

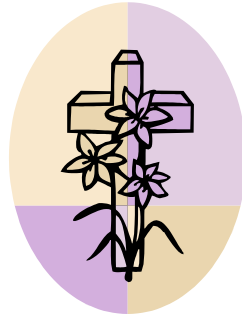
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**FINAL PRAYER**

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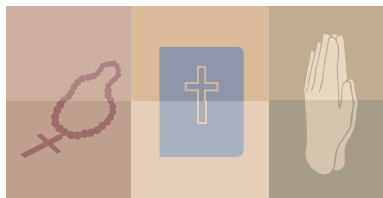
Amen.



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**Morning/Evening  
Prayer of the Church**

*Commemorating*

**Blessed Mary MacKillop**

*10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Beatification*

*19<sup>th</sup> January 2005*

## MORNING PRAYER

### Call to Worship

PRESIDER: This is the day our God has made:

ALL: Let us be glad and rejoice

PRESIDER; Praise the Name of our God.

ALL Who made heaven and earth.

PRESIDER; God has raised up the humble servant, Mary MacKillop.

ALL; Praise the name of our God.

### HYMN AUSTRALIA'S BLESSED ONE

(Zita Thompson rsj :CD *If I Could Tell the Love of God* OR other appropriate hymn)

### PSALM (15) 16

**Antiphon** Into your hands O God, I entrust my spirit.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

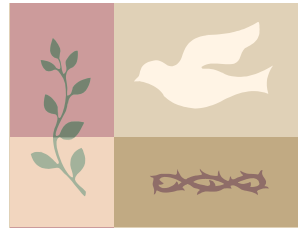
I say to you Lord: " You are my God.

My happiness lies in you alone."

You have put into my heart a marvellous love  
For the faithful ones who dwell in your land.  
Those who chose other god increase their sorrows.  
Never will I offer their offerings of blood.  
Never will I take their name upon their lips.

O God, it is you who are my portion and cup,  
It is you yourself who are my prize.  
The lot marked out for me is my delight,  
Welcome indeed the heritage that falls to me!

I will bless you, my God, you give me counsel,



## CANTICLE

**Antiphon** As for me, the only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Any sung version of the **MAGNIFICAT***

(Gelineau, Peter Kearney, Bernadette Farrell,, *Tell Out My Soul* from *Gather Australia*)

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## INTERCESSIONS

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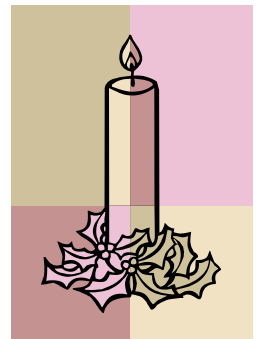
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**Loving God, we praise and glorify you.**

- For Mary's great trust in your Providence.
- For Mary's peace and humility in the difficulties she faced.
- For Mary's deep love of your will.
- For Mary's readiness to embrace the cross.
- For Mary's care for the poor and the destitute.
- For Mary's love and compassion for all whom she served.

**Presider** Let us pause now and hold with gratitude the events of this day.

**Presider** Trusting in God who cares for all our needs we pray together..



**Presider** Let us pause now to open our hearts to receive and embrace what today will bring.....

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#### EVENING PRAYER

Lighting of the candles or lamps for procession

#### HYMN CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

( Bernadette Farrell 404 *Gather Australia* or other hymn)

**Group move in procession to the gathering space**

**PSALM and ANTIPHON; Scripture, Reflective Word and Responsory as from MORNING PRAYER**

And indeed at night direct my heart.  
I keep you O God ever in my sight;  
Since you are at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
Even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
Nor let your beloved no decay.

You will show me the path of life,  
The fullness of joy in your presence,  
At your right hand happiness for ever.

(Chant) *Glory to you Source of all being  
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen*

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#### SCRIPTURE Matthew Ch 6:25-28

*Reader stands, faces assembly to read Gospel – All stand*

*(A larger group may wish to have some form of procession and incensing the Book.)*

That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life?

*A period of silence*

## REFLECTIVE WORD FROM MARY MACKILLOP

**Reader 1** *To me the will of God is a dear book which I am never tired of reading, which has always some new charm for me. (Pause)*

**Reader 2** *Let us look back a little and see what the Lord God has done for us (Pause)*

## RESPONSORY

*Presider: It is I, your God, who teach you what is good for you.*

*All: It is....*

*Presider: I lead you in the way you must go.*

*All: And teach*

*Presider: Glory to you, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit*

*All: It is....*

## CANTICLE

**Antiphon** As for me, the only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,  
Who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house  
A child with power to save.  
Through the holy prophets  
God promised in ages past  
To save us from enemy hands,  
From the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favoured our ancestors  
Recalling the sacred covenant,  
The pledge to our ancestor Abraham,  
To free us from our enemies,  
So we might worship without fear  
And be holy and just all our days.

And you, child, will be called  
Prophet of the Most High,  
For you will come to prepare  
a pathway for our God  
by teaching the people salvation  
Through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy  
A dawn will come from on high,  
Light for those shadowed by death,  
A guide for our feet on the way to peace.  
(Luke 1:68-79).

*(Chant) Glory to you.....*

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