

# Solemnity of the Heart of Jesus

2012

Open to the All-Embracing Love  
of the Heart of Christ



*Prayer Vigil*



**Response (R/.):** We bless and adore you!

Heart of Jesus, eternal Word of the Father, Son of the Virgin Mary, Teacher of Galilee of the Gentiles, Samaria, and Judea, **R/.**

Heart of Jesus, Lamb immolated and offered up out of love and Redeemer of humanity. **R/.**

Heart of Jesus, Good Samaritan for humanity, and always near to those who have fallen and in need. **R/.**

Heart of Jesus, Friend to foreigners, sinners, and outcasts. **R/.**

Heart of Jesus, Defender of the poor, oppressed, refugees, and the Anawim. **R/.**

Heart of Jesus, Friend to all men and women, Messiah and Savior of the world. **R/.**

Heart of Jesus, Liberator who frees us from our egoism, our biases, and our slaveries. **R/.**

Heart of Jesus, universal Mediator and always ready to intercede for us. **R/.**

*Period of Silence*

## Part Two

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

*Just as the breath of God made the first creation come alive, so the breath of the Holy Spirit creates the new man. The Holy Spirit is alive and active in the church which has the mission of making all nations a single people, the new People of God. Language barriers and every other barrier cannot prevent the Gospel from being taken to the entire world.*

#### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1a, 4-8, 12)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem devout Jews, people from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered saying, "Are not these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear each of us in his own native language?" And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

*The Word of the Lord.*

#### A Reading from the Spiritual Works of Venerable Fr. Dehon

The Holy Spirit is the bond of love. At the same time that he unites our Lord to his Father, he unites us to himself and wants us united among ourselves. It is a most closely knit bond. He strengthens his love in us to make it become devout and obedient and for his part to make it merciful and generous. He is the cord of friendship and sweet union. He is the font of every pure and true joy: "*These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full*" (John 15:11). He is the source of life like sap for a tree and he makes us rich in the fruit of salvation. This union opens the Heart of Jesus up for us and makes him ready and gives us what we ask: "*whatever you ask the Father in my name, He will give it to you*" (John 15:17). He draws the grace of salvation down on us and blessing upon our works (OSP 3, ASC, p. 590).

#### Responsorial Psalm

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**R/.** Send your Spirit O Lord and renew the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.  
 How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all.  
 The earth is full of your riches. **R/.**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.  
 You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R/.**

I will sing to the Lord all my life, make music to my God while I live.  
 May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **R/.**

**Let us pray:**

Almighty and eternal God, who from the heights of Mt. Sinai gave to Moses the old law and at Pentecost manifested the new covenant in the fiery tongues of the Spirit, grant that we may always be inflamed by that same Spirit which you marvelously poured out on the Apostles and, like the new Israel gathered from all the nations, let us joyfully receive the eternal commandment of your love and testify to it before all peoples. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*Period of silence.*

**Gospel**

*We know that Jesus preached chiefly among the Jews. According to Matthew, the universal mission receives the emphasis: the Gospel will be preached throughout the whole world. Even Jesus departs from his native land and goes to preach to pagans. He announces the good news and frees people from evils and illnesses. Whoever accepts the Word, he gathers into the new community which lives in strong community open to universality.*

**A Reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew (4: 13, 23-25).**

Jesus, leaving Nazareth, went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the

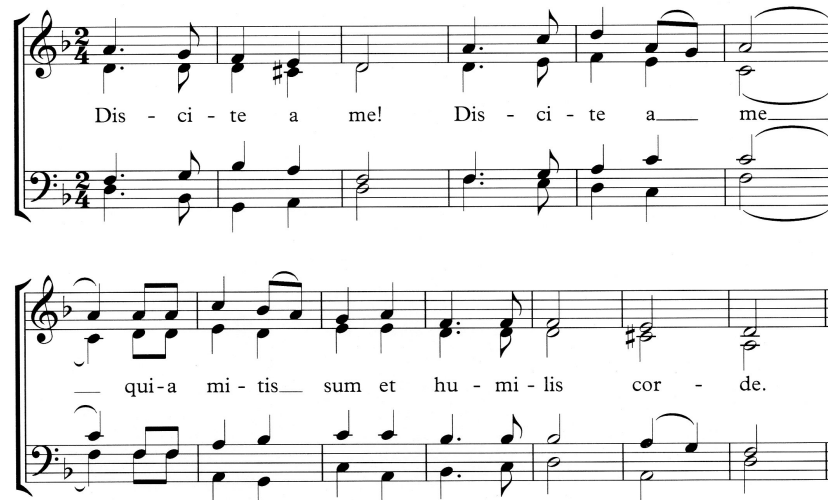
people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

### From the letter of the Superior General and his Council

Openness to the other and to the different which leads to universality has for ***its sole model the Christ***, the Son of God become member of our humanity... The Word of God is radically foreign to our culture and to our human existence, but obedient to the Father's will – "*Behold, I come to do your will*" (Heb. 10:7) – he wiped out all distance and extraneousness. While remaining sinless, He took on our human condition and became subject to our weakness and sinfulness. He remained faithful and at our side throughout his suffering and death. He was trained for the drama by the humanity he assumed and became the source and model of obedience to the Father's plan and the firstborn of reconciled humanity for all those who follow him (cf. Heb. 5:7-10). Becoming man, Christ "*emptied himself*" (Phil. 2:7) yet never abdicated his status as Son of God. In his incarnation, he learned to accept his existence as Son in a life as man and member of a people and in a human culture. Thus, both Son of God and Son of man, he established a new way of living among men and opened a way to access the life of God.... As we are formed in the spirituality of the Heart of Christ we discover in the mystery of the incarnation and the gift of the spirit of the Risen Lord ***the basis and model of our mission and our communion.***

Response



The image shows a musical score for a response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system is in 2/4 time and features the lyrics "Dis - ci - te a me! Dis - ci - te a me". The second system continues with the lyrics "qui - a mi - tis sum et hu - mi - lis cor - de". The piano accompaniment is simple, using chords and single notes to support the vocal line.

Lord Jesus, we want to learn from you to have an open heart, a heart that is disposed to love always. **R/.**

Lord Jesus, we wish to hunger and thirst for a good heart, to love always, ever more and more, and to witness your love. **R/.**

Lord Jesus, we need boldness and tenacity to go beyond discord and division, suffering and bitter solitude and to live in communion with one another. **R/.**

Lord Jesus, we wish to build a civilization of love, to be men and women with open, tender, available, and generous hearts. **R/.**

Lord Jesus, we wish to be the “living” Gospel so that the world may come to know your plan for salvation and thus become a better and more worthy dwelling place for all humanity. **R/.**

**Let us Pray:**

Lord Jesus Christ, beloved Son of the Father, who has revealed to the peoples the good news of salvation, give us a heart like yours: one that is meek and humble, one that is open and available, one that works for the building up of a new humanity and a civilization of love with unbounded generosity and great joy. You who are God with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **R/.** Amen.

*Period of Silence.*

### Part Three

#### (Universal) Prayer of the Faithful and Eucharistic Benediction

##### (Universal) Prayer of the Faithful

###### Presider:

Brothers (and Sisters), our contemplation of the open Heart of the Savior from which issues his Spirit on all humanity, is the fount of sacrificial love and inspires in us dispositions toward universality in keeping to our inherited charism, and in fidelity to the church and the needs of the world. Let us pray:

**R/.** Hear us O Lord.

For the church in whose Gospel-inspired life we encounter the basis of the universal dimension of our lives as Dehonians, that by confessing our faith in Jesus, Son of God, it may bring the good news of salvation to all peoples, let us pray. **R/.**

For bishops, priests, and deacons that, like Paul, they may feel the urgency of proclaiming the Gospel to all the nations and effectively contribute to the abolition of differences and exclusions among those who have been become the Body of Christ, let us pray. **R/.**

For those responsible for justice and peace and the peoples and nations, that by acknowledging the multiculturalism of today's world, they may promote respect for the equal dignity among men and women redeemed by Christ and made a new creation by the Spirit, let us pray. **R/.**

For the congregation, that living the spirituality of the Heart of Christ, it may encounter the basis and model of our communion and mission through the mystery of the Incarnation and the Risen Lord's gift of the Spirit, let us pray. **R/.**

For the congregation, that in time of great changes, it may know how to go beyond boundaries, limitations, and difficulties after the example of Fr. Dehon and rise up with new energy for its universal and intercultural mission in today's church and world, let us pray. **R/.**

###### Let us Pray:

Lord, friend of mankind, send down the grace of the Holy Spirit upon us and grant that, in living worthily the vocation by which you called us, we may give witness to all of your love and may work with our brothers in such a way that all human beings and nations form one single people united by the bond of love and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who with you, is God in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## Tantum Ergo

### Eucharistic Benediction.

### Final Song:

Musical score for Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass parts. The score is in 2/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are: Cor Je - su sa - cra - tis - si - mum, mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re - re no - bis.

### OR:

Musical score for the 'OR' section. The score is in 2/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are: E - un - tes do - ce - te om - nes gen - tes! E - un - tes do - ce - te om - nes gen - tes!

Chords indicated above the staff: D-, F+, B+, F+, C+, D-, B+, F+ A7 D-, D-, B+, A-, F+, D-, C+, F+, A7, D-, A7, D-.

**NB:** The antiphons and responses can be freely translated and adapted in the different languages as is commonly done with all the hymns from Taizé.