Liturgy of Gratitude
for 190 Years of BVM Life and Mission

All Saints’ Day
November 1, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Mary Frances Clarke Chapel
Mount Carmel Bluffs
As a senior living facility it is our custom to remain seated throughout the liturgy.

We will be led in prayer today by Archbishop Thomas Zinkula, our chaplains Msgr. Russ Bleich and Rev. Ardel Barta, and longtime friend Rev. Brendan Freeman, a Trappist of New Melleray Abbey.

Organ Prelude: *Psalm 117* by Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome: LaDonna Manternach, BVM

Opening Song: *Litany of Remembrance*

We invite our patrons, founders, leaders throughout our 190 years, and all of our BVM sisters, represented by those who died this past year, to celebrate with us.

The response to each name is “Be with us,” sung on a single note.

Holy Mary, St. Joseph, Mary Frances Clarke, Margaret Mann, Eliza Kelly, Catherine Byrne, Rose O’Toole, Terence Donaghoe: **All:** Holy patrons, holy founders, be with us.

Gertrude Regan, Cecilia Dougherty, Ascension Lilly, Isabella Kane, Gervase Tuffy, Josita Baschnagel, Helen Wright, Robert Kuhn: **All:** Faithful women, loving sisters, be with us.

Joan Keleher Doyle, Mary Frances Shafer, Helen Maher Garvey, Dolores Marie McHugh, Georgeann Quinlan, Bernadette Schwach, Joan Opatts, Joanna Rettenmeier: **All:** Faithful women, loving sisters, be with us.

Mary Jo Keane, Patricia Taylor, Mary Alma Sullivan, Kathleen Spurlin, Judith Dewell, Mary O’Connor, Mary McElmeel, all our dear sisters: **All:** Faithful women, loving sisters, be with us.

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Glory to God: Mass of Creation

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

Verses

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgical of the Word

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-12

I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb." All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed: "Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Responsorial Psalm

In the sight of the an-gels, O Lord, I will sing your praise in my laugh-ter and pain, till the end of my days, O Lord.

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Second Reading: *The Price of Our Heritage* by SM Jane Coogan, BVM

On the eve of All Saints 1833, after two weeks’ absence for retreat at the Jesuit novitiate in Maryland, Father Donaghoe called on the Sisters. Assuring them of the “Bishop’s” approval and blessing, he announced that on the following day, November 1, he would receive them formally into the religious life. He would be their director and reverend-superior and it was his wish that the capable and efficient Margaret Mann should act as Mother. To this Margaret could not agree. Mary Frances had been their acknowledged leader from the beginning, and Margaret refused to supplant her. Father Donaghoe acquiesced, conferring on Mary Frances the title of Mother, and assigning to Margaret the positions of assistant to Mother Clarke and of mistress of novices. Further arrangements included Mass at St. Joseph’s for them in the morning, at which they would receive Holy Communion. On their return to their little “convent,” they would make an act of consecration, and he would instruct them in the duties of the religious life.

If Mother Clarke experienced a certain uneasiness at the abruptness of it all, with no time for consultation or for immediate preparation by way of recollection or retreat, she may have reminded herself that they had been making remote preparation for two years…

On November 1, after the Mass and act of consecration, Father announced to the Sisters that their religious title would be Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin, and confirmed his decision that Mary Frances would thenceforth be known as Mother Clarke. The others would retain their Christian names, with the prefix “Sister Mary.”

A word from our BVM heritage. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: *Celtic Alleluia*  
Christopher Walker

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Reflection: Pat Bombard, BVM
Profession of Faith: Apostles’ Creed
We use the Apostles’ Creed this month because of its clear reference to the Communion of Saints. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Universal Prayer
Presider: Trusting in God’s steadfast love, let us offer our prayers.
+ May the Church be blessed with wise pastoral leaders who help the People of God grow in a spirit of true synodality, open to the gifts each one brings to make the Body of Christ a vibrant presence in the world today, we pray:
   LOVING GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.
+ May women religious throughout the world be blessed with the divine and human support they need to remain faithful to the Gospel, faithful to their charism, and free to live their call in safety and integrity, we pray:
+ May those who are poor receive not only the assistance needed to survive, but also the advocacy and skills needed to thrive, we pray:
+ May people struggling to survive in war zones, under oppressive governments, in areas of severe drought, and from the scourge of drug and gang violence be helped in finding safety in their home countries or through migration, we pray:
+ May all those with whom BVMs minister, both in person and through our prayerful and financial support, experience the freeing love of God, we pray:
+ May all those who support BVM life and mission with such faithfulness and abundance be richly blessed for their generosity, we pray:
+ May every BVM sister and associate experience the love of God poured out in their hearts through the Holy Spirit, and the supportive presence of Mary, Joseph, and all of our BVM saints each day, especially in times of sickness and suffering, we pray:
+ May all who provide daily services and personal care for us know our deep gratitude and the reward of Beatitude happiness, we pray:
Presider: Loving God, hear the prayers of your people, and free our hearts to bring your compassion to all in need. We ask this in the name of Jesus and in the power of your Holy Spirit, who are one with you for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist
Presentation of Gifts: Ann Marie Dress, BVM & Lynn Winsor, BVM
Representatives of the 190th Planning Committee
Song: *The Journey*  
Text: Mary Alma Sullivan, BVM, Music: Eliza Kenney, BVM

1. In Dublin town the paths of five converged; A common life from disparate backgrounds.
2. The summons came but in exotic guise: To be God's exiles, leave the world they challenged and honed a living vision blessed by formed; To serve the needy occupied their lives; They knew, To brave wild seas, no map, no key in hand, To all. We are the heirs and stewards of their dreaming. Our

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Our sisters came to this holy place;

We have been led to this holy space.

The Spirit, their spirits are here.

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Eucharistic Acclamations & Lamb of God: *Mass of Creation*  
Marty Haugen

Communion Song: *O Taste and See*  
Annastasia McGown, BVM Associate

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Remarks by Archbishop Zinkula

Announcements

Final Blessing
May God, whose aid has never failed you, continue to aid as in the past.  
Amen.
May God, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion.  
Amen.
And may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Closing Song:  Praise Be to Thee, O Lord  
Organ Postlude:  Nun danket alle Gott

Ringing of the Prairie Bell

The bell was originally purchased from the Buckeye Bell Foundry, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 13, 1856. From the time of purchase the bell was located at St. Joseph’s Prairie outside of Dubuque and was used to call the sisters to prayer, students to class, workers in from the fields, children and adults to meals. It was also used, as was then common, to call for help in emergencies such as fire.

In 1901, after 45 years on the Prairie, the bell was moved to the ground floor corridor of the Mount Carmel Motherhouse. It is currently located on the ground floor at the base of the open staircase ascending to the attic. From the top of the bell to the floor (frame included) the distance is 8 feet, 4 inches. The bell alone, without its frame, weighs 177 lbs. It is now rung for major community celebrations such as jubilees and today’s anniversary.
Praise Be to Thee, O Lord, King of glory everlasting. The Lord doth reign, Let the earth (let the earth) rejoice.

Sing joyfully unto the Lord, our King. Let the sea be moved and the fulness thereof. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord. Sing joyfully to God, all the earth, Sing, rejoice, and give praise. Sing and rejoice,

Sing and give praise, Sing ye, rejoice and give praise! The King of Kings sits upon His starry throne, Praise ye Him, Praise ye Him. The King of Kings sits upon His starry throne, Praise ye Him.