

Sending Ceremony Maryknoll Lay Missioners



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Queen of Apostles Chapel, Maryknoll Society

Mission Sending Ceremony

**Queen of Apostles Chapel
Maryknoll Society**

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Accompanist

Welcome

Ted Miles

Processional Song

The Summons (#387)

(John L. Bell & Graham Maule)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Invocation

Virginia McEvoy, Affiliates

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 6:3, 5-8

Francis Wayne

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts! [the Seraphim] cried to one another. All the earth is filled with God’s glory!” ... Then I said: “Woe is me, I am doomed!” For I am a person of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the Lord of Hosts!” Then one of the Seraphim flew to me, holding an ember taken with tongs from the altar, and touched my mouth with it saying: “See, now that this has touched your lips your wickedness is removed, your sin purged.” Then I heard the voice of God saying: “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” “Here I am,” I said, “send me!”

Speaker Introduction

Ted Miles

Speaker

Robert Ellsberg

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Intercessory Prayers

Everyday God

(Bernadette Farrell)

EVERYDAY GOD

Bernadette Farrell



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|---------------------------|----------------|------|-------------|
| 1. Earth's cre - a - tor, | Ev - 'ry - day | God, | Lov - ing |
| 2. In your pres - ence | Ev - 'ry - day | God, | We are |
| 3. Life of all lives, | Ev - 'ry - day | God, | Love of |
| 4. In our rest - ing, | Ev - 'ry - day | God, | In our |
| 5. In our dream - ing, | Ev - 'ry - day | God, | In our |
| 6. God of laugh - ter, | Ev - 'ry - day | God, | God of |
| 7. Way of free - dom, | Ev - 'ry - day | God, | Star of |
| 8. Word of glad - ness, | Ev - 'ry - day | God, | Word of |
| 9. Gen - tie fa - ther, | Ev - 'ry - day | God, | Faith - ful |
| 10. Our be - gin - ning, | Ev - 'ry - day | God, | Our un - |
| 11. Al - le - lu - ia, | Ev - 'ry - day | God, | Now and |



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|-----------------|---|-----------|------------------------|---|
| 1. Mak - er, | O | Je - sus, | You who shaped us, | O |
| 2. gath - ered. | O | Je - sus, | You have called us | O |
| 3. all loves, | O | Je - sus, | Hope of all hopes, | O |
| 4. ris - ing, | O | Je - sus, | In our hop - ing, | O |
| 5. dar - ing, | O | Je - sus, | In our search - ing, | O |
| 6. sor - row, | O | Je - sus, | Home and shel - ter, | O |
| 7. morn - ing, | O | Je - sus, | Time - less heal - er, | O |
| 8. mer - cy, | O | Je - sus, | Word of friend - ship, | O |
| 9. broth - er, | O | Je - sus, | Ten - der sis - ter, | O |
| 10. fold - ing, | O | Je - sus, | Our en - dur - ing, | O |
| 11. al - ways, | O | Je - sus, | Al - le - lu - ia, | O |



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| 1. Spir - it, | Re - cre - ate us, | Come, | be with us. |
| 2. Spir - it, | To re - store us. | Come, | be with us. |
| 3. Spir - it, | Light of all lights, | Come, | be with us. |
| 4. Spir - it, | In our wait - ing, | Come, | be with us. |
| 5. Spir - it, | In our shar - ing, | Come, | be with us. |
| 6. Spir - it, | Strong and pa - tient, | Come, | be with us. |
| 7. Spir - it, | Flame e - ter - nal, | Come, | be with us. |
| 8. Spir - it, | Word of chal - lenge, | Come, | be with us. |
| 9. Spir - it, | Lov - ing moth - er, | Come, | be with us. |
| 10. Spir - it, | Jour - ney's end - ing, | Come, | be with us. |
| 11. Spir - it, | Through all a - ges, | Come, | be with us. |

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Explanation of the Elements and Symbols

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Blessing of the Water

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Blessing of the Crosses

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Calling Forth of the New Missioners and Presentation of the Mission Crosses

Callers

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Presentation of the Mission Crosses

Marj Humphrey, MKLM

Commitment Prayer

Read by new Missioners

God our Creator,
Your Spirit calls us to live Your Word in our world,
so that all people may be renewed in Your grace.

We respond in faith to the urging of Your Holy Spirit
to go forth as Maryknoll Missioners,
to witness the Good News of Jesus Christ,
in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are
marginalized and oppressed.

We commit ourselves to care for the earth,
our common home,
and to respond in service
to help create a more just and compassionate world.

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We seek in dialogue and mutual respect
a deeper understanding in our sharing of Your Love and
Your Word with people of all cultures.

Bless and be with us.

We dedicate ourselves in faithfulness to You and to this
sacred mission of building up Your reign on earth in
justice, peace and love.

Blessing of New Missioners *Read by all*

*As these new missioners have committed themselves to their
special mission in the church, we, their family and friends,
now bless them as we send them forth to mission.*

(Ephesians 3:14 - 21)

As we send you forth, we pray as the great missionary Paul
prayed:

For this reason I kneel before God, from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named, and pray that God may
grant you in accord with the riches of God's glory, to be
strengthened with power through the Spirit in your inner
self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;
so that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength
to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth,
length, height and depth, and that you may know the love of
Christ that surpasses all knowledge, that you may be filled
with all the fullness of God.

Glory to God who is able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine by the power at work within us; to God be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen

Thank You and Announcements

Ted Miles

Recessional Song

Take the Word of God With You (#383)

(James Harrison)

Take the Word of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow.
Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

Take the peace of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow.
Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

Take the joy of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's joy and make them grow.
Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

Take the love of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God's love and make them grow.
Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

Wisdom for these times ...

“We know that the call to mission is not a thing of the past, or a romantic leftover from earlier times. Today, too, Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion. He addresses this call to everyone, and in different ways. We can think of the peripheries all around us, in the heart of our cities or our own families. Universal openness to love has a dimension that is not geographical but existential. Always, but especially in these times of pandemic, it is important to grow in our daily ability to widen our circle, to reach out to others who, albeit physically close to us, are not immediately part of our ‘circle of interests’. To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May his compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

May Mary, the first missionary disciple, increase in all the baptized the desire to be salt and light in our lands.”

Pope Francis
Message for World Mission Day 2021

Acknowledgements

Thank you for joining us today - both in person and online - as our new missionaries begin their journeys in God's service as **Maryknoll Lay Missioners**. Please hold them in your prayers.

This has been a unique year due to the pandemic. As a result, we could not gather in the same ways as past orientations. Nonetheless, we know many of you in the Maryknoll community and beyond have journeyed with us in spirit and prayer. For that we are most grateful.

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