

Prayer

God of mercy and compassion,
you called Mary MacKillop
to be the foundress of a religious congregation
committed to the education of poor children
and to the service of those in need.

We thank you for all who have followed in her footsteps
and for the love and concern shown to others through them.

We ask you to bless them and those they serve
in the name of Jesus who is our Way, our Truth and our Life. R/ Amen.

8th August

Blessed Mary MacKillop

Religious & Educator - FEAST

The Office of Readings

Any suitable hymn may be used.

Ant 1. Her mouth spoke wisdom; the law of compassion was on her tongue.
Psalm 18(19)A

The heavens proclaim the glory of God,
and the firmament shows forth the work of his hands.
Day unto day takes up the story
and night unto night makes known the message.

*No speech, no word, no voice is heard
yet their span extends through all the earth,
their words to the utmost bounds of the world.*

There he has placed a tent for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent,
rejoices like a champion to run its course.

*At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun;
to the furthest end of the sky is its course.
There is nothing concealed from its burning heat.*

Ant. Her mouth spoke wisdom; the law of compassion was on her tongue.

Ant 2. The holy women who trusted in the Lord sang a hymn of praise in their hearts.
Psalm 44(45)

*My heart overflows with noble words.
To the king I must speak the song I have made;
my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.*

You are the fairest of the children of men
and graciousness is poured upon your lips:
because God has blessed you for evermore.

*O mighty one, gird your sword upon your thigh;
in splendour and state, ride on in triumph
for the cause of truth and goodness and right.*

Take aim with your bow in your dread right hand.
Your arrows are sharp, peoples fall beneath you.
The foes of the king fall down and lose heart.

*Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever.
A sceptre of justice is the sceptre of your kingdom.
Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil.*

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above other kings:
your robes are fragrant with aloes and myrrh.

*From the ivory palace you are greeted with music.
The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.*

Ant. The holy women who trusted in the Lord sang a hymn of praise in
their hearts.

Ant 3. They are led to the Lord amid gladness and joy.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house.
So will the king desire your beauty:
He is your lord, pay homage to him.

*And the people of Tyre shall come with gifts,
the richest of the people shall seek your favour.
The daughter of the king is clothed with splendour,
her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.*

She is led to the king with her maiden companions.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.

*Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers:
you will make them rulers over all the earth.
May this song make your name for ever remembered.
May the peoples praise you from age to age.*

Ant. They are led to the Lord amid gladness and joy.

V/ You have shown me the path of life.
R/ **The fullness of joy in your presence.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Rom 8:28-30

We are well assured that everything helps to secure the good of those who love God, those whom he has called in fulfilment of his design. All those who from the first were known to him, he has destined from the first to be moulded into the image of his Son, who is thus to become the eldest born among many brothers and sisters. So predestined, he called them; so called, he justified them; so justified, he glorified them.

R/ God has chosen her. He chose her before she was born. Repeat **R/**
V/ He brought her to live in his own dwelling place. **R/** Glory be. **R/**

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

Intercessions:

Most holy and loving God, your incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, was the
source and inspiration of Mary MacKillop's life. In gratitude, we pray:
R/ We praise you, we bless you, we glorify you.

With great trust in your Providence, Mary MacKillop was open and ready
to meet the needs of her time; — grant that we may meet the challenges of
today's world with faith and courage. **R/**

Mary suffered misunderstanding, calumny and wrongful
excommunication with peace and humility; — may we also bear with
peace and humility any difficulties we meet in your service. **R/**

Mary had a deep love of your will and a readiness to embrace the cross; —
grant us the courage to follow her in accepting all that is painful in our
lives. **R/**

Mary MacKillop spent her life caring for the poor and destitute and
educating the children of the poor; — grant that we may bring love and
compassion to all whom we serve. **R/**

Through all the holy women who live in the light of your glory — grant to
the faithful departed the everlasting vision of happiness. **R/**

Our Father

Ant 3. I believe that nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord.

Canticle: Eph 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

*He chose us in him
before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy
and blameless before him.*

He destined us in love
to be his sons through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of his will,
to the praise of his glorious grace
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

*In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace
which he lavished upon us.*

He has made known to us
in all wisdom and insight
the mystery of his will,
according to his purpose
which he set forth in Christ.

*His purpose he set forth in Christ,
as a plan for the fullness of time,
to unite all things in him,
things in heaven and things on earth.*

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FIRST READING: Vol. 3, p645*

Col 3:1-17

V1. All baptised in Christ, you have all clothed yourselves in Christ, and there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek;

R/ All of you are one in Christ Jesus.

V2. Put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

SECOND READING

Letter, Ascension 1874 - Resource Book 2, pp 49-51

A reading from a letter of Mary MacKillop to Monsignor Kirby

Oh, Father, I cannot tell you what a beautiful thing the will of God seems to me. For some years past, my Communion, my prayers, my intentions have all been for God's will to be done. I can never pray for a particular intention, a particular person, or anything particular about our own Institute, but in God's loved will, that is—whilst I desire with all my heart to pray for these, I cannot help at the same time desiring that He only use my prayers for the intention that His own will most desires at this time. Thus I feel a joy when things go well, for I see His will in this, and an equal joy when they seem to go wrong or against our natural desire, for there again I see His will, and am satisfied that He has accepted my prayers and those of many more for some other object at the time nearer to His adorable will.

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. Nothing is too little to be noticed there, but yet my littleness and nothingness has often dared to oppose it, and I am painfully conscious that in many ways I still in my tepidity offend against it without perceiving what I am doing. But such dear lessons as you gave me the other evening then come to my aid and encourage me, for the love of my sweet Jesus is too strong, too beautiful, and His merits too great, for me not to cling to Him.

RESPONSORY (Ps 33:2-4)

V1. I will bless the Lord at all times, God's praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

R/ The humble shall hear and be glad.

V2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise God's name.

[Te Deum] – please STAND

Prayer – from Morning Prayer

Feast of Mary MacKillop

Morning Prayer

Hymn from the appendix, for Women Saints or Virgins, or any suitable hymn.

Ant 1. Out of your infinite glory, O Christ, you give us the power through
your Spirit for our hidden selves to grow strong.

A soul thirsting for God

Psalm 62 (63)

O God, you are my God, for you I long; *
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines 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.

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your Spirit for our hidden selves to grow strong.

Ant 2. It is those who are poor according to the world that God chooses to be
rich in grace.

Let every creature praise the Lord

Daniel 3

O all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.*

And you, angels of the Lord, O bless the Lord.*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

*And you, the heavens of the Lord, O bless the Lord.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

“Peace be to your homes!

*May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!”*

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: “Peace upon you.”
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

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Psalm 126(127)

*If the Lord does not build the house,
in vain do its builders labour;
if the Lord does not watch over the city,
in vain does the watchman keep vigil.*

In vain is your earlier rising,
your going later to rest,
you who toil for the bread you eat,
when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.

*Truly sons are a gift from the Lord,
a blessing, the fruit of the womb.
Indeed the sons of youth
are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.*

O the happiness of the man
who has filled his quiver with these arrows!
He will have no cause for shame
when he disputes with his foes in the gateways.

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Prayer during the day

Psalms and antiphons of the occurring weekday.

SCRIPTURE READING (MIDDAY PRAYER)

I Cor 9:26

That is how I run, intent on winning; that is how I fight, not beating the
air. I treat my body hard and make it obey me.

V/ I found him whom my heart loves.

R/ I held him fast and would not let him go.

Prayer – **from Morning Prayer**

Evening Prayer

Hymn from the appendix.

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for our hidden selves to grow strong.

Psalm 121 (122)

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
“Let us go to God’s house.”
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

*Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.*

*It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.*

For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David.

And you, clouds of the sky, O bless the Lord.

*And you, all armies of the Lord, O bless the Lord.**

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, sun and moon, O bless the Lord.*

And you, the stars of the heav’ns, O bless the Lord.

And you, showers and rain, O bless the Lord.*

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

*And you, all you breezes and winds, O bless the Lord.**

And you, fire and heat, O bless the Lord.

*And you, cold and heat, O bless the Lord.**

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, showers and dew, O bless the Lord.*

And you, frosts and cold, O bless the Lord.

And you, frost and snow, O bless the Lord.*

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

*And you, night-time and day, O bless the Lord.**

And you, darkness and light, O bless the Lord.

*And you, lightning and clouds, O bless the Lord.**

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord.*

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

*And you, mountains and hills, O bless the Lord.**

And you, all plants of the earth, O bless the Lord.

*And you, fountains and springs, O bless the Lord.**

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, rivers and seas, O bless the Lord.*

And you, creatures of the sea, O bless the Lord.

And you, every bird in the sky, O bless the Lord. †

And you, wild beasts and tame, O bless the Lord.*

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

*And you, children of men, O bless the Lord.**

To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O Israel, bless the Lord. O bless the Lord.*
And you, priests of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, servants of the Lord, O bless the Lord.*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, spirits and souls of the just, O bless the Lord.
And you, holy and humble of heart, O bless the Lord.
Ananias, Azarias, Mizael, O bless the Lord.*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.*

Let us praise the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit: *
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.
May you be blessed, O Lord, in the heavens.*
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The song of joy of the saints

Psalm 149

Sing a new song to the Lord,*
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,*
let Zion's Sons exult in their king.
Let them praise his name with dancing *
and make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people.
He crowns the poor with salvation.
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,*
shout for joy and take their rest.
Let the praise of God be on their lips *
and a two-edged sword in their hand,*

to deal out vengeance to the nations *
and punishment on all the peoples;
to bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles in fetters of iron;
to carry out the sentence pre-ordained:*
this honour is for all his faithful.

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My brothers and sisters, I implore you by God's mercy to offer your very selves to him: a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for his acceptance, the worship offered by mind and heart. Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world, but let your minds be remade and your whole nature thus transformed. Then you will be able to discern the will of God and to know what is good, acceptable and perfect.

R/ God is her help; she will not be moved. Repeat **R/**
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Benedictus ant. As for me, the only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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