

SACRED HEART

Day Two

Called to reflect the Compassionate Heart of God



Painting by Mother Placid

Scripture

Matthew 19:13-15 (Inclusive Bible)

Then small children were brought to Jesus so he could lay hands on them and pray for them. The disciples began to scold the parents, but Jesus said, "Let the children alone – let them come to me. The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." And after laying his hands on them, Jesus left that town.

As you ponder this passage you might substitute "small children" with "marginalised", "refugees", "the homeless", "mentally ill"

Reflection

*I hope that you have more charity and that
you do not judge by appearances.*

Mary MacKillop 1873

Take refuge in the heart of Jesus in all your cares.

Julian Tenison Woods 1872

Take time to reflect

Response

How do I experience
the Compassionate Heart of God?

How do I reflect the Compassionate Heart of God?

Prayer

Praise God! God of everlasting love!

Happy those who keep God's law
and act with justice.

We are sinners but you share salvation with us.

Our ancestors sinned, too.

While in Egypt they ignored your signs.

Though they rebelled at the Red Sea you saved
them.

God heeded their plight,
their cries of distress because of the covenant.

God loved the people with a parent's love.

Their captors witnessed this love.

The people of Israel recorded God's mighty deeds.

They taught us to sing and rejoice in thankfulness.

Songs from a Pierced Heart, Psalm 106

by Patricia Stevenson rsj

Mary MacKillop's blessing for us in this month of the Sacred Heart

*May the loving Heart bring to one and all of you
its own true spirit – its spirit of love, true charity
and sweet humility.*

Mary MacKillop 1890