



# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH MARY MACKILLOP

*So great is the strength  
we possess in our unity.*

*Mary MacKillop 1874*



# Morning Prayer

## Call to Prayer

Leader: + O God, open my lips

**All: And we shall proclaim your praise**

Leader: We praise and thank you, O God  
for this woman of faith and courage.  
Mary MacKillop, a blessing to the people of God,  
a woman who responded to the needs of the poor,  
a woman who inspired your Church with a passion for justice  
and pioneered new ways of gospel living.

**All: We praise and thank you, O God**

Leader: We grateful hearts, we sing our song of joy:

## **Hymn in honour of Mary Mackillop**

Strongly, not too fast.

Jenny O'Brien

Ma - ry Mac - kill - op, wo - man of prayer, con - stant, cour -

a - geous, re - flect - ing God's care; In you the ig - nor - ant,

home - less and poor felt God's gen - tle touch, knew God's pro - mise

*Refrain:*

sure. Ma - ry, Ma - ry, let your

spi - rit live on in us us -

1. 2.

1. Mary Mackillop, woman of prayer,  
constant, courageous, reflecting God's care;  
in you the ignorant, homeless and poor  
felt God's gentle touch, knew God's promise sure.

*Refrain:* Mary, Mary, let your spirit live on in us;  
Mary, Mary, let your spirit live on in us.

2. Mary Mackillop, woman of faith,  
trusting, believing in God's saving grace;  
in you the cynics, those doubting, confused  
found God's lasting word, saw God's loving face. *Refrain.*

3. Mary Mackillop, woman of joy,  
you knew the suff'ring that comes with each day;  
in you the anguished, the lonely, the pained  
saw God's deep compassion, witnessed Christ's way.  
*Refrain.*

4. Mary Mackillop, woman of peace,  
healing, forgiving, embracing the least;  
in you the sinner, the harlot, the thief  
found God's loving mercy, comfort and peace. *Refrain.*

OR

## Australia's Mary

*Reflectively*



1. In this South - ern land, Aus - tra - lia, may God's name be
2. Chaste and poor, she act - ted just - ly, ten - der love and
3. Lis - tening wom - man, voice of hope; gui - ding light and
4. May we im - i - tate your vir - tue, strive to love and



e - ver praised thru' our pio - neer, Ma - ry Mac - Kil - lop,  
faith she shared; hum - bly bore the Cross as God's plan,  
friend of all. We ac - claim your self - less good - ness;  
live for God. Pray and in - ter - cede now for us,



saint and mo - del for our days.  
prayer her strength in joys and cares.  
help us all to heed Christ's call.  
bless with peace this land you trod.

# Psalmody

## Antiphon 1

My soul sings, for God is in my life, my

God, ev - er faith - ful, I trust in you -

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Psalm 63 O God, you are my God, for you I long; □  
for you my soul is thirsting. □  
My body pires for you □  
like a dry, weary land without water. □  
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary □  
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life. □  
My lips will speak your praise. □  
So I will bless you all my life. □  
In your name I will lift up my hands. □  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet. □  
My mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you. □

On you I muse through the night □  
 for you have been my help; □  
 in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. □  
 My soul clings to you; □  
 your right hand holds me fast.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
 and to the Holy Spirit.  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen.      *Antiphon.*

## Antiphon 2

Where - ev - er we are. there we find God, in

all that hap - pens, our God is with us.

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## Psalm 150

Praise God in his holy place,  
 praise him in his mighty heavens.  
 Praise him for his powerful deeds,  
 praise his surpassing greatness.

O praise him with sound of trumpet,

praise him with lute and harp.  
Praise him with timbrel and dance,  
praise him with strings and pipes.

O praise him with resounding cymbals,  
praise him with clashing of cymbals.  
Let everything that lives and that breathes  
give praise to the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.      *Antiphon*

**Reading:**                      *Choose one of the following:*

Colossians 3:12-17  
Romans 12: 1-2  
Phil 3: 7-8a

*Silence...*

**Response:**

Leader:                      I will bless the Lord at all times,  
God's praise always on my lips;

**All:**                              **In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.**

Leader:                      Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise God's name.

**All:**                              **The humble shall hear and be glad.**

Leader:                      Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.

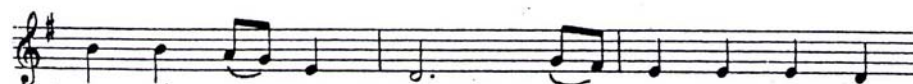
**All:**                              **In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.**



## Benedictus (Canticle of Zechariah)



1. Now bless the God of Is - ra - el, who  
2. Re - mem - ber - ing the cov - e - nant, God  
3. In ten - der mer - cy, God will send the



comes in love and pow'r, Who rais - es from the  
res - cues us from fear, That we might serve in  
day - spring from on high, Our ris - ing sun, the



roy - al house De - liv - 'rance in this hour.  
ho - li - ness and peace from year to year.  
light of life for those who sit and sigh.



Through ho - ly pro - phets God has sworn to  
And you, my child, shall go be - fore to  
God comes to guide our way to peace, that



free us from a - larm, to save us from the  
preach, to pro - phe - cy, that all may know the  
death shall reign no more. Sing prais - es to the



heav - y hand of all who wish us harm.  
ten - der love, the grace of God most high.  
Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore!

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OR



1. Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who shepherds the people and sets them free.
2. 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.
3. The Lord favored 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.
4. And you, child, will be called  
Prophet of the Most High,  
for you will come to prepare  
a pathway for the Lord  
by teaching the people salvation  
through forgiveness of their sin.
5. 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.

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**OR** *Gather Australia #5*

## Intercessions

**Leader** With all holy women, especially Mary MacKillop,  
let us praise Christ, our Saviour, and call on him in prayer:

**Response: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

**Leader** Mary MacKillop used her gifts to serve the Church, continue to be  
may we challenge each other to hear the cry of the poor in our  
midst and to respond with love...we pray:

Mary MacKillop lived by faith and the power of the cross,  
may we have the courage to set out on the new pathways in  
living the gospel...we pray:

Mary MacKillop reached out to the marginalized in our society,  
may we respond to the indigenous peoples of our lands by our  
deeper listening and awareness...we pray:

Mary MacKillop lived her baptismal commitment in  
founding a Religious Congregation for mission, may women  
and men continue to be inspired to respond to the call to follow  
Christ in consecrated life...we pray

Mary MacKillop was be a source of inspiration to the people of  
God in their works of prayer, justice and love, may we live by her  
charism in bringing about the reign of God...we pray:

(invite other intentions)

**Leader:** In union with Blessed Mary MacKillop and all the saints, we pray  
the words that Jesus taught us:

**All:** *Our Father...*

## Concluding Prayer:

**Leader:** Holy God,  
source of all goodness,  
who show us in Blessed Mary MacKillop  
a woman of faith living by the power of the cross,  
teach us, we pray, to embrace what she pioneered,  
that like her we may show to the world  
new ways of living the gospel  
that respect and defend the human dignity of all in our land.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns  
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Leader: May God bless us and keep us.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: May Christ's face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: May the Spirit of peace accompany us in our living of the gospel.

**All: Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Leader: Let us go in the peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Evening Prayer

*Procession of a large candle into the assembly. When it arrives at the front of the assembly, it is held high for the Proclamation:*

### Proclamation of Light

*As the evening lights are lit from the Easter candle the presider sings:*



Light and peace in Je-sus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God.

Music: Michael Joncas, © 1979, GIA Publications, Inc.

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to God our Father,  
always and for everything.

**All:** **In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**Leader:** We praise and thank you, O God,  
giver of all good gifts.  
Light up our darkness with the light of your Christ  
and may it burn brightly among us.  
Your greatness is witnessed in the lives of your holy ones.  
May the example of Mary MacKillop encourage us  
throughout this night  
and bring us to the light of a new day.  
We, your people, glorify you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Now and forever.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Hymn:** *From Penola's Plains*

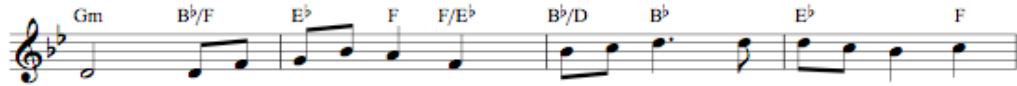
# From Penola's Plains

## Hymn in honour of Mary MacKillop

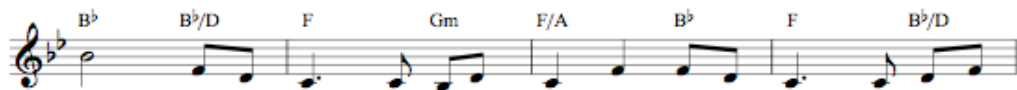
Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934) adapted by Michael Herry  
Text: Michael Herry fms & Geoffrey Cox



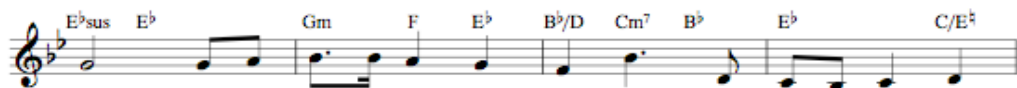
Vs. 1. Lov - ing God, we give you thanks this day as glad - ly we re -  
Vs. 2. Let our praise now fill this joy - ful space as loud - ly we pro -  
Vs. 3. Ho - ly Spi - rit gift of love di - vine, with you we dare to



joyce, that a wo-man's life should so pro-claim a love that heard your  
claim that in Ma - ry's life we see the faith that glo - ri - fies your  
dream. May your wis - dom come to lead us on where jus - tice reigns su -



voice. Now in - spired by her ex - am - ple, may we strive to seek your  
name. For her heart knew your com - pass - ion at the plight of child - ren  
preme. Now may Mar - ry's love in - spire us, and the cross still lead us



face, so that in our rug - ged home - land the poor will find a  
poor. So she mus - tered all her cou - rage and saw her fu - ture  
on. Give us hearts that nev - er wa - ver 'til vic - to - ry is



place. Here with Ma - ry of the Cross we pray your truth may guide our  
call. Trust - ing firm in you she ven - tured forth, her eyes u - pon your  
won. Let our lives show forth your ten - der love, com - pass - ion warm and



way, that our o - pen hearts may hear your call to fol - low you each day.  
cross. From Pen - o - la's plains to all the world, her arms reached out in love.  
bold. Help us bring Good News to all the world, Your Spi - rit - Love un - fold.

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*Extinguish candles*

# Psalmody

## Psalm 141

*Antiphon: Let my prayer rise before you like incense*

I have called to you, Lord; hasten to help me!  
Hear my voice when I cry to you.  
Let my prayer arise before you like incense,  
the raising of my hands like an evening oblation.

Set, O Lord, a guard over my mouth;  
keep watch, O Lord, at the door of my lips!  
Do not turn my heart to things that are wrong,  
to evil deeds with men who are sinners.

Never allow me to share in their feasting.  
If a just person strikes or reproves me it is kindness  
but let the oil of the wicked not anoint my head.  
Let my prayer be ever against their malice.

Their princes were thrown down by the side of the rock;  
then they understood that my words were kind.  
As a millstone is shattered to pieces on the ground,  
so their bones were strewn at the mouth of the grave.

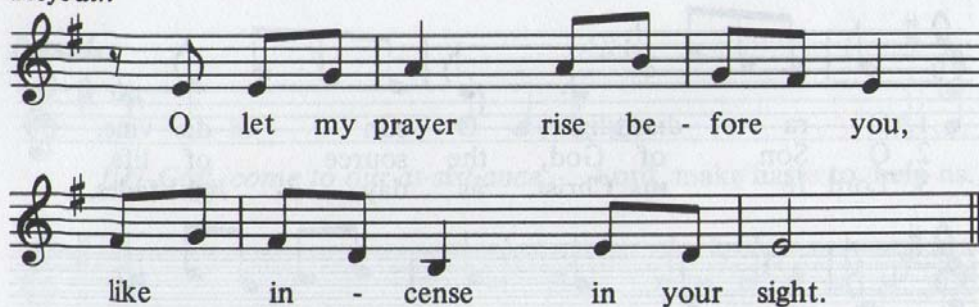
To you, Lord God, my eyes are turned:  
in you I take refuge; spare my soul!  
From the trap they have laid for me keep me safe:  
keep me from the snares of those who do evil.

Let the wicked fall into the traps they have set  
while I pursue my way unharmed.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be,  
world without end. Amen.      *Antiphon.*

**OR sung version below**

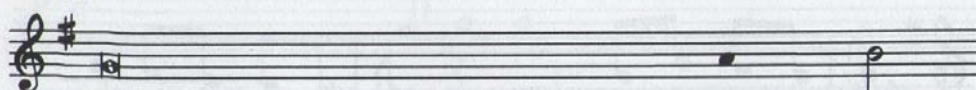
Refrain



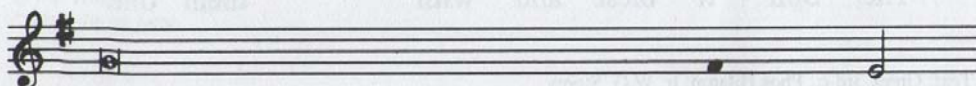
O let my prayer rise be - fore you,  
like in - cense in your sight.

\* Odd verses sung by cantor – Even verses sung by all

Verses



- |  |                     |                   |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| * 1. I am calling to you, O Lord, make               | <i>haste to</i>     | <i>help me,</i>   |
| 2. My prayer rises as                                | <i>incense be -</i> | <i>fore you,</i>  |
| 3. Set a guard over my                               | <i>mouth, O</i>     | <i>Lord,</i>      |
| 4. Keep watch over my heart lest I                   | <i>turn to</i>      | <i>wrong,</i>     |
| 5. Keep me from the company of those who re -        | <i>joice in</i>     | <i>evil,</i>      |
| 6. Better the blows of the good than the compliments | <i>of the</i>       | <i>wicked,</i>    |
| 7. When you break the                                | <i>pow'r of</i>     | <i>darkness,</i>  |
| 8. Let your words be a warning a                     | <i>gainst in -</i>  | <i>justice,</i>   |
| 9. Lord, my God, I turn my eyes to                   | <i>you a -</i>      | <i>lone,</i>      |
| 10. Keep me from the snares laid to                  | <i>catch the</i>    | <i>sinner,</i>    |
| 11. Let the wicked fall into the traps               | <i>laid be -</i>    | <i>fore them,</i> |



- |  |                      |                  |           |
|--|----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1. listen to my voice as I cry to            | <i>you for</i>       | <i>help.</i>     | <i>R.</i> |
| 2. my hands are raised like an               | <i>evening</i>       | <i>offering.</i> | <i>R.</i> |
| 3. your watchman at the gateway              | <i>of my</i>         | <i>lips.</i>     | <i>R.</i> |
| 4. guard my steps, lest I should turn to     | <i>evil</i>          | <i>ways.</i>     | <i>R.</i> |
| 5. preferring instead the correction of      | <i>someone</i>       | <i>good.</i>     | <i>R.</i> |
| 6. daily, I counter their malice and         | <i>pride with</i>    | <i>prayer.</i>   | <i>R.</i> |
| 7. then shall all take de                    | <i>light in your</i> | <i>words.</i>    | <i>R.</i> |
| 8. the bones of the wicked are scattered     | <i>as the</i>        | <i>dust.</i>     | <i>R.</i> |
| 9. you are my shelter, keep me in            | <i>your pro -</i>    | <i>tection.</i>  | <i>R.</i> |
| 10. keep me from falling into the hands of   | <i>the un -</i>      | <i>just.</i>     | <i>R.</i> |
| 11. but guide my steps, that I may go safely | <i>on my</i>         | <i>way.</i>      | <i>R.</i> |



## Antiphon

Ma - ry, Ma - ry, let your spi - rit live

on in us. Ma - ry, Ma - ry,

let your spi - rit live on in us .

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## Psalm 148

Praise the Lord from the heavens,  
praise him in the heights.  
Praise him, all his angels,  
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon,

praise him, shining stars.  
Praise him, highest heavens  
and the waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord.  
He commanded: they were made.  
He fixed them for ever,  
gave a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
sea creatures and all oceans,  
fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy winds that obey his word;

all mountains and hills,  
all fruit trees and cedars,  
beasts, wild and tame,  
reptiles and birds on the wing;

all earth's kings and peoples,  
earth's princes and rulers,  
young men and maidens,  
the old men together with children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord  
for he alone is exalted.  
The splendor of his name  
reaches beyond heaven and earth.

He exalts the strength of his people.  
He is the praise of all his saints,  
of the sons of Israel,  
of the people to whom he comes close.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. *Antiphon*

**Reading:** *Choose one of the following:*

Colossians 3:12-17

Romans 12: 1-2

Phil 3: 7-8a

*Silence...*

**Response:**

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times,  
God's praise always on my lips;

**All: In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.**

Leader: Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise God's name.

**All: The humble shall hear and be glad.**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.

**All: In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.**

## Magnificat (Canticle of Mary)

1. My heart sings out with joy - ful praise To  
 2. The arm of God is strong and just To  
 3. The prom - ise made in a - ges past At

God who rais - es me, Who came to me when  
 scat - ter all the proud, The ty - rants tum - ble  
 last has come to be, For God has come in

I was low And changed my des - ti - ny,  
 from their thrones And van - ish like a cloud,  
 pow'r to save, To set all peo - ple free.

The Ho - ly One, the Liv - ing God,  
 The hun - gry all are sat - is - fied;  
 Re - mem - b'ring those who wait to see

Is al - ways full of grace To  
 The rich are sent a - way, The  
 Sal - va - tion's dawn - ing day, Our

those who seek their Mak - er's will  
 poor of earth who suf - fer long  
 Sav - ior comes to all who weep

In ev - 'ry time and place,  
 Will wel - come God's new day,  
 To wipe their tears a - way.

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OR



1. I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,  
I delight in God my savior,  
who regarded my humble state.  
Truly from this day on  
all ages will call me blest.
2. For God, wonderful in power,  
has used that strength for me.  
Holy the name of the Lord!  
whose mercy embraces the faithful,  
one generation to the next.
3. The mighty arm of God  
scatters the proud in their conceit,  
pulls tyrants from their thrones,  
and raises up the humble.  
The Lord fills the starving  
and lets the rich go hungry.
4. God rescues lowly Israel,  
recalling the promise of mercy,  
the promise made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

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**OR Gather Australia #5, #250**

## Intercessions

**Leader** Through the holy women, especially Mary MacKillop, we pray for the needs of our church and of our world:

**Response: Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.**

**Leader** Through the intercession of Mary MacKillop who overcame adversity and alienation – strengthen your Church in times of suffering and persecution, we pray: **R.**

Through the intercession of Mary MacKillop who lived with courage and passion for the gospel – renew us with that same passion to witness to the gospel in our daily lives, we pray: **R.**

Through the intercession of Mary MacKillop who cared for God's little ones and stood with the vulnerable – inspire us to work for justice and peace in our world, we pray: **R.**

Through the intercession of Mary MacKillop who imitated Christ's humility and defended human dignity – help us to remain faithful to our call to imitate Christ in all our living, we pray: **R.**

*Invite other intentions...*

Through all holy women who live in the light of your glory, especially Mary MacKillop – grant to all those who have died in Christ, N..., the fullness of life with our God, in the company of all the saints...we pray: **R.**

**Leader:** In union with Blessed Mary MacKillop and all the saints, we pray the words that Jesus taught us:

**All:** *Our Father...*

### **Concluding Prayer:**

Leader: Holy God,  
source of all goodness,  
who show us in Blessed Mary MacKillop  
a woman of faith living by the power of the cross,  
teach us, we pray, to embrace what she pioneered,  
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new ways of living the gospel  
that respect and defend the human dignity of all in our land.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns  
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

Leader: May God bless us and keep us.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: May Christ's face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: May the Spirit of peace accompany us in our living of the gospel.

**All: Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Leader: Let us go in the peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God**