



*Forward Together  
In Love and Fellowship*

*John 15:12  
"My command is this:  
Love each other as I have loved you."*



### **Australian Church Women**

Australian Church Women was established in 1965 when Women's Inter-Church Councils from all states and territories came together to form Australian Church Women, fostering ecumenism and undertaking action on behalf of the churches.

Australia Church Women forms a network of committed Christian women, dedicated to encourage fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries.

### **Winifred Kiek Scholarship**

The offerings presented at Fellowship Day Services throughout Australia go to this scholarship, which Winifred Kiek, the first woman minister ordained in the (then) Congregational Church (now Uniting Church) in Australia, was influential in founding. The scholarship is offered to Christian women of multicultural Australia, Pacific Island nations and member countries of the Asian Church Women's Conference.

**Today's Order of Service** was prepared by the Alice Springs Unit of the Australian Church Women

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## **Welcome and Greetings**

**Introduction:** John 15:12-17

**Hymn:** TIS 217 AHB 148  
Love Divine

### **Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, we thank you that we can gather together in your presence, knowing that you hear our prayers and petitions, knowing that you love us to have fellowship with you.

**All: Thank you Heavenly Father**

We thank you that you have supplied us with all good gifts; your wonderful creation; the peace and joy that only you can bring to our hearts through your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who died that we might be brought into a right relationship with yourself.

**All: Thank you Heavenly Father**

Help us Lord to walk faithfully in your way. Fill us with your Spirit so that we might be loving and kind to those about us, so that we might be very aware of those not as fortunate as ourselves, for those who are suffering from war and famine and reach out to them as we are able.

**All: Help us Dear Lord**

As we come to you today, we would ask that you will grant us a special blessing wherever we are gathering, knowing we are all one in the bond of your love.

**All: Grant us your blessing. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer:**

*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  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory  
For ever and ever  
Amen*

**Drama:** Based on The Prodigal Son

**Scripture:** Luke 15:11-32

**Hymn:** SIS 134  
We are one in the bond of love

## **Prayer:**

**Leader:** O God of Peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be our strength; by the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, into your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God.

**All:** Come Lord and work in us, set us on fire and draw us close.

**Leader:** Today we want to live in His name, in Him who is the Lord of Glory. We want His radiance to shine through us that we might bring the light of joy to people who are living in the shadows of difficulty.

**All:** May Christ's light shine through us.

**Leader:** May Christ's light spill over the brim of our lives in such a way that people capture a sense of His warmth.

**All:** May Christ's light shine through us.

**Leader:** Let the stamp of Christ's personality be left where we have been.

**All:** In His name we pray. Amen.

**Hymn:** TIS 629 AHB 558  
When I needed a neighbour

**Scripture:** Matthew 25:34-40

**Offering:**  
*(Prayer for all Winifred Kiek Scholars, past & present)*

**Item:** Choir or Dance

**Speaker:**

**Hymn:** SIS 185  
Bind us together

**Prayer:**

**Sentence:** 'These remained faithful to the teaching of the Apostles, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.'  
(Acts 2:42)

**Benediction:**

May God, who has brought us together through the love of Christ Jesus and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us, now and lead us into our future together. Amen.

**Hymn:** TIS 699 P&W 232  
A new commandment

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