

# **“BRING EVERYWHERE THE LIVING CHARITY OF GOD”**

**Remembering Mo. Maria Elisa Andreoli**

*The Assembly can choose other songs and refrains*

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Salutation to Mary**

*According to the tradition of the Reparatrix Sisters  
Servants of Mary, the celebration starts with a  
salutation song to the Virgin Mary.*

**A.** Hail Mary full of grace,  
The Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you amongst women,  
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

### **Sign of the Cross**

**G:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**A:** Amen

### **Song: A new commandment**

**Ref:** *A new commandment I give unto you,  
That you love one another as I have love you  
That you love one another as I love you.*

By this shall all men know you are my disciples  
If you have love one for another. **(2x) (Ref)**

### **Monition**

**L:** Sisters and brothers, today, we are united in  
prayer for the 85<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary in heaven of  
Venerable Servant of God Mother Maria Elisa  
Andreoli, foundress of the Reparatrix Sisters  
Servants of Mary.

We thank the Lord for having given us a woman  
and a mother of great spiritual figure, marked by  
the experienced of the love of God, who made her

hand over her fate and that of the Institute to him  
alone, to His care and His mercy. We ask the Lord  
that our life too, maybe unified in holiness by the  
virtue of charity, and thanks to the acceptance of  
the action of the Holy Spirit.

## **PRAYER**

**G:** Let us pray

O Father, who in your providence place everything  
according to your plan of salvation, guide us with  
your Spirit, so that not only with words but with  
works and life we can bear witness to you and thus  
enter the kingdom of heaven. For Christ our Lord.

**A:** Amen.

## **1. “For God alone I seek, Jesus Christ I Love”**

### **Listening to the Word of God**

**L: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 6: 4-9**

*Listen, Israel: Yahweh, our God, is One Yahweh.  
And you shall love Yahweh, your God, with all your  
heart, with all your soul and with all your strength.  
Engrave on your heart the commandments that I  
pass on to you today. Repeat them over and over to  
your children, speak of them when you are at home  
and when you travel, when you lie down and when  
you rise. Brand them on your hand as a sign, and  
keep them always before your eyes. Engrave them  
on your doorposts and on your city gates.*

**Responsorial Psalm 17: 2-3, 19-20, 31, 47**

**Re:** *I love the Lord, my rock, in whom I take refuge.*

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress,

My deliverer and my God.

He is the rock in whom I take refuge.

He is my shield, my powerful Savior, my stronghold.

They launched their attack on an opportune day,  
But the Lord was my support.  
He has set me out in the open,  
He saved me because he cares for me.

This God, His way is perfect;  
The word of the Lord can stand fire.  
He is a shield for those who seek refuge in Him.

The Lord lives!  
Praised be my rock!  
Exalted be my Savior, my God.

### Reading

#### **L: From the Writings of Mother Maria Elisa Andreoli<sup>1</sup>**

God alone is capable of filling my heart. I have no other desire than to love you, with all of my mind, with all my heart, with all my will. It is enough for me that He remains glorified in these tribulations of mine. I want to become a saint in the way that Jesus wants. My man is only Jesus Christ, true God and true man, who lives in the Blessed Sacrament. He alone is enough for me. I forgive all, I pray for those who slander us, mindful of how much (Jesus) forgave His crucifiers, I am amply forgiving any offense.

### Invocation

**G:** Mother Elisa let herself be attracted by the love of the Lord and recognized His infinite goodness.  
Lord Jesus, grant us to follow you with ardent love.

### Refrain (to be sung)

*Ref: Ti seguirò, ti seguirò, o Signore,  
e nella tua strada camminerò.*

Ti seguirò, nella via dell'amore  
e donerò al mondo la vita. *Rit.*

## **2. "Dearest daughters, how grateful I am to you and how much I love you"**

### Listening to the Word of God

#### **L: A reading from the First book of Paul to the Thessalonians and Corinthians (1Th 2:7-8, Co 3:2-4)**

On the contrary, we were gentle with you, as a nursing mother who feeds and cuddles her baby. And so great is our concern that we are ready to give you, as well as the Gospel, even our very lives, for you have become very dear to us. I gave you milk and not solid food, for you were not ready for it and up to now you cannot receive it for you are still of the flesh. As long as there is jealousy and strife, what can I say but that you are at the level of the flesh and behave like ordinary people. While one says: "I follow Paul," and the other: "I follow Apollos," what are you but people still at a human level?

### Canticle

**(Dt 32, 9-12)**

But the Lord keeps for himself his portion,  
Jacob, his chosen one.

In the wilderness he found them,  
In a barren, howling wasteland;  
He shielded them and cared for them  
As the apple of his eye.

Like an eagle watching its nest,  
Hovering over its young,  
Supporting them on its spread wings  
And carrying them on its pinions.

The Lord alone led them,  
Without the aid of a foreign god.

### Reading

#### **L: From the Writings of Mother Maria Elisa Andreoli**

Someone asks me why I keep two gold rings, one on the right and one on the left in the ring fingers?  
I answer: the one on the left binds me to the

bridegroom Jesus. Looking at him makes me fervent in loving and serving him. The one on the right binds me to the community entrusted to me by my spouse. In the afflictions, discouragements, I look at him, I kiss him and I feel refreshed. Why gold? Because my love for Jesus the bridegroom, and for the daughter community, must be fervent, pure, resolving, general without blemish, full of charity, sacrifice, purity. My God, infinite goodness, hold us tight in the Sacred Heart of Mary so that one day, we can be all reunited in heaven.

My dearest missionary in Sena...I always pray for you. Be sure that the farther away you are from me, the more I think of you and hold you tight to my heart. My dear distant daughters, I love you very much.

### Invocation

**G:** Mother Maria Elisa loved her spiritual daughters with tender love, thoughtful care and enlightened decisions. Lord Jesus, make us welcoming of her teachings with docility, trusting in your guidance.

### Refrain *(to be sung)*

*Rit. Signore, sei tu il mio pastor,  
nulla mi può mancar nei tuoi pascoli.*

Tra l'erbe verdeggianti mi guidi a riposar,  
all'acque tue tranquille mi fai tu dissetar. *Rit.*

### 3. "May that charity reign among you which makes many hearts one and makes life delightful"

### Listening to the Word of God

**L: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians and the first letter of Peter (Ph 2, 2-4, 1 Pt 1, 22; 4,8)**

I urge you, then, to make me completely happy by having the same thoughts, sharing the same love, and being one in soul and mind. Don't do anything

from selfish ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble toward one another, always considering others better than yourselves. And look out for one another's interests, not just for your own.

Now that by your obedience to the truth you have purified yourselves and have come to have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart. Above everything, love one another earnestly, because love covers over many sins.

### Responsorial Psalm (132)

**Re:** *How wonderful it is to live together*

How wonderful it is, how pleasant,  
For God's people to live together in harmony!

It is like the precious anointing oil,  
Running down from Aaron's head and beard,  
Down to the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Mount Hermon,  
Falling on the hills of Zion.  
That is where the Lord has promised his blessing,  
Life that never ends.

### Reading

**L: From the Writings of Mother Maria Elisa Andreoli**

They all consider themselves as sisters, as such they love, compassionate and help each other; it showed by the fact that the bond of charity can make many hearts one only. I pray that charity among you will always be alive in you, that is, to love one another without partiality, to help one another; sympathize with your weaknesses; never despise what another does; blaming herself, forgiving her sisters. If you do this, your community will be a paradise. I hope that the divine spouse will always keep the lamp of charity burning in you, so that at the hour of death he may welcome you

into heaven and give you the reward of the wise prudent virgins. Live and die of love for Jesus crucified and for Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows. Everything else is nothing.

### **Invocation**

**G:** The life of Mother Maria Elisa taught us that “Humility is the mother of charity.” Lord Jesus, grant us your Holy Spirit to allow us to be purified from all selfishness and to guide us in mutual charity.

### **Refrain (to be sung)**

*Amatevi fratelli come io ho amato voi,  
Avrete la mia gioia, che nessuno vi toglierà.  
Avremo la sua gioia, che nessuno ci toglierà.*

## **4. “I would like to make my Lord Jesus Christ loved by thousands of millions of hearts”**

### **Listening to the Word of God**

#### **L: A reading from the book of Isaiah and from the Acts of Apostles (Is 58, 10-12, Ac 1,8)**

If you give food to the hungry and satisfy those who are in need, then the darkness around you will turn to the brightness of noon. And I will always guide you and satisfy you with good things. I will keep you strong and well. You will be like a garden that has plenty of water, like a spring of water that never goes dry. Your people will rebuild what has long been in ruins, building again on the old foundations. You will be known as the people who rebuilt the walls, who restored the ruined houses. But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

### **Canticle (Lk 1, 51-55)**

He has stretched out his mighty arm  
And scattered the proud with all their plans.

He has brought down mighty kings from their thrones / And lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
And send the rich away with empty hands.

He has kept the promise he made to our ancestors,  
And has come to the help of his servant Israel.

He has remembered to show mercy to Abraham  
And to all his descendants forever.

### **Reading**

#### **L: From the 1920 Constitutions of the Reparatrix Servants of Mary (art. 3)**

However, it is not enough to carry those divine inspirations that the sisters may have in contemplating the passion of Jesus and the sorrows of Mary. It is even more necessary to remember that the Blessed Virgin, after the ascension of Jesus into heaven, labored assiduously for the souls He has redeemed. Hence, the secondary purpose of this Institute appears to be that of imitating the Sorrowful Mother with all her strength with ardent zeal for souls and tender compassion for the spiritual and temporal needs of one’s neighbor. Therefore, the education of children and other works of charity should be taken with every care.

### **Invocation**

**G:** Mother Maria Elisa’s life was entirely oriented to “love, serve and repair.” Lord Jesus gives us the joy in serving and in giving ourselves.

### **Refrain (to be sung)**

*Testimoni dell’amore, testimoni del Signore  
siamo il popolo di Dio e annunciamo il regno suo.  
Annunciamo la sua pace la speranza della croce  
che lo spirito di Dio dona a questa umanità.*

## 5. “God is Love”

### Gospel Proclamation

#### **L: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark (12, 28-33)**

So he came up and asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is: Hear, Israel! The Lord, our God, is One Lord, and you shall love the Lord, your god, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. And after this comes another one: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these two.” The teacher of the Law said to him, “Well spoken, Master; you are right when you say that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all our heart, with all our understanding and with all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves is more important than any burnt offering or sacrifice.” Jesus approved this answer and said, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

*After the proclamation of the Gospel, can be followed by a reflection on the part of those who preside or read a text from the Magisterium for example, n.18 of the **encyclical letter Deus Caritas Est** by Benedict XVI “The saints…”*

### Intercession

**G:** Let us glorify the Lord, holy and merciful God, who works wonders in those who welcome his Word of eternal life, and together we pray with confidence.

**A:** O God, our Father

You have given to your church,

Mother Maria Elisa Andreoli,

That in her life, has constantly search

Inspiration to the Virgin

To understand the designs of your merciful love,  
And to do your will.

We thank you,

For this benevolent gift and we pray to you;

Grant us, through the example of your faithful servant,

To love and serve in your plan of salvation,

And of love to all mankind;

Worthy to be glorify in this land,

Grant to us the grace that faithfully we await.

*Brief silence so that each one can formulate in her heart the grace she wishes to ask for.*

### Our Father

#### Prayer

#### **G: Let us pray**

Holy Father,

Help us to listen to your Word,

To know and love you more,

To open ourselves in listening

To the anxieties and hopes of mankind,

To remain faithful to our vocation

And in ecclesial service and prayer.

For Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen**

### Final Blessing

**G:** Let us go in peace, remembering that listening and loving are worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.

**A:** Thanks be to God.

**Song:** *According to the tradition of the Reparatrix Servants of Mary, the prayer ends with a song of Salve Regina o other Marian songs.*

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1.The Writings of Mo. M. Elisa are taken from the *Memories Letters, Diary, Spiritual Writings and Norms of life.*