

Rite of Committal

Sr Mary Canny



INTRODUCTION

SIGN OF THE CROSS

With faith in Jesus Christ we reverently bring the body of our Sister, Mary Marron Canny, to be buried in the company of the many sisters who have gone before her.

May God's love and mercy free her from the power of death and bring her to the fullness of life in heaven.

May she be united forever with her God whom she loved and served with her whole heart.

We pray with confidence that God, in whose sight all creation lives, will raise up the body of our sister, Mary.

May she be numbered among the blessed.

May she rejoice forever in the presence of God and in the company of the saints.

SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 25*

On this mountain, God will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations.... The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek.....

See this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation... God is the one in whom we hoped. We rejoice that we are saved for the hand of God rests on this mountain.

The Word of God.

All: *Thanks be to God.*



Let us pray in the words of Mary MacKillop:

Leader: Let us cling to God's love and grace:
All: *With God on our side what need we fear.*

Leader: God's mercies are greater than all my own unworthiness.
All: *With God on our side what need we fear.*

Leader: Let us ever hope that we look for strength from God who alone can give it.
All: *With God on our side what need we fear.*

Leader: God will provide for the future.
All: *With God on our side what need we fear.*

Leader: Trust in the mercy of God.
All: *With God on our side what need we fear.*

COMMITTAL

We let you go Mary as we commit your body to its resting place.

Into the earth that has nurtured you all your life,
into communion with the sunshine of the world,
into at-oneness with the winds and air of our planet,
into the waters and rains of life,
into stars and stardust of our beginnings,
into the heart of the Mystery of our good God.

Mothering earth, receive Mary's body, formed by the hand of God and returning to your embrace. Receive her now as your own.

May God's face shine on her forever. May Mary know the splendour of God.

Eternal rest grant to Mary O God, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

All: *Amen*

In the words of Mary MacKillop
...we trust in the mercy of God.

Sprinkling of the grave and coffin with Holy Water.

