

Mass of Thanksgiving  
Canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop  
Monday 18 October 2010  
Presider: Cardinal George Pell

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Entrance Procession

*Procession of representatives from various groups, young people carrying colourful banners, Sisters and Bishops. Led by aboriginal people.*

### Entrance Hymn

Christ be our light (Bernadette Farrell)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts,  
shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled,  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. R.

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. R.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. R.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. R.

**Welcome:** Anne Derwin rsj

**Greeting**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Peace be with you

And also with you.

**Invitation**

**Kyrie (sung)**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

**Gloria (sung) Mass Shalom**

Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Opening Prayer** (all prayer texts from the feast of Mary MacKillop)

Let us pray.

Holy God,

source of all goodness,

who show us in Saint 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, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading:

Colossians 3:12-17 (from the feast)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
Bear with one another, forgive each other  
As the chosen of God, the holy people whom he loves,  
you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion,  
in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience.  
Bear with one another;  
forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another.  
The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same.  
Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond.  
And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts,  
because it is for this that you were called together in one body.  
Always be thankful.  
Let the Word of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you.  
Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom.  
With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God;  
and whatever you say or do, let it be in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
in thanksgiving to God the Father through him.  
This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 103 (Arranged by Christopher Willcock sj)

Antiphon: O bless the Lord, my soul, O bless the Lord.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
all within me bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all your blessings. R.

It is god who forgives all your guild,  
who heals all your ill,

who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger, rich in mercy,  
and will not always find fault,  
nor persists in anger for ever. R.

As a father shows his children compassion,  
so the Lord treats those who are faithful,  
for God knows of what we are made,  
and remembers that we are dust. R.

And the mercy of the Lord is eternal  
for those who fear God,  
and for those who keep the covenant,  
who remember to do God's commands. R.

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**Gospel Acclamation** sung:

Matthew 27:55

*Alleluia: Mass Shalom (Words of verse need to be incorporated.)*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance,  
the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:**

Matthew 6:25-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Do not worry about your life.  
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?  
And why worry about clothing?  
Think of the flowers growing in the fields;  
they never have to work or spin:

yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Homily

### General Intercessions:

Presider: With renewed hope and trust we remember the compassion of Jesus and place our needs in the welcoming heart of God our creator.

For the leaders of the church and our nations:  
may they govern with compassion, justice and integrity, keeping in mind the welfare of all people.

With trust we pray. All: Loving God, hear our prayer

For the mission of the church:  
may those called to break the bread of life and to preach the mystery of the cross, be strengthened by Christ to proclaim good news to the poor.

With trust we pray. All: Loving God, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop  
May her holiness of life continue to inspire Australians and all who place themselves under her care, and may she be our constant intercessor before God.

With trust we pray: Loving God, hear our prayer

For the Josephite family:  
may the pervading spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop continue to radiate through them, God's saving love to a world that hungers for justice and peace, dignity and life, education and healing

With trust we pray: Loving God, hear our prayer

For all young people:  
May they, like Saint Mary MacKillop, open their hearts generously and confidently to the call of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

With trust we pray: Loving God, hear our prayer

For the sick, the lonely, the grieving and those suffering from oppression:  
may they take courage and know the protection of Mary MacKillop who always  
worked for justice and especially loved the poor.  
With trust we pray: Loving God, hear our prayer

Presider: Provident God hear our prayer as you did your servant Mary of the  
Cross and with her faith and confident love may we know your saving love, through  
Christ our Lord. Amen

*Note: These prayers will be prayed in the first language of  
various nations represented in the assembly*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### **Preparation of the Gifts**

Brought forward by 'first' peoples from Australia, NZ, Peru and Timor-Leste  
Accompanied by instrumental music

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

As you gather us, O God, at your holy altar in thanksgiving for the  
canonization of Saint Mary MacKillop,  
We pray that the praise and thanksgiving we offer with her and all your  
Church may strengthen our bonds of charity and faith.  
Through Christ our Lord  
Amen.

### **Eucharistic Prayer III**

#### **Preface**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.  
Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.  
You renew the Church in every age  
by raising up men and women outstanding in holiness,  
living witnesses of your unchanging love.  
They inspire us by their heroic lives,  
and help us by their constant prayers  
to be the living sign of your saving power.  
We praise you, Lord, with all the angels and saints  
in their song of joy:

**Holy, holy:** Mass Shalom

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

**Memorial Acclamation** Mass Shalom

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.

**Amen**

**Communion Rite**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Sign of Peace**

**Breaking of the Bread** (sung: Mass Shalom)

**Communion Procession**

(1) Ubi caritas

*(Jacques Berthier, version with four verses sung by soloist)*

Refrain: Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are,  
knowing everything;  
if I have faith in all its fullness to move mountains,  
but have not love, I am nothing at all. R.

If I give ev'rything I have to feed the poor,  
and let them take my body to be burned,  
but have not love, I gain nothing at all. R.

Love is patient, love is not jealous.  
Love does not rejoice in what is wrong,  
but love rejoices in the truth.  
Love is always ready to excuse, to hope, to trust,

and to endure whatever comes. R.

Love never fails.  
Prophecies will cease, and tongues will be silent,  
knowledge will pass away;  
but there are only three things in the end that last:  
faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love. R.

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(2) Eat this bread (Jacques Berthier)

Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father.

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven.

Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Anyone who eats this bread, will live for ever.

If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life.

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Communion (3) If I could tell the love of God (Christopher Willcock)

If I could tell the love of God I'd sing of one my heart enjoys,  
of one who whispers, warm and calm, of one whose tender touch persists.  
If I could tell of the love of God I'd sing of beauty barely seen,  
of shadow gums and stringy bark, of tracks and water hard to find.

If I could tell the love of God I'd sing of women seen as fools  
because, in Joseph's hidden way, they crossed an empty land with trust.  
If I could tell the love of God I'd sing of women working hard,  
receiving bits of broken bread, and poor enough to serve the poor.

If I could tell the love of God I'd sing of Christ who chose the Cross.  
His wisdom brings the mighty down; his strength uplifts the stable's child.  
If I could tell the love of God I'd sing of Christ who chose the Cross.  
His justice mends a broken world, his mercy turns the grave around.  
If I could tell the love of God, if I could tell the love of God.

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**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.  
We pray, Lord God,  
That the communion we share  
On this celebration of Saint Mary MacKillop may strengthen us to walk  
the way of the Cross  
and bring us to the glory of the resurrection.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**CONCLUDING RITE****Greeting**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

**Blessing**

Through the example of Mary MacKillop,  
may you learn to recognize God's will for you  
and trust in God's providence.

Amen.

May her life of service awaken in you  
a deep respect for the poor  
and a passion for justice.

Amen.

May you share in her courage,  
see with her vision,  
and love with her heart.

Amen.

May almighty God bless you  
the Father, and Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

**Final Hymn**

From Penola's Plains

Loving God, we give you thanks this day as gladly we rejoice,  
that a woman's life should so proclaim a love that heard your voice.  
Now inspired by her example, may we strive to seek your face,  
so that in our rugged homeland the poor will find a place.  
Here with Mary of the Cross we pray your truth may guide our way,

that our open hearts may hear your call to follow you each day.

Let our praise now fill this joyful space as loudly we proclaim  
that in Mary's life we see the faith that glorifies your name.  
For her heart knew your compassion at the plight of children poor.  
So she mustered all her courage and saw her future call.  
Trusting firm in you she ventured forth, her eyes upon your cross.  
From Penola's plains to all the world, her arms reached out in love.

Holy Spirit gift of live divine, with you we dare to dream.  
may your wisdom come to lead us on where justice reigns supreme.  
Now may Mary's love inspire us, and the cross still lead us on.  
Give us hearts that never waver 'til victory is won.  
Let our lives show forth your tender love, compassion warm and bold.  
Help us bring Good News to all the world, your Spirit-Love unfold.

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