

*This is your life:  
joys and sorrows mingled,  
one succeeding the other.*

Catherine McAuley



# JUBILEE EUCHARIST

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# *Jubilarians 2019*



## **70 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION**

*Veronica Bruce  
Elizabeth Donnelly*

## **60 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION**

*Marie Bourke  
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Violet Kearns  
Carole McDonald  
Philippa McDonald  
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Margaret Sheehan  
Joan Thomas*

## **50 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION**

*Suzanne Fairbairn FMDM  
Kath Keady  
Margaret Moore  
Patricia Murnane FMDM  
Kerry Thomas*

## **40 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION**

*Lizzie Finnerty  
Carmel Hinkley  
Kathy Ryan  
Annette Schneider*

# *Jubilee Mass*

## *Gathering Hymn*

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
Life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain: Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice.  
Bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the kingdom of God! R.

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the kingdom of God! R.

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the kingdom of God! R.

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## *Introductory Rites*

### *Greeting*

Celebrant: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the  
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

## *Penitential Act & Opening Prayer*

Celebrant: Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask forgiveness, for God is full of gentleness and compassion.

You call us to follow you in celibate love:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

You have called us to follow you,  
the poor one of God: Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

You have called us to follow you in total surrender  
to the will of God in our lives: Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen**

## *Liturgy of the Word*

**First Reading** Zephaniah 3: 14, 17, 20.

Lizzie Finnerty

*Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth.*

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Resp. Psalm:** A TRUSTING PSALM

Refrain: *Lord let your mercy be on us  
As we place our trust in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.  
This love can never be measured.  
God's beauty is like nothing we have ever seen.  
So let us place our trust in God. R

The word of the Lord means a patient, gentle God.  
Whose love can never grow weary.  
God's mercy is as though our sins have never been,  
If we can place our trust in God. R

The word of the Lord is fire burning strong.  
And love that never grows weary.  
God will seek and save the lost until we all return.  
So let us place our trust in God. R

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**Second Reading** Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11,12 Carole McDonald

*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, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.*

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** **CELTIC ALLELUIA** Sung

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.  
The Word of the Lord lasts forever.  
What is the word that is living?  
It is brought to us through God's Son: Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

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**Gospel Reading** Luke 1: 46-55

*And Mary said,*

*“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**Prayer of the Faithful**

*Elizabeth Moloney*

Celebrant:

On this joyful day of Jubilee celebration, we confidently bring our prayers to God, who extends Mercy to all people.

Reader:

For Pope Francis and all who lead our church in these challenging times. May they be gifted with the Spirit of wisdom as they teach the Gospel of Mercy and justice, and minister with compassion.

God of Mercy hear us.

All: God of Mercy, hear our prayer

For each of these Mercy women celebrating a Jubilee. We acknowledge each one, bless each abundantly for their commitment and faithful response to the Gospel imperative and the charism and vision of Catherine McAuley. We acknowledge Veronica Bruce, Elizabeth Donnelly, Joan Thomas, Philippa McDonald, Margaret Sheehan and Kerry Thomas who are unable to join us today.

God of Mercy hear us.

All: God of Mercy, hear our prayer

For all who have journeyed with our Sisters – their families, those who began this journey with them, those to whom they have ministered and those with whom they exercised ministry.

God of Mercy hear us.

All: God of Mercy, hear our prayer

For the Leaders and all members of our Institute of Mercy, strengthen us with the Spirit of Wisdom as we continue to plan a future way of Mercy life.

God of Mercy hear us.

All: God of Mercy, hear our prayer

For all women and men of Mercy. May they be signs of hope, peace and justice for our world.

God of Mercy hear us.

All: God of Mercy, hear our prayer

For Sisters Rose McGiffin, Clare Conway and Joan Campbell, recently deceased members of these Jubilee groups, relatives and friends, all our Mercy Sisters, especially those who were companions of our Jubilarians today. May they rest in peace.

God of Mercy hear us.

All: God of Mercy, hear our Prayer

Celebrant:

Merciful God, our Creator, source of all blessings, you delight in the happiness of your people. Hear the prayers we offer for our Jubilarians, for all people and for the Universal Church. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

## *Liturgy of the Eucharist*

*The gifts are presented by Violet Kearns & Suzanne Fairbairn*

### *Prayer over the Gifts*

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right and just.**

### *Preface*

HOLY, HOLY *Sung*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
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.**

### *Eucharistic Prayer*

Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs and Occasions  
IV. Jesus, Who Went About Doing Good.

### *Memorial Acclamation*

*Sung* Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

### *Lord's Prayer, Sign of Peace & Lamb of God*

### *Communion Hymn*

MICAH'S THEME

Anne Kelly

Refrain: *Hear then what Yahweh asks of you:  
to live justly, to love tenderly,  
and to walk humbly with your God.*

I have come that you may have life  
and have it to the full. R.

Ask and you shall receive,  
knock, and it shall be yours. R.

Father, your kingdom come,  
may your will be done. R.

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## RENEWAL OF VOWS

Sr. Christina:

Sister Jubilarians, on the day of your Profession you formally committed yourself to God and to the service of God's people by following Jesus in the footsteps of Catherine McAuley. I now invite you to stand and renew that commitment in the presence of this community. *Jubilarians STAND*

Jubilarians:                    Loving and merciful God  
                                          in the name of Jesus Christ  
                                          and under the special care of Mary,  
                                          the Mother of Mercy, I .....

                                          in the presence of those gathered today,  
renew to you my vows of poverty, chastity and obedience  
                                          and of apostolic service through the works of mercy  
                                          according to the Constitutions of the Institute  
                                          of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea.

All:

**Bless these Sisters and each of us as we continue to follow Christ in our Religious life as Sisters of Mercy and witness to God's love in our world. Amen.**

### SUSCIPE OF CATHERINE McAULEY

My God, I am yours for time and eternity.

Lord, I am yours forever.

It is you who must teach me

to trust in your providence,

loving Lord.

You are a God of love and tenderness.

I place my trust in you.

And I ask that you grant me

acceptance of your will,

loving Lord.

Take from my heart all painful anxiety.

Let nothing sadden me but sin.

And let my delight be hoping to see your face,  
God, my all.

My God, I am yours for time and eternity.

Lord, I am yours forever.

It is you who must teach me  
to trust in your providence,  
loving Lord.

### *Concluding Rite*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

### *Blessing and Dismissal*

Celebrant: May God bless you with mercy.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: May God bless you with wisdom.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: May God bless you with the energy and vision  
of the gospel.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### *Recessional*

### SONG OF MERCY

Mary Wickham RSM

God, the Maker and Sustainer,  
Jesus, ever-gracious Word;  
Spirit-Wisdom, breath of goodness,  
All our praise to you be heard.

Love beyond all other loving,  
Truth beyond our skill to tell,  
You are joy and you are blessing,  
In Your heart may our hearts dwell.

Mercy is our name and calling;  
Mercy is God's way and will.  
Tender strength and hearts for kindness;  
Simple service; faithfulness.  
Such was Catherine's way and purpose,  
Such our hope and daily prayer.  
For the needy be compassion;  
Strive for justice; live in love.

Mercy then our source and seeking,  
On life's journey we are graced.  
Past is treasured; future trusted;  
Our hearts one in jubilee.  
We give thanks for one another;  
We give thanks for Catherine's dream.  
Guide us, keep us, lead us, love us,  
God whose Mercy we proclaim.

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**Celebrant:** *Fr. Justin Driscoll*

**Communion Ministers:**

*Caroline Coyle, Marg Moore, Patricia Murnane, Kathlyn O'Brien*

**Music:**

*Organist: Loreto Lynch. Singers: Ellen Dunn, Linda Hewitt,  
Kate Mannes, Paula Anne O'Connell*