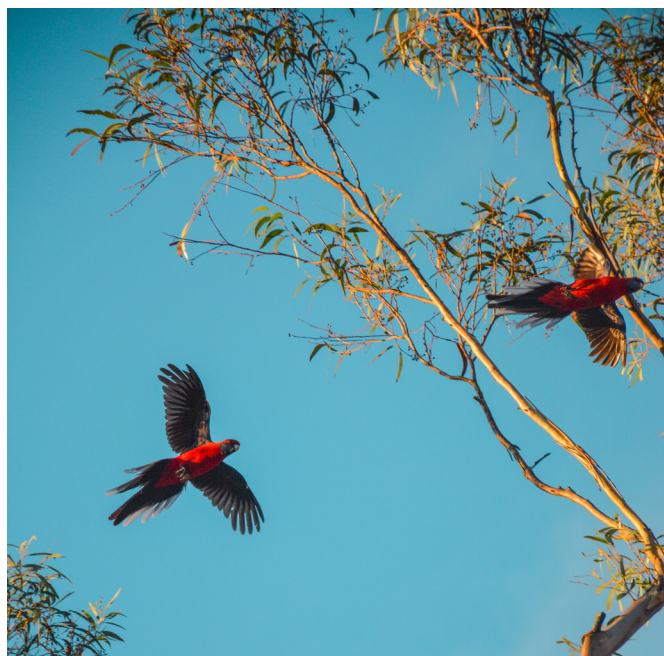


UNITED IN PRAYER

And the world came together as the people stayed apart. ¹

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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We pray for those suffering in this time of uncertainty from physical, social, spiritual and economic loss.

We pray for our leaders both great and small.

We pray for the creation of a world built on God's justice, love and peace.

We pray for all who work in Marist ministries.

For what else shall we pray...

Let us remember we are in the holy presence of God.

OPENING PRAYER

God of life and love, open our hearts today to hear your gentle voice calling us to live as you would have us live. We pray especially for all those people in situations of unease and distress at this time. (Recall names and situations needing prayers). Transform us all into the life-giving, love-giving and self-giving image of your Son, Jesus.

Amen

WE LISTEN

Speak Lord, your servant is listening...

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (13: 31-33)

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.

The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it leavened all through.

Matthew (13: 8-9)

Some seed fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears 'listen!'

WE REFLECT

Parables convey a lesson and invite us to see the world in a different way.

Jesus' imaginative message is for me. Am I listening?

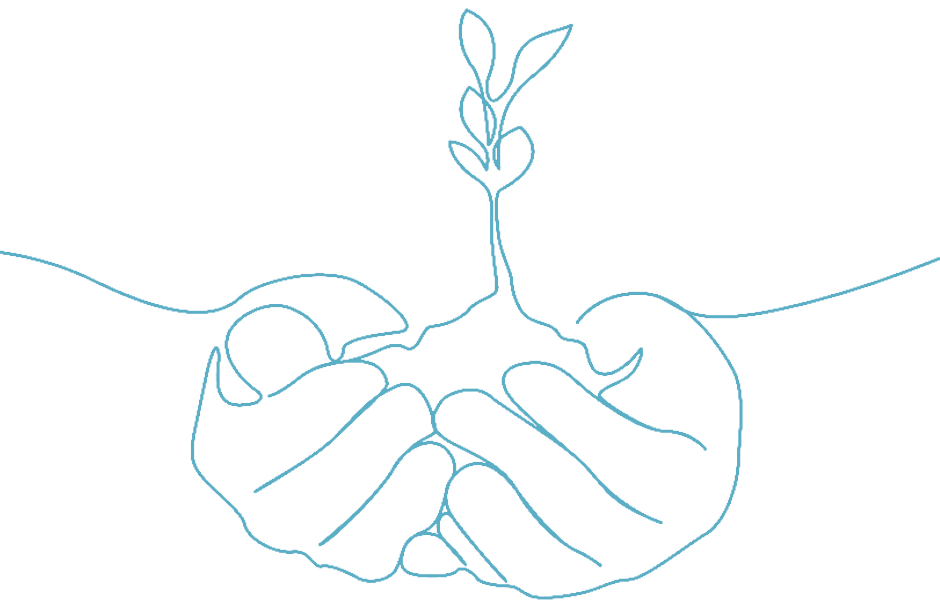
How will my sometimes humble and small efforts be transformed into a tree of life for others?

Am I prepared to wait in hope for the leaven of God's Word to come to life in me?

Pause for a moment of reflection.

WE RESPOND

Response: *Seed scattered and sown, wheat gathered and grown, bread, broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup the Living Bread of God.*



You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness, abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows are covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat, they shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

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CLOSING PRAYER

God of life and love, be with us this day. Let us bring your compassion, justice and love to a world that can be so torn and angry at times. Mary our Good Mother, help us to bring your Son's reign to life in us and in all whom we meet this day.

Amen.

Saint Marcellin Champagnat
Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Mary Our Good Mother
And let us always remember

*Pray for Us
Pray for Us
Pray for Us
To Pray for One Another*