

# **Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter) – Year B**

**Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 April 2021**

## **Celebrants**

Sat 6pm, Sun 8am & 11am: Fr John Sebastian OMI  
Sun 8:15am (St Anne's) & 5pm: Fr Angelo Wijewickrama OMI

## **Cantor**

Sat 6pm: Laura Pitts; Sun 8am & 11am: Bonnie de la Hunty; 5pm: Lucinda Nicholls

## **Organist and Director of Music**

Dominic Perissinotto

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## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

- 1 Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
We celebrate our risen Lord,  
Praising the glory of his name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 He is the grain of wheat that died,  
Sown in distress and reaped in joy,  
Yielding a harvest of new life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 He is the sun which brings the dawn:  
He is the light of all the world,  
Setting us free from death and sin.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 He is the vine set in the earth,  
Sharing our life, becoming man,  
That we might share in God's own life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 He is the bread which comes from God,  
Broken to feed us in our need,  
Given to bring eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 Christ is alive, with joy we sing;  
We celebrate our risen Lord,  
Praising the glory of his name.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **THE FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Acts 4:32-35

***The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul***

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (6pm, 8am, 11am & 5pm sung)**

***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.***

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’

***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.***

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die.

***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.***

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.

***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.***

**THE SECOND READING**

A reading from the First Letter of St John 5:1-6

***Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world***

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ

has been begotten by God;

and whoever loves the Father that begot him

loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God’s children

if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;

this is what loving God is –

keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God  
has already overcome the world;  
this is the victory over the world –  
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:  
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,  
not with water only,  
but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another witness –  
since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (6pm, 8am, 11am & 5pm sung)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them***

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I

can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

6pm Sat: Franz Schubert – Pax vobiscum D551 (Peace Be With You)

8am & 11am Sun: Felix Mendelssohn – “I will sing of thy great mercies” from *St Paul* Op 36

5pm: John Rutter – For the Beauty of the Earth

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

6pm Sat: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – “Exultate Jubilate” (Exult, rejoice!)  
from *Exultate Jubilate* KV 165 (158\*)

8am & 11am Sun: George Fredrich Handel – “How beautiful are the feet” from *Messiah* HWV 56

Sun 5pm: Antonio Vivaldi – ‘Domine Deus’ from *Gloria in D* RV 589

### **POST COMMUNION HYMN**

*Refrain*

Where there is charity and love,  
there the God of love abides.

- 1 The love of Christ has gathered us as one,  
Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;  
Let us revere and love the living God  
And love each other with unfeigning hearts.

*Refrain*

- 2 And so when we are gathered here as one,  
Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;  
Be our resolve all bitterness to shun  
And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.

*Refrain*

- 3 Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,  
To where the blessed glory in your sight;  
There let us see and love you face to face,  
Gathered once more in everlasting light.

*Refrain*

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Refrain*

By your priestly power, O risen Lord,  
All we lost and needed is restored.  
God in our communion be adored.

- 1 At your hands, Lord, we are fed,  
hands that guide and do not falter,  
wounded hands that broke the bread  
on this altar.

*Refrain*

- 2 At your hands we seek release  
from the evils that assail us,  
for we know the Bread of Peace  
will not fail us.

*Refrain*

- 3 In the world that we have known  
selfish, loud, vain passions riot;  
Lord, with you, with you alone  
is deep quiet.

*Refrain*

- 4 To that world we must return  
sharing in its hopes and labour,  
bringing to it Christ's concern  
for our neighbour.

*Refrain*

## **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Johann Sebastian Bach – Prelude in D Major BWV 532

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### ***Mass Setting***

*Christopher Willcock – Missa Magis*

### ***Christ is Alive, with joy We Sing***

Words: Pamela Stotter; Tune: VULPIUS Melody from Melchior Vulpius

### ***Responsorial Psalm***

*Music: Kathleen Boschetti MSC*

### ***Where there is charity and love***

*Text: James Phillip McAuley 1917-76; Music: Richard Connolly*

### ***Where there is charity and love***

*Words & Music: Richard Connolly*