

**SEPTEMBER 24**

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY**

**Solemnity**

**Entrance Antiphon**

*Heb 4: 16*

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

The Gloria in excelsis is said.

**COLLECT**

O God,  
who gave the immaculate Virgin Mary  
a heart compassionate toward sinners:  
graciously grant  
that with her intercession we may be freed from all sins,  
and by her example we may be ever  
more deeply united to the work of the Redeemer.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Lord, accept these gifts joyfully offered to you,  
and grant that we who honor the Blessed Virgin, Mother of Mercy,  
may give witness to the new humanity  
reconciled to you in the love of Christ.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Jn 19: 34*

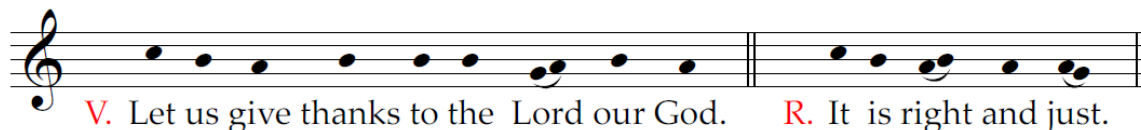
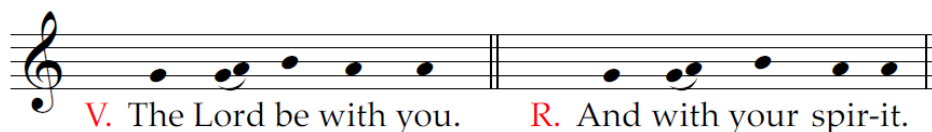
One of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance,  
and at once there flowed out blood and water.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Restored by the Body and Blood of your Incarnate Word,  
we beseech O Lord,  
that through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
we may share with our brothers and sisters in word and deed,  
your mercy, which we have gratefully received.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## **PREFACE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY**



**It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation,  
that we should give you thanks holy Father, in every time and place,  
and in this celebration of the Mother of Mercy  
magnify you with due praise.**

**She is the Mother of God,  
under whose protection we take confident refuge,  
and by whose merciful help we continually gain strength.**

**She is the associate of the Redeemer,  
who, by your manifold grace,  
was present to him as a most loving mother as he lay in the crib  
and stood by the Cross as the faithful companion in his Passion;  
And now, raised to the heavenly city,  
she has become our advocate and the sublime witness of salvation.**

**She is our exalted helper,  
who assists the Church in her every need,  
and for all the faithful,  
whom Christ Jesus commended to her from the Cross,  
she is the servant of mercy and a provident mother.**

**And so, we join with the Angels and all the Saints  
in praising the redeeming and loving work of your Son,  
and we give glory through you, Lord, praying with one voice:**