

Feast of the Sacred Heart

June 23, 2017

Call to Prayer

Leader: Listening Heart of God

All: We praise you with open hearts.

Leader: Compassionate Heart of God

All: We praise your merciful love.

Leader: Sacred Heart of God

All: We praise your ending love for Your world.

Choose an opening song.

Reader: My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. John 15:12-13

All: Heartbeat of God, create within each of us, your daughters and sons, a sacred heart.

Reader:

My Heart is pierced by
miserly loving, indifference to others, deliberate injustices
and by unexpected kindness.

My Heart goes out to
those in pain, feeling lonely, overcome by life's struggles
and to those who seek to understand and comfort them.

My Heart draws in
those at the edges, those feeling alienated and lost
and all those whose arms create community.

My Heart is strengthened by
day to day faithfulness, standing with, walking beside
and when invited – by walking in front.

My Heart is ablaze transforming
poverty, war, rootlessness and hopelessness
and with the spread of reconciling relationship.

My Heart cries out for right relationship, meaningful connections,
making the most of life now,
and for a gentle time with you.

My Heart is your heart
Be my heart!

(Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, North Sydney, AU)

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Reader: Litany

Jesus, Burning Heartbeat of God and Son of Mary.....call us to passionate discipleship.
Jesus, Homeless Heartbeat of God.....grace us with hospitality for all.
Jesus, Merciful Heartbeat of God.....open us to the vulnerable and weary.
Jesus, Suffering Heartbeat of God.....reveal the path of justice and peace.
Jesus, Forgiving Heartbeat of God.....stir courage within us for new beginnings.
Jesus, Wounded Heartbeat of God.....heal us for service.
Jesus, Creative Heartbeat of God.....stretch us into new visions and dreams of You.
Jesus, Liberating Heartbeat of God.....free us from darkness.
Jesus, Sacred Heartbeat of God.....love through us in the sacred homeland of our hearts.

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Leader: Blessing

May the creative heartbeat of God keep us ever mindful of the ability to dream with God.

May God's love wrap us 'round warming and comforting us, giving us much to share with others.

May our new visions and dreams connect us with all creation, with all who are, with all who will be. Amen

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Choose a closing song.

