

Thanksgiving Prayer

on the announcement of Mary's Canonisation

Psalm 148

Antiphon: Let all the earth give praise to our God.

Creation sings thanksgiving to God.
Messengers of God, sing praise.
Sun and moon, twinkling stars,
Rain clouds, tidal pools, sing praise.

Mountains and oceans sing praise,
Gales and breezes, sing praise.
Moss, fern and fruiting trees, sing praise.
All animals sing praise.
Birds of every hue, sing praise.

Leaders of people, sing praise.
Those who serve others, sing praise.
Women and men *from Ireland, Scotland, Peru, Brazil, New Zealand and Australia*, sing praise.
The very old and the newly born, sing praise.
Those who are suffering, sing praise.

God's splendor colours the earth.
God's glory shines out in faithful people.
Let us all sing praise *Sisters of St Joseph united around the world,*
Rejoicing in this moment in our story.
Praise the Lord!

Glory to You, Source of all Being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be
Now and forever. Amen.

(From: Patricia Stevenson. *Psalms: Songs from a Pierced Heart*. Sydney 2003:92.)

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Gospel You did not choose me; No, I chose you. John 15:16

Canticle

Antiphon: Cling to God's love and grace.

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.



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Prayer of Gratitude

- Leader** The source and inspiration of Mary MacKillop's life was the experience of the Trinitarian God.
In gratitude we pray:
- Reader 1** For Mary MacKillop's great trust in Providence.
All We thank you God.
- Reader 2** For Mary's love of the Eucharist
All We thank you God.
- Reader 3** For Mary's hospitality, humility and love of all with whom she ministered.
All We thank you God.
- Reader 4** For Mary's courage and perseverance in the face of difficulties throughout her life.
All We thank you God.
- Reader 5** For the Pope's announcement that Mary MacKillop will be canonised on 17 October 2010.
All We thank you God.
- Leader** Trusting in God who cares for us we pray :

Our Father

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.

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