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# *Evening Prayer*

*Mercy Day*

*2019*

## *Creeting*

L: We adore you, O God, as the Merciful One.  
R: We seek to discover your movement in us and in our world.  
L: God of the lowly and meek,  
R: teach us to love mercy, act justly and walk humbly with you.

## *Hymn: Pour out Compassion and Mercy*

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Pour out compassion and mercy from the depths of your heart;  
And give to the poor and the broken, the service of your love.

*Chorus:* In so far as you do these holy deeds,  
with all the love of your soul;  
Then you will resemble me, your God,  
and I will make you whole.

If you seek out and find the stranger, and comfort the lonely of heart;  
And offer them your friendship, then my justice you impart. *Chorus*

So pour out compassion and mercy from the depths of your heart;  
And give to the poor and the broken, the service of your love. *Chorus*

## Psalm 145

*Ant: Our hearts can always be in the same place, centred in God, for whom alone we go forward or stay back.*

Left I will exalt you, God my king,  
for ever bless your name.  
I will bless you every day,  
for ever praise your name.

Right Great is the Lord, highly to be praised,  
great beyond our reach.

L Age to age proclaims your works,  
recounts your mighty deeds.  
I ponder your splendour and glory  
and all your wonderful works.

R They reveal your fearful power,  
I tell of your great deeds.  
They recall your ample goodness,  
joyfully sing your justice.

L Gracious and merciful is the Lord,  
slow to anger, full of love.  
The Lord is good in every way,  
merciful to every creature.

R Let your works praise you, Lord,  
your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them proclaim your glorious reign,  
let them tell of your might.

L Let them make known to all  
your might and glorious reign.  
Your dominion lasts for ever,  
your rule for all generations!

R     The Lord is faithful in every word  
and gracious in every work.  
The Lord supports the fallen,  
raises those bowed down.

L     The eyes of all look to you,  
you give them food in due time.  
You open wide your hand  
to feed all living things.

R     The Lord is just in every way,  
loving in every deed.  
The Lord is near to those who call,  
who cry out from their hearts.

L     God grants them their desires,  
hears their cry and saves them.  
Those who love God are kept alive;  
the wicked, the Lord destroys.

R     I will sing the Lord's praise,  
let all flesh bless God's Name,  
holy, both now and for ever.

L:    Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit.

R:    As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever,  
world without end. Amen.

*Ant:   Our hearts can always be in the same place, centred in  
God, for whom alone we go forward or stay back.*



## Psalm 23

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*Chorus:* The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I want,  
nothing I want, fresh and green are God's rich pastures.  
The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I want,  
nothing I want, for God guides me to living waters.

1. Near restful waters, God guides my soul,  
revives my spirit, God makes me whole.  
Guides me on the right path, guides me on the right path,  
You are true to Your name. *Chorus*
2. Goodness and kind, shall follow me and I shall find posterity.  
And in God's House, and in God's House  
my dwelling place shall be. *Chorus*

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O Word of God come into this space  
O Word of God send us your grace  
Open our minds; show us your truth  
Transform our minds anew.

## Scripture Reading

### Veneration of the Cross

*We gather around the Cross that was given to Catherine McAuley by Fr Edward Armstrong. The same Cross we know Catherine used for her own prayer.*

### A time of silence

### Jesus remember me

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Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.



## *Magnificat*

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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
And my spirit exults in God my Saviour  
For God has looked with mercy on my lowliness  
And my name will be forever exalted.  
For the Mighty God has done great things for me  
And God's mercy will reach from age to age

And holy, holy, holy is God's name (x 2)

God has mercy in every generation  
God has revealed the power and the glory  
God has cast down the mighty in their arrogance  
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly  
God has come to help his servant Israel  
God remembers the promise to our Fathers

And holy, holy, holy is God's name (x 2)



*Universal Prayer*

*The Lord's Prayer*



## *Closing Prayer*

Gracious God,

Aware of those in our world most in need of Your compassion and mercy,  
we take inspiration from Catherine McAuley.

She followed the path of Mercy, marked out by Jesus,  
and used the resources she had to model a world of welcome and inclusion.

Guide us to be actively engaged in the protection of our Common Home  
as we witness to the sacredness of all creation.

May the longings and efforts of the entire Mercy family  
bring about the globalisation of compassion  
and the recognition of Your Mercy as present and active in our world.  
This we ask with confidence in Your ever-abiding presence among us.  
Amen.

## *Irish Blessing*

A Thiarna déan trócaire, A Thiarna déan trócaire

A Chríost déan trócaire, A Chríost déan trócaire.

Déan trócaire, déan trócaire, A Thiarna.

A Thiarna, A Thiarna, A Thiarna déan trócaire.

## *Blessing prayer*

A Thiarna, A Thiarna,

A Thiarna déan trócaire.