

Evening Prayer



Sister Cecilia Mulcahey

(Sister M. Aloysius)

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*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to
leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like
to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of
happy times and laughing times and bright and
sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to
dry before the sun of happy memories that
I leave when life is done.*

*Helen Lowrie Marshall
"Afterglow"*

Welcome: Sister Bonnie MacLellan
General Superior

Sign of the Cross

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

We gather this evening to pray for and to celebrate Cecilia. Hope is a vital part of life, we know Cecilia longed to make her return to the one she served so lovingly and faithfully for 94 years.


Let us begin our prayer by reflecting on these comforting words of scripture: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived what God has prepared for those who love him."
1 Corinthians 2.9

Let us be still and reflect on these words!

All: Almighty and ever-loving God, your Son broke the power of death and gave us the hope of eternal life. Bring our sister Cecilia to your kingdom where there are no more shattered hopes or broken dreams. We pray in your name. Amen

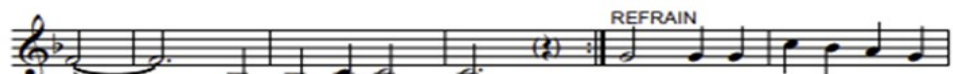
HYMN for Reflection: Hosea (Gregory Norbet)

VERSES

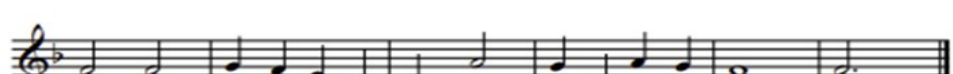


1. Come back to me___ with all your heart.___ Don't let
1. Trees do bend,___ though straight and tall;___ So must
2. The wil - der - ness___ will lead___ you___ to your
2. In - teg - ri - ty___ and jus - tice___ with ten - der -
3. You shall sleep___ se - cure with peace;___ faith - ful -

REFRAIN



1. fear___ keep us a - part.___
1. we___ to oth - ers call.___
2. heart___ where I will speak.___ Long have I wait - ed for your
2. ness___ you shall know.___
3. ness___ will be your joy.___



com - ing home to me and liv - ing deep - ly our new life. ___

Scripture Reading:

Acts 5:12-16

Sister Mary Sheridan

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 42 - Together we pray

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
So longs my soul for you, O God.
My soul does thirst for the living God,
When shall I come to see your face?

My tears have fed me day and night,
While some have said "Where is your God?"
But I recall as my soul pours dry,
The days of praise within your house.

Why do I mourn and toil within,
When it is mine to hope in God?
I shall again sing praise to him.
He is my help, he is my God.
He is my God.



Sharing of Memories

Prayers of Intercession: Sister Winnifred McLoughlin
Sister Bernadette Sammon

Response: Hear us loving God

We pray in thanksgiving for the dedication to loving service in God's name which marked Cecilia's life, her ministries and her relationships, ***we pray...***

We pray with love and gratitude in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Sister Cecilia. We celebrate her legacy as educator and pastoral caregiver. We entrust her to your love and peace, ***we pray...***

We pray in gratitude for Sister Cecilia's faithful and loving acceptance of challenges presented to her during her life, ***we pray...***

We pray that Sister Cecilia's reunion with her deceased parents Evelyn Mae and William Edward, her siblings Father Harris, Robert, Lloyd and Lawrence, and Aunt Tessie Milks, relatives, friends and community members, is one of joy, ***we pray...***

We remember in gratitude Cecilia's living family members who knew of Cecilia's love and care for each one of them, ***we pray...***

We pray with gratitude to our Good Shepherd for Pope Francis and Msgr. Dennis Murphy and all clergy with whom Cecilia served. We give thanks for their witness and pastoral presence and service, ***we pray...***

We remember in gratitude our Motherhouse staff, Dr. Ng, and all those who cared for Cecilia on a daily basis, ***we pray...***

The Lord's Prayer

We now pray to God with confidence as Jesus, our brother
taught us: **Our Father**

Closing Prayer: (together)

God of mercy, look kindly on your servant Cecilia who has set
down the burden of her years. She served you faithfully
throughout her life, bless her with the fullness of your peace
and joy. We give thanks for the long life of Cecilia now caught
up in your eternal love. We make our prayer in the name of
Jesus, our risen Lord now and forever. Amen

Closing Hymn: Day Is Done

Day is done, but Love unfailing dwells ever here;
Shadows fall, but hope, prevailing, calms ev'ry fear.
God, our Maker, none forsaking,
Take our hearts, of Love's own making;
Watch our sleeping, guard our waking, be always near.

Dark descends, but Light unending shines through our night;
You are with us, ever lending
New strength to sight.
One in love, your truth confessing,
One in hope of heaven's blessing,
May we see, in love's possessing,
Love's endless light!

Eyes will close, but you unsleeping watch by our side;
Death may come, in Love's safekeeping still we abide.
God of love, all evil quelling,
Sin forgiving, fear dispelling: stay with us, our hearts in
dwelling, this eventide.

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Eternal Rest Cecilia





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