

# Morning Prayer for the Feast of St Joseph

## la Feile Naomh Iosaef (Gaelic)

### Invitation to Prayer

**Leader** My heart is ready O God  
**All** I will sing, sing your praise and make music with all my soul  
**Leader** I will praise you among your holy ones  
**All** Among the nations I will give you thanks

### Gathering Song

*Any suitable hymn or as suggested*

*“Because you are Chosen”- CD “Heart of the Shepherd” - John Michael Talbot*

### Psalm 101/94

**Antiphon** Look with favour upon us that we may dwell with you

**Voice(s) 1** I sing of fidelity and justice;  
To you O God I will sing.  
I will pay heed to the way that is blameless  
O when will you come to me.

**Voice(s) 2** I will walk with integrity of heart  
Within my house;  
I will not set before my eyes  
Anything that is base.

**Voice(s) 1** Happy are those whom you chasten,  
Whom you teach by means of your law  
To give them respite from days of trouble,  
Until oppression is no more.

**Voice(s) 2** You will not abandon your people;  
You will not forsake your heritage.  
For justice will return to the righteous,  
And the upright in heart will follow it.

**Voice(s) 1** Who will rise against oppression?  
Who will stand against injustice?  
If you had not been my help  
I would soon dwell in the land of silence.

**Voice(s) 2** When I think : ‘my foot is slipping,’  
Your steadfast love upholds me,  
When the cares of my heart are many  
Your consolations cheer my soul.



All But you have become my stronghold,  
My God, the rock of my refuge.  
Injustice will turn on itself  
And evil will destroy evil.

All Look with favour upon us that we may dwell with you

## Word of God *Matthew 1:20*

*'Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife. It is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this child.'*

## Reflecting on Joseph

*You Joseph faithful to the law  
Secure in known ways of kin  
Impelled now by a dream  
Led only by faith, love.  
Gambling all for the unknown  
Humbly entering the place of transition  
At what price Joseph?  
Go...walk new pathways  
Be assured  
Have no fear...*



## Benedictus (an alternative)

Antiphon We thank you Creator God  
God of dreams

You opened the womb of Sarah even in old age

All **We thank you Creator God**

You called forth Esther to intercede for your people

All **We thank you Creator God**

You brought forth the song of the psalms from the mouth of David

All **We thank you creator God**

You invited Mary in her lowliness to birth your Son

All **We thank you Creator God**

You called Joseph in a dream to enter unknown places

All **We thank you Creator God**

You sent us Jesus to reveal your great love for us and free us from darkness

All **We thank you Creator God**

You hold us as your own, all of humanity both now and even  
from beyond boundaries of time, drawing us all ever nearer to you.

All **We thank you Creator God**

## Intercessions

**Let us pray** In Jesus, you have called us each by name and so we pray;  
Open our hearts to your Way, your Truth, your Life  
By your birth, human life is raised to new dignity.  
Help us to uphold the quality of life and the human dignity of all

**Response** **Open our minds to your Way, your Truth, your Life**

You were sent by God not to judge, but to bring us to new life;  
Give us the grace to seek out the new Ways to which you are calling us

**Response** **Open our hearts to your Way, your Truth, your Life**

You were called the son of Joseph the carpenter. Help us to find our joy and fulfillment  
in the ordinary events of our lives where you are present

**Response:** **Open our hearts to your Way, your Truth, your Life**

You came into a world that was troubled and in pain. Give hope to all and especially  
the most vulnerable at this time of economic failure in our global family.

**Response** **Open our hearts to your Way, your Truth, your Life**

You have always raised up the humble and faithful and set them as models for our  
Journey. As we look forward to the Canonisation of Blessed Mary MacKillop, empower  
us to live in the spirit of Joseph whom she emulated.

**Response** **Open our hearts to your Way, your Truth, your Life.**

*Individual Intercessions may be added*

**Leader** Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us

## Our Father

### Hymn



### Joseph Holy

*Joseph holy, faithful guardian,  
Spouse of Mary ever virgin,  
Loving teacher of God's Word.*

*Refrain: Joseph holy, faithful guardian,  
Spouse of Mary ever Virgin,  
Loving teacher of God's Word.*

*You the model of obedience,  
You the poor and humble worker,  
You the patron of the Church.*

*Then we ask you Joseph faithful,  
Help us always be attentive,  
Listening, hearing God's own Word.*

## Closing Prayer

### Leader

*God of Joseph and all your holy ones,  
Through your Holy Spirit,  
Mould and shape us to image you to a world weary, blinded by fear and doubt.  
Teach us to trust in your way of love.  
Sustain us in a way of peace, a way of justice, a way of service,  
That our light may shine out,  
Transform the darkness, and draw all to you in unity.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

## Blessing

*May the peace that surpasses all understanding,  
The peace of God which the world can neither give nor take away,  
Be among us and abide in our hearts.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen*

**“Pray that God may direct and that St Joseph’s  
humble spirit may guide.”**

**Mary Mackillop 1898**



# Evening Prayer for the Feast of St Joseph

## Gathering

We gather in the name of God  
Source of Life  
Saviour of Creation  
Inspirer of the mission  
Amen

## Hymn

**Christ be Our Light: Bernadette Farrell**  
(or a similar hymn proclaiming the light)

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.*

*Christ be our Light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ be our Light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.*

*Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed.*

*Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
Walls made of living stone.*

*Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come.*



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**Psalm** Ps.86:1-13

**Antiphon** Guide my heart to fear your Name

**Alternate sides**

*Turn your ear, O God and give answer  
For I am poor and needy.*

*Preserve my life, for I am faithful:  
Save the servant who trusts in you.*

*You are my God, have mercy on me, O God,  
For I cry to you all the day long.  
Give joy to your servant, O God,  
For to you I lift up my soul.*

*O God, you are good and forgiving  
Full of love to all who call.  
Give heed O God, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice.*

*In the day of distress I will call  
and surely you will reply.  
Among the gods there is none like you, O God  
For you are great and do marvellous deeds.  
You who alone are God.*

*Show me, O God, your way  
So that I may walk in your truth.  
Guide my heart to fear your name*

*I will praise you, O God, with all my heart  
and glorify your Name forever;  
For your love to me has been great,  
You have saved me from the depths of the grave.*

*Glory to you, Source of all being,  
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now  
And will be forever.*

**Repeat Antiphon**

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**Word of God** Wisdom. 10:10

When her faithful servant was in flight, Wisdom guided him straight to his goal, and on the way showed him the heavenly kingdom, gave him knowledge of holy things. She enriched him by his toil, and gave all his labours a happy issue.

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## Silent reflection

### Response

**Leader** Riches and wealth are in Wisdom's house  
**All** **Riches and wealth are in Wisdom's house**  
**Leader** God's justice endures forever  
**All** **Riches and wealth are in Wisdom's house**  
**Leader** Glory to you, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit  
**All** **Riches and wealth are in Wisdom's house. God's justice endures forever.**

## Gospel Cantic

### Mary's Song of Praise

*(There are many simple sung versions available)*

**Antiphon** **Holy is God, holy and mighty, Holy immortal One,  
Have mercy on us!**

### Magnificat

*Bernadette Farrell*

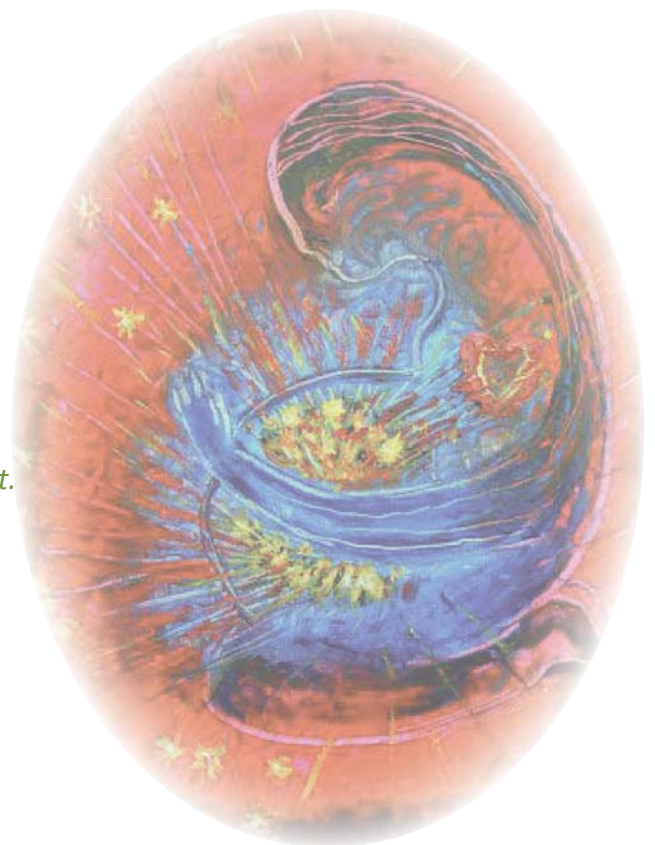
*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
My spirit sings to God, my saving God,  
Who on this day above all others favoured me  
And raised me up, a light for all to see.*

*Through me great deeds will God make manifest,  
And all the earth will come to call me blest.  
Unbounded love and mercy sure I will proclaim  
For all who know and praise God's holy name.*

*God's mighty arm, protector of the just,  
Will guard the weak and raise them from the dust.  
But mighty kings will swiftly fall from thrones corrupt.  
The strong brought low, the lowly lifted up.*

*Soon will the poor and hungry of the earth  
Be richly blest, be given greater worth.  
And Israel, as once foretold to Abraham,  
Will live in peace throughout the promised land.*

*All glory be to God, Creator blest,  
To Jesus Christ, God's love made manifest,  
And to the Holy Spirit, gentle comforter,  
All glory be both now and evermore.*



## Intercessions

**Leader** As the day ends we pray to you Hospital Heart of God  
**Response** **God let your presence bring hope.**

**Leader** We pray for all those we met today.  
**Response** **God let your presence bring hope.**

**Leader** We pray for all parents who worry about their children.  
**Response** **God let your presence bring hope.**

**Leader** We remember the thousands of refugees who suffer homesickness, ill health and unwelcome.  
**Response** **God let your presence bring hope.**

**Leader** We remember parents who have lost their children by death or estrangement  
**Response** **God let your presence bring hope.**

**Leader** We remember those who are dying.  
**Response** **God let your presence bring hope.**

**Leader** We prayer for those who have died especially our Sisters.  
**Response** **God let your presence bring hope.**

**Leader** We pray in silence for our own intentions.  
**Response** **God let your presence bring hope.**

**Leader** May our prayer spoken aloud or in the silence of our hearts be the concern of your Hospital Heart loving God.

**Leader** Let us pray

## Our Father

## Solemn Blessing and Sending Forth

*Suggest that Blessing from CLT newsletter is used*

