day: Jesus dies upon the Cross: "Jesus is stripped of all of His clothing." The infinite mystery of the Divine Love and Mercy is made fully visible in the Person of Jesus dying upon the cross: this is who God is! "After that, Jesus, Knowing that all was now accomplished, (then cries out:) Tetalestai, it is accomplished... and He bowed His head and gave over His Spirit!" After suffering everything that can be suffered, Jesus is not yet finished: He pours out His own Spirit upon us! Such is the nature of the Divine Mercy, it is never exhausted, it rejoices to pour out upon us the very Divine Life of God in Jesus. It makes us new creatures, indeed, the brethren, the brothers and sisters of the Lord, so that in His Spirit, His Father and His Mother now become ours. Jesus only asks that we allow Him to pour out His Infinite Love in His Spirit within us. That is how much He loves us. There is no sin so great that in His mercy it does not become the tiniest grain of sand in the infinite Ocean of Divine Mercy!

5. The Side of Jesus is pierced by the Lance: "But when they came to Jesus, they saw He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a lance, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness, his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth, that you also may believe..." the response of the Centurion is to believe! Jesus beckons us to believe in the mystery of His infinite Divine Mercy for every man and woman, and to bear witness to it: first by our personal response of living in His Mercy, and then, by proclaiming it to the world around us!

6. The Burial of Jesus in a Garden, in a Newly Dug Tomb: "Now in the place where He was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid..." the first sin was committed in a garden given by God to His beloved Children; the Icon of the Divine Mercy, Jesus the Christ, is laid in a New Tomb in a Garden. He is buried in the manner of a King; however, death cannot contain this King. Where Jesus has gone, we too must follow, but as He

transcends sin and death, united with Him, we too transcend sin and death. Only, Believe in His Mercy for you! The Death of Jesus has now become the means by which God, in His infinite Divine Mercy and Love, restores His beloved children to the Paradisum the Garden which He has created for us!

7. Jesus appears in the upper room, wherein the Disciples of Jesus are hidden behind locked doors for fear of the Jewish Leadership: “On the first day of the week, the doors being locked for fear of the Jewish leadership, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: “Peace be with you! And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side...”” Jesus cannot be deterred by the locked doors we set before Him. He is relentlessly asking us to open the doors of our hearts and minds! He stands before the disciples, all of whom ran away from Him, and His first words to them are: “Peace be with you!” He then shows us the wounds of His Infinite Divine Mercy for us, which forever more remain an open door to His Mercy!

8. Jesus breathes upon His apostles, saying: “Receive the Holy Spirit! Whose sins you forgive are forgiven. Whose sins you retain are retained!” Jesus, the King of Mercy, has conquered sin and death by His own death and Resurrection, for all those who Believe and accept His Mercy, He is now the unlimited source of Mercy in the Sacrament of Divine Mercy, Confession and Reconciliation. There is no sin so great that He will not lovingly forgive and annihilate by His Mercy! Never doubt the infinite power of this Sacrament. It annihilates our sins, reconciles us to the Father, and heals the wounds of sin by the Divine Medicine which Jesus gives us through His priest, our Penance. By the power of this Sacrament, the powers of the devil and the chains of sin become broken, and our own brokenness becomes the means of encountering His Divine Love for us!

9. Jesus sends us out into the world, to proclaim the infinite Mercy of God, “Teaching them all that I have taught you to do. Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” Jesus desires all to be immersed in the Divine Life of God. We are called to win and bring souls to Him, for each soul is infinitely precious to Him! When we have been touched by His Divine Mercy and Love, we cannot keep this Grace unto ourselves. Like a pebble

thrown into the infinite ocean of Divine Mercy, the ripples spread out from us, and overflow us into the world; but, we must become apostles of that Mercy for others!

Jesus, King of Mercy, have Mercy upon us and the whole world!