



EVENING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

In gratitude for God's Mercy in the tradition of Catherine McAuley and the
Sisters of Mercy at Georgian Court University



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GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY
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Welcome

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LEADER: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Greeting

LEADER: We adore you, O God, as the Merciful One.

ALL: ***We seek to discover your movement in us and in our world.***

God of the lowly and meek, teach us to love tenderly, act justly and walk humbly with you.

Opening Hymn

SING VERSES 1 – 4.

The Servant Song

Richard Gillard
Harm. by Betty Pulkingham

The musical score for 'The Servant Song' is presented in two systems. The first system covers the first five verses, and the second system covers the remaining verses. The music is written for a four-part vocal ensemble (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is E-flat major (three flats), and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes a variety of musical notations, including whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes, as well as rests and accidentals. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with each line of music corresponding to a specific verse or part of a verse. The piano accompaniment is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clef). The score is marked with various chords and musical symbols, including E-flat, A-flat, C minor, F minor 7, and B-flat. The lyrics are as follows:

1, 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as Christ to you;
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are trav - 'lers on the road;
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time of your fear;
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such har - mo - ny,

1, 6. Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my ser - vant, too.
2. We are here to help each oth - er Walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will share your joy and sor - row 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.
5. Born of all we've known to - geth - er Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

Doxology

LEADER: Glory to you, God of all peoples.

ALL: *To Jesus, healer and friend,
To the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

Psalm 145

RECALLING THE WORD OF JESUS THAT HE IS ONE WITH HIS SUFFERING MEMBERS, WE RESPOND TO THE CRY OF THE POOR.
TO BE READ ALONG WITH THE PRAYER LEADERS. DUE TO THE AUDIO DELAYS INHERENT IN VIRTUAL MEETINGS, PLEASE
REMAIN MUTED.

LEADER: I will exalt you, God my king,

LEFT: 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.

LEFT: Age to age proclaims your works,
recounts your mighty deeds.
I ponder your splendor and glory
and all your wonderful works.

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

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

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

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

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

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

RIGHT: 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.

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

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

Doxology

LEADER: Glory to you, God of all peoples.

ALL: *To Jesus, healer and friend,
To the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

Reading

EPHESIANS 4:1 – 6

A Letter from St. Paul to the Ephesians.

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord,
Beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.
The word of the Lord.

Reflective Silence

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS TO THE WORD WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED.

In Thanksgiving for the Witness of the Sisters of Mercy

AS A MERCY COMMUNITY, GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY IS PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR THE SISTERS WHO DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO OUR UNIVERSITY AND FOR THEIR WITNESS TO THE CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY.

SING TWICE: 1) CANTOR ALONE 2) CANTOR AND ASSEMBLY

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Ostinato Refrain

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord

I will re - joice! Look to God,

do not be a - fraid; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is

near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

Text: Taizé Community
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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BELLS RING IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE SISTERS OF MERCY WHO SERVED GEORGIAN COURT

Canticle of Mary

SINCE IT IS BY GOD'S MERCY THAT WE ARE ENGAGED IN SERVICE TO THE SUFFERING, WE DO NOT LOSE HEART.

LEADER: I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,

**ALL: *I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on
all ages will call me blest.***

***For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.***

***The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
and lets the rich go hungry.***

***God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs forever.***

Intercessions

LEADER: Merciful God,
on the feast of Our Lady of Mercy in 1827
you manifested your love for your people
through the opening of the House of Mercy
on Baggot Street in Dublin Ireland.
As we celebrate this feast of Jesus' mother and the Sisters of Mercy,
we ask that you show us your love once again.

LEADER: The House of Mercy was established to serve the needs of the poor,
the sick and the uneducated:

**ALL: *May we freely respond to your call to serve
the needs of brothers and sisters in our time.***

LEADER: Catherine McAuley was assisted in her ministry by many
who were animated by her vision of service:

**ALL: *By collaborating with others in the works of mercy,
may we learn from them how to be more merciful.***

LEADER: Like Catherine, we have established institutions to address our enduring concerns:

ALL: *Through our shared life in Georgian Court University may we model mercy and justice and promote systemic change.*

LEADER: Those who came to the House of Mercy experienced respect and hospitality:

ALL: *May we witness to mercy by reverencing the dignity of each person and creating a spirit of gracious welcome wherever we live and serve.*

LEADER: Many of Catherine's early co-workers later embraced the Mercy way of life:

ALL: *May those within our university community respond with gladness and generosity.*

LEADER: Catherine once prayed that "God bless and protect you, and make you the instrument of His glory."

ALL: *May God bless and protect our university in these challenging times and grant us a future that reflects God's glory.*

The Lord's Prayer

**ALL: *Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.***

Blessing

LEADER: "May God bless and animate you with his divine Spirit,

ALL: *that you may prove it is Jesus Christ you love and serve with your whole heart.*" Amen.



LEADER: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

SLANE



1. Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, Whose
2. Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, Whose
3. Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, Your
4. Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, Whose



1. trust, ev-er child-like, no cares can de-stroy, Be
2. strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be
3. hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace, Be
4. voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm, Be



1. there at our wak-ing, and give us, we pray, Your
2. there at our la-bors, and give us, we pray, Your
3. there at our hom-ing, and give us, we pray, Your
4. there at our sleep-ing, and give us, we pray, Your



1. bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Music: Trad. Irish melody; adapt. fr. The Church Hymnary, 1927.



*Living and Deceased Sisters of Mercy and their years of service at Georgian Court
College/University, 1924–present*

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