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**FIRST
PROFESSION
OF
RELIGIOUS
VOWS**

*Emma
Jane
Llewellyn*

**18 JANUARY
2020**



... giving light to all around us"

Main Celebrant

Emeritus Bishop Peter Connors

Concelebrants

Fr Barry Ryan

Fr Tom Brophy

Fr Binh Le PP

Welcome

Christina Aitken RSM

Acknowledgement of Country

Christine Coughlan RSM

Cross Bearer

Mai Nguyen-Doan RSM

First Reader

Berenice Kerr RSM

Second Reader

Elizabeth Dowling RSM

Reflection

Veronica Lawson RSM

Prayer of the Faithful

Mary Moloney RSM & Frances Baker RSM

Presentation of the Gifts

Stephen & Maureen Llewellyn

Eucharistic Ministers

Joan Doyle RSM, Anila Isaac RSM & Ailsa Mackinnon RSM

Music

Pianist: Michelle Goh RSM;

Cantor: Kate Mannes RSM

Choir: Sisters of Mercy

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WELCOME

Sr. Christina Aitken – South B Community Leader

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Wadawurrung people as traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

Introductory Rites

ENTRANCE HYMN

As the Entrance Hymn is sung, Emma Llewellyn, candidate for Religious Profession, Sr Eveline Crotty, Institute Leader and the celebrant, Bishop Peter Connors enter.

We Are Called

David Haas

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain:

**We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more! **R.**

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters
and brothers united in love! **R.**

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

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

All Amen.

Bishop The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Bishop Sisters and brothers, we gather to celebrate
God's extravagant love of us.
Let us pause to remember our need for God's mercy.

May wisdom meet us in every thought: Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

May we be moved with compassion: Lord, have mercy.
All Lord, have mercy.

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

All Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Bishop Let us pray.
God of love and compassion,
we thank you for the gift of this day
and for all days that remind us of your faithful love.
Grant that on this day of blessing for Emma
we may all share in this commitment to mercy

for the good of our world.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom 6: 12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

The word of God.

All

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Sung Ps. 116: 12-13, 15-18

David Haas

**Refrain: I will take the cup of life,
I will call God's name all my days.**

1. How can I make a return for the goodness of God?
This saving cup I will bless and sing,
and call the name of God! **R.**
2. The dying of those who keep faith is precious to our God.
I am your servant called from your hands,
you have set me free! **R.**
3. To you I will offer my thanks and call upon your name.
You are my promise for all to see.
I love your name, O God! **R.**

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SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Col. 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as Christ has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of God dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God through him.

The word of God.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung*

Christopher Walker & Fintan O'Carroll

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Cantor You shall love your God with all your heart, soul and mind; and your neighbour as yourself.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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GOSPEL

Luke 10: 25-37

Bishop The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Bishop A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, the lawyer asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then the Samaritan put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All **Praise to you, Jesus Christ.**



Rite of Profession

THE CALL TO PROFESSION

The Director of Initial Formation, Sr Madeline Duckett, calls Emma to declare her intent.

Madeline Emma Jane Llewellyn. The God of Mercy has called you.

Emma Here I am.

Madeline Emma, what do you ask of God and the Church?

Emma I ask for God's merciful love and to share fully in the life of this religious community of the Sisters of Mercy.

All **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

EXAMINATION

Led by Institute Leader, Sr Eveline Crotty.

Eveline Emma, by your Baptism, you have already been consecrated to God's service. Do you wish now to unite yourself more closely to God by the profession of religious vows?

Emma Yes, I do.

Eveline Emma, after having spent time being initiated into the spirit and life of our Institute, do you intend to offer yourself totally to God and to live a Gospel life of Chastity, Poverty, Obedience and Apostolic Service in our Institute?

Emma I do.

Eveline May God's loving kindness strengthen you and may you be filled with God's grace. *A time for silent prayer*

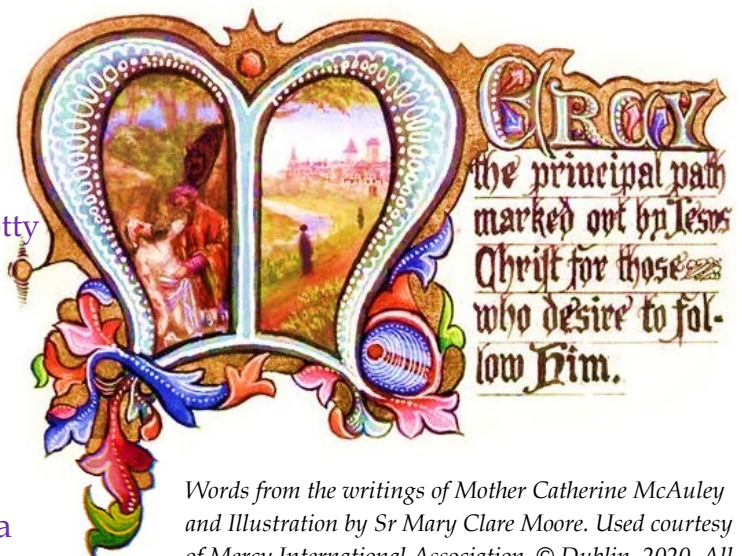
Eveline Let us pray.
 God of Mercy, look upon this community gathered in your name. Emma desires to make a vowed commitment to God in religious life. Help her always to listen to your voice and respond in faith.
 Through Christ our Lord, who lives with us forever and ever.

All Amen.

ACT OF PROFESSION

Emma's vows are received by the Institute Leader and witnessed by Sr. Madeline.

God of all Mercy,
 in the name of Jesus Christ,
 by the grace of the Holy Spirit,
 and under the special care of Mary,
 the Mother of Mercy,
 I, Emma Jane Llewellyn,
 in the presence of Sister Eveline Crotty
 vow to you for three years
 chastity, poverty, obedience
 and apostolic service
 through the works of mercy
 according to the Constitutions of
 the Institute of Sisters of Mercy
 of Australia and Papua New Guinea
 on this 18th day of January 2020
 at St. Alipius' Church, Ballarat East,
 Victoria.



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After the signing of the vows, Sisters of Mercy are invited to stand and affirm Emma in her commitment by singing the Triple Amen.

***Amen, we affirm; Amen, we encourage;
Amen, we bless and we celebrate. Amen.***

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BLESSING AND PRESENTATION OF THE MERCY CROSS

The Mercy Cross is presented to Emma by Sr Kathy Ryan, Candidacy Formator and Sr Eveline.

Kathy God of Mercy, look with love on your people,
as we humbly ask you to bless this Mercy Cross,
which Emma will wear as a reminder of her
consecration to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eveline Emma, receive this Mercy Cross, which symbolises
your belonging to our Institute, your commitment
to the gospel and your dedication to the
service of the Church.

Emma Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT

The Suscipe of Catherine McAuley

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.

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 then 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.

Words by Catherine McAuley (adapted). Music composed by Elaine Deasy rsm (Americas).

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Bishop On this day of religious profession let us, with confidence,
bring our prayers to God, who extends mercy to all people.

Reader/s

For Emma who today makes her first profession of religious vows.
Bless her abundantly and through her commitment and faithful response to
the Gospel imperative and the charism and vision of Catherine McAuley,
may others respond to the call of Mercy. God of Mercy, hear us.

All God of Mercy, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of our churches, institutions and for the governments of our
country. May they ever seek the gift of wisdom in their deliberations towards
truth and justice for all. God of Mercy, hear us.

All God of Mercy, hear our prayer.

For the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea.
With confidence in the mercy of God, may our witness be a compassionate
response to all in need. God of Mercy, hear us.

All God of Mercy, hear our prayer.

For the earth we share, a gift from our loving Creator. Sustain us as we
protect this wondrous creation and seek the common good. God of Mercy, hear us.

All God of Mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who have journeyed with Emma to this day. Bless her family and
friends and the many Sisters of Mercy of the Institute and strengthen them
each day. God of Mercy, hear us.

All God of Mercy, hear our prayer.

For all our family members, friends and Mercy Sisters who have been part of
our lives. May they rest in peace. God of Mercy, hear us.

All God of Mercy, hear our prayer.

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

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Emma's parents now bring forward the gifts of bread and wine.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Bishop As we celebrate the beginning of Emma's religious profession, we seek your blessing on her and all present. Make holy these gifts, which will become our lasting nourishment and hope, for you are our God forever and ever.

All Amen.

PREFACE

Bishop The Lord be with you.

All And with your Spirit.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right and just.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

For Various Needs IV: 'Jesus, who went about doing good'

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**All 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. Hosanna in the highest.**

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Bishop The mystery of faith.

**All *Sung* When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

GREAT AMEN *Sung*

**All Amen, Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Said*

Bishop At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

**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.**

Bishop Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever.**

SIGN OF PEACE

Bishop Lord Jesus Christ,
 who said to your Apostles:
 Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
 look not on our sins,
 but on the faith of your Church,
 and graciously grant her peace and unity
 in accordance with your will.
 Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Bishop The peace of Jesus Christ be with you always.

All **And with your spirit.**

Bishop Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All *Sung* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 grant us peace.**

Bishop Behold the Lamb of God,
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All **Lord, I am not worthy
 that you should enter under my roof,
 but only say the word
 and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMNS

Our Supper Invitation

Kevin Bates SM

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.

Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.
Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.
Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

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We Give You Thanks

David Haas

For the bread and wine we share here,
For the friends that we embrace,
For the peace we find in healing,
For all who gather in this place,
For the faith of those around us,
For the dead and all those here,
For the hope we find in memory,
For the love that draws us near.

***Refrain:* We give you thanks, we give you thanks,
For the faith to receive, in you we believe!
We give you thanks, we give you thanks,
With faith and hope and love, we give you thanks.**

For the movement deep within us,
For the stories that we bring,
For the signs of God's compassion,
For the journey that we sing,
For the Word that holds our promise,
For the gifts that we can claim,
For the wonders that surround us,
For the song that sings our name. ***R.***

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Mercy from the Heart of God Gina Ogilvie & Monica O'Brien

God of mercy and compassion,
Draw us deeply to your heart,
Lead us to a place of healing,
Where we'll never be apart.

Let forgiveness be our passion,
Reaching out with hands of peace,
Turning from the chains that bind us,
Finding freedom and release.

Refrain: **Mercy, ever flowing, freely given, mercy,
Mercy from the heart of God,
Mercy from the heart of God.**

May our mission be of mercy,
Welcome all without reserve,
As one heart we stand for justice,
With compassion called to serve. ***R.***

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop Loving and gracious God,
 we have been fed with the bread of life
 and the wine of compassion.
 Sustain us in your love
 as we continue our journey in faith in the name of Jesus.

All **Amen.**

The Concluding Rites

BLESSING

The Congregation are invited to raise their hand towards Emma for the blessing.

Bishop Emma, as you walk the way of the Gospel,
 may you continue to seek the wisdom of our loving God.

All **Amen.**

Eveline In your vocation as a Sister of Mercy,
 may you continue to know and show forth
 the love of Christ.

All Amen.

Eveline May your commitment to the Mercy way of life
 always lead you to act with compassion.

All Amen.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

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

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

Bishop Go and announce the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come and Journey with Me

David Haas

Come to the song, come to the dance,
Bring all you are, bring all you'll be;
And come with your voice,
Come with your heart.
Come and journey with me.
Come and journey with me.

Come, let the sun fill up your eyes,
Take the time to look around,
And love, just love;
And walk with each other.
Come and journey with me.
Come and journey with me.

Come and see, come and be,
Be all you are, and all you can be,
And leave all behind,
And calm your mind.
Come and journey with me.
Come and journey with me.

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*At the conclusion of Mass, please remain
seated in the Church for further formalities.*

*"The tender mercy of our God
has given us one another."*

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I give thanks to our God of love and compassion and to each one of you, for the gift of your presence in my life and on this day of celebration of my commitment as a Sister of Mercy.

Thank you for your love, support, guidance and prayer. Let us continue to journey together and share in this commitment to mercy for the good of our world.

Emma Llewellyn



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