

**HOLY HALF HOUR FOR NOVEMBER 2016**

**Christ our Merciful King**

**Hymn : Into thy presence we come**

**Introduction :**

Dear Friends, the Church invited Catholics and non-Catholics alike to encounter God's grace during an extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy during this year. God's mercy, of course, is ever-present and ever-abundant. Jesus is the "The Face of Mercy". Many of us have taken the opportunity to become 'stronger and more effective' witnesses to the Faith we proclaim changed both, by contemplating the depths of God's mercy and by imitating Christ in the world today. Jesus came into the world to establish a kingdom that was based on truth, love, mercy and compassion. Are we ready to imitate Christ our King and spread His Kingdom as we stand witness to the truth, love and compassion in the world? (Silence)

**Hymn : The King of glory**

Jesus says His kingdom is not from this world but that those who believe in Him will hear and listen to His voice.

**Scripture Reading:** John 18: 33-37 to be proclaimed from the Bible (SILENCE)

**Reflection :**

What have you done as followers of Jesus Christ.....

- We are the body of Christ leading others to holier and happier lives.
- We are the 'face of mercy and compassion' in an indifferent world.
- We are an open door – honest, truthful and simple in our relationships.
- We welcome the poor, needy, depressed, orphan, widow, mentally and physically challenged.
- We open our heart to listen to the voice of Jesus and testify to the truth.

**Hymn : Whatsoever you do to set your brother free**

**Prayer of the Faithful :**

**Response : O Jesus, Most Merciful King, Reign in our hearts.**

In times of being honest human beings.... O Jesus

In times of being there for the poor and the needy... O Jesus  
In times of holding hands with the sick and suffering... O Jesus  
In times of lending a listening ear to the lonely and depressed... O Jesus  
In times of standing up for the right... O Jesus  
In times of being open and simple in our relationships.... O Jesus  
In times of admitting the wrong that we have done... O Jesus  
In times of praying for our enemies... O Jesus  
In times of being grateful to our friends and neighbours... O Jesus  
In times of following the narrow path... O Jesus  
In times of loving our family, relatives, near and dear ones... O Jesus

Almighty and merciful God, you make all things new in your Son, Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. May we always seek you in all that we do and may you reign in our hearts forever and ever. Amen.

**Benediction** : Let us bow

**Concluding Prayer :**

Dear Jesus as we reach the end of the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy we pray that we continue being the sign of the 'father's mercy' to the world around us. May those who meet us see 'your face' in our merciful words and deeds. We ask you to be merciful to us, protect us from the evil one and strengthen our faith. We praise you Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Amen.

**Hymn : To follow the Lord**

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