

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES (WDMR)

29 SEPTEMBER 2019

HOLY HOUR FOR WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT MIGRANTS



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(The following Holy Hour is a model based on the ritual book *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*, which should be followed in all respects).

PROCESSION/EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

After all have assembled, a priest or deacon, wearing cope and humeral veil, brings the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar in a monstrance, a song may be sung. He may be accompanied by altar servers with candles.

OPENING SONG:

*O SALUTARIS Hostia
Quae caelipandisostium.
Bella premunthostilia;
Da robur, ferauxilium.*

O SAVING Victim opening wide
The gate of heaven to all below.
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

*Unitrinoque Domino
Sit sempiternagloria:
Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.*

To Thy great name be endless praise
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
Oh, grant us endless length of days,
In our true native land with Thee. Amen.

The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar. The presiding minister then kneels before the altar and incenses the Blessed Sacrament. The opening song is concluded and a period of silent prayer follows.

The presiding minister proceeds in front of the altar, kneels then recites:
O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine

People: All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.



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OUR FATHER...

Presiding Minister: O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine:

People: All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

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Presiding Minister: O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine:

People: All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

GLORY BE...

Brief Silence then opening prayer...

OPENING PRAYER

Presiding Minister: Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.



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Lord Jesus, help us by your grace, to banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister; to welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs; to realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice; to share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us; to give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family as a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer. Grant that we may freely choose to die to our self-interest and obey your holy will by defending the lives of the innocent and defending the faith and freedom you have bestowed on us, your children. We ask this through Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

All: Amen.

SILENCE for about 10-15 minutes...



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1

AM 6:1A, 4-7

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts:
Woe to the complacent in Zion!
Lying upon beds of ivory,
stretched comfortably on their couches,
they eat lambs taken from the flock,
and calves from the stall!

Improvising to the music of the harp,
like David, they devise their own accompaniment.
They drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the best oils;
yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph!
Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile,
and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Blessed he who keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind.
The LORD raises up those who were bowed down.
The LORD loves the just.
The LORD protects strangers.



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R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Reading 2

1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness,
devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.
Compete well for the faith.
Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called
when you made the noble confession in the presence of
many witnesses.
I charge you before God, who gives life to all things,
and before Christ Jesus,
who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession,
to keep the commandment without stain or reproach
until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ
that the blessed and only ruler
will make manifest at the proper time,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,
who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light,
and whom no human being has seen or can see.
To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor,
so that by his poverty you might become rich.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

LK 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

“There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen
and dined sumptuously each day.

And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,
who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps
that fell from the rich man’s table.

Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.

When the poor man died,

he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried,

and from the netherworld, where he was in torment,

he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off

and Lazarus at his side.

And he cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me.

Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue,
for I am suffering torment in these flames.’

Abraham replied,

‘My child, remember that you received

what was good during your lifetime

while Lazarus likewise received what was bad;

but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.



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Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.’
He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.’
But Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.’
He said, ‘Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’
Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the last reading a priest or a deacon preaches the homily, followed by an extended period of silent prayer.

HOMILY

The Presiding Minister may offer insights on Migrants and refugees, the value of human life and importance of religious liberty.

PERIOD OF SILENT REFLECTION AND ADORATION

INTERCESSIONS

Standing at the chair, the presiding minister invites the people to pray:



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Presiding Minister: United in heart, voice, and conscience with believers throughout the world, let us lift up our prayers, asking especially for God's help and compassion. In him we place our trust and hope as we pray:

Lord, hear our prayer

For migrants, refugees and strangers in our midst, that they may find hope in our concern for justice, and feel the warmth of our love. *We pray to the Lord.*

For the courage to fight for children who are trafficked and forcefully taken from their homeland that their rights and dignity will be respected. *We pray to the Lord.*

For those who endanger their lives and travel perilous journeys to the unknown, that they may not lose hope but may be strengthened by our open hearts and open arms. *We pray to the Lord.*

For our government leaders that they would implement policies allowing for safe migration, just working conditions, and successful integration into society. *We pray to the Lord.*

For the many volunteers who carry out loving deeds and who are dedicated and committed to welcoming migrants and refugees, may they know the love and blessing of God. *We pray to the Lord.*

For the courage as faith communities to challenge continuously political commitment to the dignity of the human person and bring an end to dangerous and mass migration. *We pray to the Lord.*



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For all the men, women and children who have died after leaving their homelands in search of a better life, *we pray to the Lord.*

Lord, hear our prayer

Presiding Minister: God our loving Father, you are justice for the oppressed and hope for the hopeless. Hear our prayers this day and instill in us ways to reach out in love and concern for all migrants and refugees. May the Holy Spirit enflame the hearts of our leaders, and may their respect for family life shape a path to citizenship for those who desire to become full, contributing members of society. We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDECTION

The presiding minister goes to the altar, genuflects, and then kneels. As he kneels, "*Tantum ergo*" or another suitable Eucharistic song is sung and he incenses the Blessed Sacrament.

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.*

*Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.*



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After the hymn is finished, he rises and sings or says:

Presiding Minister: You have given them Bread from Heaven.

All: The source of all happiness.

Presiding Minister: Let us pray.

After a brief period of silence, the presider continues:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you gave us the Eucharist
as the memorial of your suffering and death.
May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood
help us to experience the salvation you won for us
and the peace of the kingdom
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

After the prayer, the presider puts on the humeral veil, genuflects, and takes the monstrance. He makes the sign of the cross with the monstrance over those gathered, in silence.

Then, the presiding minister may lead those assembled in the Divine Praises. Each acclamation is repeated by all, together.



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THE 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. Amen

Reposition

After the Divine Praises are finished, the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the monstrance and brought to the place of reservation. A hymn is sung, and the presiding minister and the servers bow to the altar and leave.

Closing Song: “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Source: Some of the materials were extracted from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website.



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