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## OFFICE OF READINGS

#### Hymn

Come then all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness / Melodies of praise and thanks to God, / Ring out the Lord's glory, praise Him with your music, / Worship Him and bless His name. / Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, / Come to Him and bless His name / Mercy He has shown us, His love is forever, / Faithful to the end of days.

#### Antiphon 1.- This holy woman trusts in God and sings his praises.

Psalm 18 A

The heavens proclaim the glory of God\*
And the firmament shows forth the work of his hands,
Day unto day takes up the story\*
And night unto night make known the message.

No speech, no word, no voice is heard+ Yet their span extends through all the earth, \* Their words to the utmost bounds of the world. There he has placed a tent for the sun; + It comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent, \* Rejoices like a champion to run its course.

At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun; + To the furthest end of the sky is its course. \* There is nothing concealed from its burning heat.

# Antiphon 2.- This holy woman is led to the Lord in the midst of festive songs.

Psalm 44 (45) I

My heart overflows with noble words. + To the king I must speak the song I have made, \* My tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.

You are the fairest of the children of men+ And graciousness is poured upon your lips: \* Because God has blessed you for evermore.

O mighty one, gird your sword upon your thigh; + In splendor and state, ride on in triumph\* For the cause of truth and goodness and right.

Take aim with your bow in your dread right hand. + Your arrows are sharp: peoples fall beneath you, \* The foes of the king fall down and lose heart.



Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever. + A scepter of justice is the scepter of your kingdom. \* Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you+ With the oil of gladness above other kings: \* Your robes are fragrant with aloes and myrrh.

From the ivory palace you are greeted with music. + The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. \* On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

## Antiphon 3.- The King has desired your beauty; he is your Lord and God.

Psalm 44 (45) II Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: \* Forget your own people and your father's house. So will the king desire your beauty: \* He is your lord, pay homage to him.



And the people of Tyre shall come with gifts, \*
The richest of the people shall seek your favour.
The daughter of the king is clothed with splendor, \*
Her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.

She is led to the king with her maiden companions. + They are escorted amid gladness and joy; \* They pass within the palace of the king.

Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers: \*
You will make them princes over all the earth.
May this song make your name for ever remembered.
May the peoples praise you from age to age.

#### Response

V/ You have shown me how to live.
R/ You will fill me with joy in your presence.





#### First Reading. Romans 12: 1-21

I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. For by the grace given to me I tell everyone among you not to think of oneself more highly than one ought to think, but to think soberly, each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned. For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another.

Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute lyoul, bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all. Beloved, do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." Rather, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head." Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.

#### Responsory

V/ As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

R/ Where there is love and charity, there God is present.

V/ You will know that you love the Father, if you keep my Word.

R/ Where there is love and charity, there God is present.



## Second Reading. The homily of Pope John Paul II during the Eucharist on November 20, 1994

In addition to the work of the believing intellect, there is the witness of active love, of unfailing charity that will remain in the "eternal empire" proclaimed by prophet Daniel (Dn 7:14). Marie Poussepin was motivated by this active love from childhood and was deeply concerned to put herself at the service of the most deprived, in the Dominican Third Order of Dourdan, her native town. In fact, she was able to recognize the living presence of the Lord of the universe in the person of the lowliest. To serve the poor is to live the blessedness of the kingdom here and now. Marie Poussepin wished to make her whole life an offering of love, as is demonstrated by the text of the Constitutions she gave to the Dominican Sisters of Charity of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin, whom she founded in Sainville. Together with her companions, apostolic women religious, she decided to work "for the welfare of the parish, to educate youth and to serve the sick poor."

The fire of love which Christ came to kindle on the earth would be doomed to being extinguished had not families the courage to keep it burning. During this year particularly dedicated to them, Marie Poussepin brings us a message of joy and hope: born into a family which raised her, and which she supported, she is henceforth held up for our veneration as one of our sisters in humanity, a daughter of our humble and generous God, capable of understanding family problems and also of showing us where to seek their solution: in the love which springs from the heart of Christ, King of the universe.

#### Response

V/ My Father will love Him and we will come to live in Him.

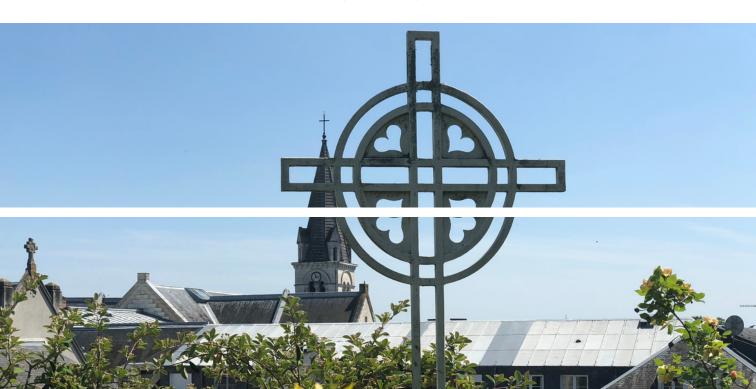
R/ If anyone will keep my word, my Father will love him.

V/ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

R/ If anyone will keep my word, my Father will love him.

#### **Concluding Prayer**

God, Father of mercies, You have given to Blessed Marie Poussepin the grace of an ardent and active charity. Give us, at her example, to be witnesses to your truth and to serve Christ in each one of our brothers and sisters. He who lives and reigns with you... for ever and ever. Amen.



#### Other readings that can be used

#### - The audience with Pope Saint John Paul II on November 21, 1994

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It is with much joy and enthusiasm that I meet you on the day after the feast of Christ the King, during which I could add Father Hyacinthe-Marie Cormier, Mother Marie Poussepin, Sister Agnes de Jesus, Sister Eugenie Joubert and Bro. Claudio Granzotto to the number of all the blesseds. Five new persons are now offered for our reflection, five people who loved Christ passionately at different times and under very different circumstances; they had only one aim: to show that we will find meaning for our life only when we offer it to God and live it for Him, with Him and in Him.

Three of the newly blesseds belong to the big family of the sons and daughters of St. Dominic. Ever since his death, they have been continuing to witness the vitality of an Order which was founded more than seven centuries ago and which has always remained as a light for the Church and a treasured support for my predecessors. Through the ministry of preaching, which constitutes the core of the vision of its founder, the Dominicans have travelled through Europe and then to the whole world, proclaiming the Good News of the death and resurrection of the Lord, the only one who is able to fill our life as human beings. His work of evangelization would not have been possible without an intense preparation of the intelligence to discover and explain the Scriptures in which God reveals and communicates Himself to the human spirit...

The need for serious theological work – 'caritas veritatis'- will never let us forget the urgency for decisive action in favor of our neighbor. I will repeat it with more emphasis: 'veritas caritatis': there is the 'charity of truth' and also the 'truth of charity'. And here persons like Marie Poussepin...are very important for us; they remind us primarily of the importance of contemplative life and prayer which forms a man or a woman to be passionately in love with God and enables them to be passionately in love with their brothers and sisters.

You remember the path that blessed Marie Poussepin traced for her sisters: the service of the parish, instruction of youth and care for the sick. This triple objective reminds us that there is no need to go very far to place oneself at the service of others. It is necessary to work first of all in the parish communities for the coming of the Kingdom of God. We must transmit faith and love for the Church to the youth. You must continue to serve the poor who are with you in your city and in your street so that God 'may be all in all' (I Cor. 15: 28). Religious and the laity are intimately associated in this ardent but exciting mission, in this universal call to holiness to participate in the charity and humility of Christ for the service of his brothers and sisters.



Blessed be God because He gives us each morning the grace to live for Him and the strength to follow Him... May He accompany you every day and help you to fulfill your mission...

#### - General Rules

#### - Decree Perfectae Caritatis 1, 5, 6, 12





## **MORNING PRAYER**

#### Hymn

Let your light shine for all the world to see / The brightness of your life within, the peace that set you free. / Let your light shine to fill your nights and days; / All will see the deeds you do and give your Father praise. / Blest are you, the poor who trust the Father with your lives; / For within your heart is born the Kingdom of the Lord. / Blest are you, the sorrowing, who know your Father wise; / For within your heart is born the Kingdom of the Lord.

#### Antiphon 1.- My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Psalm 62

O God, you are my God, for you I long; \*
For you my soul is thirsting,
My body pines for you\*
Like a dry, weary land without water.
So, I gaze on you in the sanctuary\*
To see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life, \* My lips will speak your praise. So, I will bless you all my life, \* In your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, \* My mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you. \*
On you I muse through the night
For you have been my help; \*
In the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; \*
Your right hand holds me fast.

## Antiphon 2.- God's own right hand has given you strength; may you be blessed for ever.

Dan 3:57-88. 56

O all you works of the Lord, O bless the Lord, \*
To him be highest glory
and praise for ever.
And you, angels of the Lord, O bless the Lord. \*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, the heavens of the Lord, O bless the Lord, And you, clouds of the sky, O bless the Lord. And you, all armies of the Lord, O bless the Lord. \*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.





And you, sun and moon, O bless the Lord. \*
And you, the stars of the heavens, O bless the Lord.
And you, showers and rain, O bless the Lord. \*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, all you breezes and winds, O bless the Lord. \*
And you, fire and heat, O bless the Lord.
And you, cold and heat, O bless the Lord. \*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, showers and dew, O bless the Lord. \* And you, frosts and cold, O bless the Lord. And you, frost and snow, O bless the Lord. \* To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, night-time and day, O bless the Lord. \* And you, darkness and light, O bless the Lord. \* And you, lightning and clouds, O bless the Lord. \* To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

O let the earth bless the Lord. \*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, mountains and hills, O bless the Lord. \*
And you, all plants of the earth, O bless the Lord.
And you, fountains and springs, O bless the Lord, \*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, rivers and seas, O bless the Lord. \*
And you, creatures of the sea, O bless the Lord.
And you, every bird in the sky, O bless the Lord. +
And you, wild beasts and tame, O bless the Lord. \*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, children of men, O bless the Lord. \*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.
O Israel bless the Lord. O bless the Lord. \*
And you priests of the Lord, O bless the Lord.
And you, servants of the Lord, O bless the Lord. \*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

And you, spirits and souls of the just, O bless the Lord. \*
And you, holy and humble of heart, O bless the Lord.
Ananias, Azarias, Mizael, O bless the Lord. \*
To him be highest glory and praise for ever.

Let us praise the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit: \*
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.
May you be blessed, O Lord, in the heavens. \*
To you be highest glory and praise for ever.

#### Antiphon 3.- I will exalt the Lord and rejoice in His love.

Psalm 149

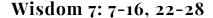
Sing a new song to the Lord, \*
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker, \*
Let Sion's sons exult in their king.
Let them praise his name with dancing\*
And make music with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes delight in his people. \*
He crowns the poor with salvation.
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory, \*
Shout for joy and take their rest.
Let the praise of God be on their lips\*
And a two-edged sword in their hand,

To deal out vengeance to the nations\*
And punishment on all the peoples;
To bind their kings in chains \*
And their nobles in fetters of iron;
To carry out the sentence pre-ordained:
This honour is for all his faithful.



#### Reading (choose one)



Therefore, I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, And deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; Because all gold, in view of her, is a bit of sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and beauty, I loved her, And I chose to have her rather than the light, because her radiance never ceases. Yet all good things together came to me with her, and countless riches at her hands; I rejoiced in them all, because Wisdom is their leader, though I had not known that she is their mother. Sincerely I learned about her, and ungrudgingly do I share— her riches I do not hide away; For she is an unfailing treasure; those who gain this treasure win the friendship of God, being commended by the gifts that come from her discipline.

Now God grant I speak suitably and value these endowments at their worth: For he is the guide of Wisdom and the director of the wise. For both we and our words are in his hand, as well as all prudence and knowledge of crafts. For in her is a spirit intelligent, holy, unique, Manifold, subtle, agile, clear, unstained, certain, Never harmful, loving the good, keen, unhampered, beneficent, kindly, Firm, secure, tranquil, all-powerful, all-seeing, And pervading all spirits, though they be intelligent, pure and very subtle.

For Wisdom is mobile beyond all motion, and she penetrates and pervades all things by reason of her purity. For she is a breath of the might of God and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore, nothing defiled can enter into her. For she is the reflection of eternal light, the spotless mirror of the power of God, the image of his goodness. Although she is one, she can do all things, and she renews everything while herself perduring; Passing into holy souls from age to age, she produces friends of God and prophets. For God loves nothing so much as the one who dwells with Wisdom.

#### Ephesians 4: 1-6, 11-16

I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

So that we may no longer be infants, tossed by waves and swept along by every wind of teaching arising from human trickery, from their cunning in the interests of deceitful scheming. Rather, living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, with the proper functioning of each part, brings about the body's growth and builds itself up in love.

#### **Short Responsory**

R/ God is her help from the dawning of the day (Repeat) R/

V/ The Lord is with her; she will not be moved.

R/ Glory be. R/

Benedictus Antiphon. - That they may bring with them, wherever they are called, the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His mysteries (Rule of Sainville, XXVII).

#### **Benedictus**





#### **Intercessions**

Let us glorify Christ the Lord and acclaim Him by saying: **King of glory, hear us.** 

- We bless you Lord who has given us the gift of faith; lead us in your goodness to your marvelous light.
- -Grant us the grace to remain always in your love through the example of Marie Poussepin.
- Help us, so that we may know how to give you thanks at every moment, for your wonderful deeds.

- Grant to our Congregation the grace to grow in your presence and live always for the service of our brothers and sisters.

May the Spirit of God who has been poured out into our hearts, be united to our spirit to say together:

Our Father...

#### **Concluding Prayer**

God, Father of mercies, You have given to Blessed Marie Poussepin the grace of an ardent and active charity. Give us, at her example, to be witnesses to your truth and to serve Christ in each one of our brothers and sisters. He who lives and reigns with you ... for ever and ever. Amen.



#### PRAYER DURING THE DAY

#### Hymn

Here I am, Lord, is it I Lord? / I have heard you calling in the night, / I will go, Lord, if you lead me, / I will hold your people in my heart. / I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. / All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save. / I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. / Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Antiphon 1.- Support me, Lord, according to your promise and I will live, let me not be disappointed in my hope.

Psalm 122

To you have I lifted up my eyes, \*You who dwell in the heavens:
My eyes, like the eyes of slaves\*
on the hands of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant\* on the hand of her mistress, so, our eyes are on the Lord our God\* till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. \*
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul+
with the scorn of the rich, \*
with the proud man's disdain.

#### Antiphon 2.- I will pour out my spirit on my servant.

#### Psalm 123

'If the Lord had not been on our side', \*
this is Israel's song.
'If the Lord had not been on our side\*
when men rose against us,
then would they have swallowed us alive\*
when their anger was kindled.

Then would the waters have engulfed us, \* the torrent gone over us; over our head would have swept\* the raging waters. \*

Blessed be the Lord who did not give us\* the torrent gone over us; over our head would have swept\* the raging waters.'





Blessed be the Lord who did not give us\* a prey to their teeth!

Our life, like a bird, has escaped\*

From the snare of the fowler.

Indeed the snare has been broken\* and we have escaped. our help is in the name of the Lord, \* who made heaven and earth.

## Antiphon 3.- My heart and my flesh dance for the living God.

Psalm 124

Those who put their trust in the Lord+
Are like Mount Sion, that cannot be shaken, \*
That stands for ever.

Jerusalem! the mountains surround her, + so the Lord surrounds his people\* both now and for ever.

For the scepter of the wicked shall not rest\* over the land of the just for fear that the hands of the just\* should turn to evil.

Do good, Lord, to those who are good, \* to the upright of heart; but the crooked and those who do evil, + drive them away! \* On Israel, Peace!

### Reading (choose one)

#### I Corinthians 3: 9-11

For we are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ.



#### James 1: 21-25

Therefore, put away all filth and evil excess and humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like. But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does.

#### Response

V/ Blessed are those who with unblemished lives,

R/ Walk in the way of the Lord.

#### **Concluding Prayer**

God, Father of mercies, You have given to Blessed Marie Poussepin the grace of an ardent and active charity. Give us, at her example, to be witnesses to your truth and to serve Christ in each one of our brothers and sisters. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.





## **EVENING PRAYER**

#### Hymn

I have carried you on eagle's wings! / I will care for you in all your years! / My heart is full of peace; / You have been within my life! / Your guiding hand has always covered me! / I am full of confidence in you!

My soul is like a child, / Cradled safe within your arms! / You have carried me across my years! / Leading me thru' sorrow and thru' joy!

Never need I be afraid! / No matter how uncertain things may be! / Some times thru' me sometimes in spite of me, /You seem to find your purpose in my life!

Antiphon 1.- Lord, your servant rejoices, because you have saved her.

#### Psalm 121

I rejoiced when I heard them say: \*
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing\*
Within your gates, O Jerusalem.



Jerusalem is built as a city\*
Strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up, \*
The tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, \*
There to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment\*
Of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,

In your palaces, Peace! \*
For love of my brethren and friends\*
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord\*
I will ask for your good.

Antiphon 2.- Like a solid foundation on the rock, the heart of a holy woman is secure in God's will.



#### Psalm 126

If the Lord does not build the house, \*
In vain do its builders labour;
If the Lord does not watch over the city, \*
In vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising, \*
Your going later to rest,
You who toil for the bread you eat: \*
When he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord, \*
A blessing, the fruit of the womb.
Indeed the sons of youth\*
Are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

O the happiness of the man\*
Who has filled his quiver with these arrows!
He will have no cause for shame\*
When he disputes with his foes in the gateways.



## Antiphon 3.- God's own hand has given her strength; she will be blessed for ever.

Canticle Eph 1: 3-10

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.

He chose us in him. \*
Before the foundation of the world,
That we should be holy\*
And blameless before him.

He destined us in love\*
To be his sons through Jesus Christ,
According to the purpose of his will, +
To the praise of his glorious grace\*
Which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, \*
The forgiveness of our trespasses,
According to the riches of his grace\*
Which he lavished upon us.



He has made known to us+ In all wisdom and insight\* The mystery of his will, according to his purpose\* which he set forth in Christ.

His purpose he set forth in Christ, \*
As a plan for the fulness of time,
To unite all things in him, \*
Things in heaven and things on earth.

## Reading (choose one)

## I Peter 4: 7-11

The end of all things is at hand. Therefore, be serious and sober for prayers. Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

#### I Corinthians 9: 16-19

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so

willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible.

### **Short Responsory**

R/ God has chosen her. He chose her before she was born. (Repeat) R/V/ He brought her to live in his own dwelling place.R/ Glory be R/

Magnificat Antiphon. - The sisters will never be richer than when they have become perfectly poor with Him (Rule of Sainville, V).

## Magnificat

#### **Intercessions**

Let us bring before the Lord our supplications for the good of the Church and the Congregation. Our response is: **Lord hear our prayer.** 



- Inspire us Lord, with the gestures of mercy, charity and audacity that you have granted to your servant Marie Poussepin. Grant that we may let ourselves be transformed by the newness of the Gospel.
- We pray to you Lord for the Church, so that all of us may remain faithful to the Spirit and be attentive to the signs of the time.
- We pray to you Lord for our parish and diocesan churches that they may always seek to give a better witness of your love.
- We pray to you Lord for all the faithful departed and especially for the sisters of our Congregation, the members of our family, friends and guardians that they may now enjoy the happiness of your Kingdom.

Because we know that we are children of God, with trust we dare to say: **Our Father...** 

## **Concluding Prayer**

God, Father of mercies, You have given to Blessed Marie Poussepin the grace of an ardent and active charity.

Give us, at her example, to be witnesses to your truth and to serve Christ in each one of our brothers and sisters.

He who lives and reigns with you... for ever and ever. Amen.





## **EUCHARIST**

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#### **Entrance Hymn**

We are companions on the journey, / Breaking bread and sharing life; / And in the love we bear is the hope we share / For we believe in the love of our God, / We believe in the love of our God.

No longer strangers to each other; / No longer strangers in God's house; / We are fed and we are nourished / By the strength of those who care.

We have been gifted with each other; / And we are called by the Word of the Lord: / To act with justice, to love tenderly, / And to walk humbly with our God, / To walk humbly with our God.

We will seek and we shall find; / We will knock and the door will be opened; / We will ask and it shall be given, / For we believe in the love of our / God, We believe in the love of our God.

#### Gloria







### Prayer

God, Father of mercies, You have given to Blessed Marie Poussepin the grace of an ardent and active charity. Give us, at her example, to be witnesses to your truth and to serve Christ in each one of our brothers and sisters. He who lives and reigns with you... forever and ever. Amen.

## 1st Reading Sirach 4: 1-10

My child, do not mock the life of the poor; do not keep needy eyes waiting. Do not grieve the hungry, nor anger the needy. Do not aggravate a heart already angry, nor delay giving to the needy. A beggar's request do not reject; do not turn your face away from the poor. From the needy do not turn your eyes; do not give them reason to curse you. If in their pain they cry out bitterly, their Rock will hear the sound of their cry. Endear yourself to the assembly; before the city's ruler bow your head. Give a hearing to the poor, and return their greeting with deference; Deliver the oppressed from their oppressors; right judgment should not be repugnant to you. Be like a father to orphans, and take the place of a husband to widows. Then God will call you his child, and he will be merciful to you and deliver you from the pit.



## Responsorial Psalm Psalm 145:5-10

Response: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Blessed the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord, his God,
The maker of heaven and earth,
the seas and all that is in them.

Who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, who gives bread to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free;

The Lord gives sight to the blind.
The Lord raises up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord protects the resident alien,

The Lord comes to the aid of the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign forever, your God, Zion, through all generations!

## **Gospel Acclamation**

I give you a new commandment; that you love one another as I have loved you, says the Lord. Alleluia.

## Gospel

Lk 10: 25-37

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said,

- "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him,

- "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply,
- "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

He replied to him,

- "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus,

- "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied,

- "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-ead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise, a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.

He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

He answered.

- "The one who treated him with mercy."
   Jesus said to him,
- "Go and do likewise."

# Homily Credo



## Prayer of the faithful

Let us present to God Our Father the needs of the Church, the Congregation and all of humanity and assume our commitment to listen to the will of God. Our response is: **Father, hear our prayer.** 

- That the Church and the Congregation in it, may have the courage, audacity and desire to proclaim the Good News to the men and women of today. Let us pray.
- That our faith may be more and more alive, in such a way that following the example of Marie Poussepin we may live with joy the same spirit of

service and commitment which inspired her throughout her whole life. Let us pray.

- That any feeling of envy or enmity that prevents us from living fully the Charism of Our Foundress may disappear from our hearts. Let us pray.
- That the sick, those in agony and all those who are sad or marginalized may experience the presence of Jesus who liberates us and strengthens us. Let us pray.
- That we may know how to be grateful for all that the Lord grants us through our sisters in community. Let us pray.

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Lord, we proclaim you admirable in the holiness of Blessed Marie Poussepin and we humbly beg you to be pleased with her merits, and to accept with equal pleasure the worship we offer. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

### **Preface for the Saints**



# Communion Antiphon. The bridegroom is here; let us go out to meet Christ the Lord.

## Prayer after communion

We pray, Lord, that these mysteries in which we have participated on the feast of Blessed Marie Poussepin, may always inspire and enlighten us, so that we may grow in sincere charity and may be more and more united to you. Though Jesus Christ...

## **Final Blessing**

May God, Our Father, who has gathered us together to celebrate today the feast of Blessed Marie Poussepin, bless you, protect you and confirm you in his peace R/ Amen.

May Christ the Lord, who has manifested in Blessed Marie Poussepin the renewing power of the paschal mystery, make you authentic witnesses of his gospel. R/ Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, who in Blessed Marie Poussepin, has offered us an example of evangelical charity, grant you the grace to grow in true communion within the Church through faith and love. R/ Amen.

And may the blessing of God all-powerful, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, descend upon you. R/Amen.

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