

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Australian Church Women came into being in 1965, bringing together the existing State Women's Inter-Church Councils, prepared to share common tasks and undertake united action. Through Australian Church Women, we are linked with Asian Church Women and send representatives to their Assembly, held every four years.

Australian Church women form a network of committed Christian women dedicated to encouraging fellowship and service across denominational and national boundaries.

SPECIAL PROJECTS :

FELLOWSHIP DAY: - 'The Winifred Kiek Scholarship'

- Observed during the last week in July.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY - offerings assist a service project.

- Observed during the last week in October.

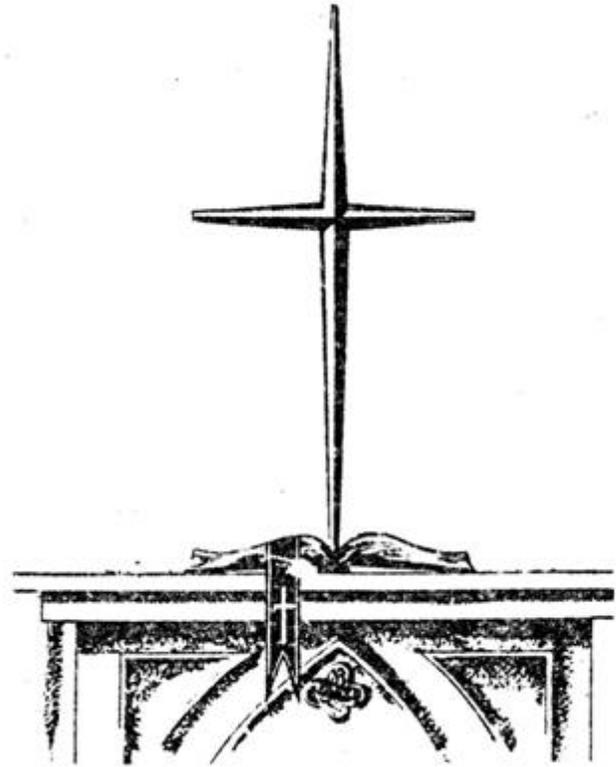
FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

An ecumenical movement of prayer for peace and reconciliation which brings together all Christian women regardless of race, colour, culture or denomination, rich or poor as they put aside the least coin of their realm and offer a prayer. Australia is one of sixty countries linked in this fellowship.

This service was prepared by a group of Salvation Army women from Australia Southern Territory under the leadership of Mrs. Commissioner A. Linnett.

All offerings and donations to Australian Church Women should be forwarded through your State Treasurer.

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ORGAN PRELUDE:

Call to Worship

LEADER:

As we share in fellowship and worship today,
we come before the Lord with the words of the
psalmist upon our lips;

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew
a right spirit within me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit

O Lord, open thou my lips;
that my mouth shall show forth thy praise."

(Psalm 52)

May this service be for each one of us a means of
personal renewal, and then, in ever-widening
circles, a means of renewal in our homes, our
church, our nation.

HYMN:

"61" Australian Hymn Book.
Tunes : "Harlan or "Moscow"

Blessed and Glorious King, To thee our praise we
bring, In this glad hour.
Thou God of peace and love, Thou Christ enthroned
above, Spirit whose fruit is love,
Display Thy power.

Come to our hearts and bless, Give strength and
happiness, And every good.
Direct and safely lead, Supply each daily need,
For thought and word and deed Most gracious God.

: 3 :

Grant to Thy people all Thy grace for every call
In this their day;
That heart and life may be In joyful harmony,
United Lord with Thee,
Life, Truth and Way.

Help by Thy Spirit's sword, The true and living word,
Souls to inspire.
With lips now touched by Thee,
And hearts from sin set free,
Let us forever be
All flames of fire.

(Captain Mundell)

LEADER:

In Psalm 104 we read, "Thou sendest forth thy
spirit and Thou renewest the face of the earth".

The first out pouring of the Holy Spirit took
place in the city of Jerusalem, almost twenty
centuries ago, and it is with a spirit of urgency
and great need that we pray that the same wind
of the Spirit may blow upon the church of God
today.

Let us today, set our sails in the direction of the
Spirit and invite him, to blow through every part
of our beings until we are renewed in power, in
purity and love.

In springtime we witness the zest and vigour of
new life upon earth. May we also witness, in these
days a replenishment and renewal of life in the
spirit amongst the christian community.

PRAYERS FOR RENEWAL

(To be read by women in the congregation)

1. O God we thank Thee for the world in which Thou hast placed us, for the universe whose vastness is revealed in the blue depths of the sky, whose immensities are lit by shining stars beyond the strength of mind to follow.
We thank thee for every sacrament of beauty.
We thank Thee for the world within, deeper than we dare to look, higher than we care to climb;
for the great kingdom of the mind and the silent spaces of the soul.
Since we were made in Thine Image, make us strong enough to live in the light, glad to yield ourselves to Thee.

2. O God our Father, we pray for Thy Church, which is set today amid perplexities of a changing order.
Baptize her afresh in the life-giving spirit of Jesus.
Give to her a greater responsiveness to duty, a swifter compassion with suffering, and put upon her lips in a new and living way, the gospel of her Lord.

We thank Thee O God, for the Kingdom at work in our midst, and we ask for strength and faith to sow the good seed of the Kingdom in the fields of this world, with assurance that some will fall on good ground and bring forth harvest.

3. Our Father, we pray for those whose hearts are burdened with sorrow and anxiety, and for those who must carry the burden of physical suffering or disability.
Give courage and fortitude, and because of a real sense of Your presence with them, a renewal of hope and joy in their lives.

ALL: THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD,

AMEN.

RENEWAL THROUGH THE WORD

LEADER: *You must be made new in mind and spirit, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God, which shows itself in the just and devout life called for by the truth.*
(Ephesians 4:24)

PEOPLE: No wonder we do not lose heart!
Though our outward humanity is in decay,
yet day by day we are inwardly renewed.
(2 Corinthians 4 : 16)

LEADER: *Adapt yourselves no longer to the pattern of this present world, but let your minds be remade and your whole nature thus transformed. Then you will be able to discern the will of God and to know what is good, acceptable, and perfect.*
(Romans 12)

PEOPLE: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.
(Isaiah 40 : 31)

LEADER: *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.*
(Acts 1 : 8)

HYMN: '437' Australian Hymn Book
Tune : "Cambridge"

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| 1. Revive Thy work, O Lord,
Thy mighty arm make bare;
Speak with the voice that
wakes the dead,
And make thy people hear. | 2. Revive Thy work O Lord,
Create soul thirst for Thee
And hungering for the bread
of life,
O may our spirits be. |
| 3. Revive Thy work O Lord,
Give power unto Thy word;
Grant that Thy blessed Gospel
may
In living faith be heard. | 4. Revive Thy work O Lord,
And give refreshing showers
The glory shall be all Thine
own,
The blessing shall be ours. |

(A. Midlane)

PERSONAL RENEWAL

Woman, possibly young mother, to recount experience of renewal through sharing with fellow christians, through family life.

RENEWAL THROUGH MUSIC

Organ recital, vocal number, choir according to choice.

RENEWAL THROUGH SERVICE

Missionary, social worker, community worker, to tell of an experience of renewal in their service.

OFFERING

For the Winifred Kiek Scholarship (see leaflet)

PRAYER

O God, who strengthens us, that we may strengthen others, kindle in us a flame of love for Thee and for our fellow men.
Enable us to give unto Thee our unswerving allegiance and to live that our lives may witness to Thy power.
Accept we pray, this offering, and bless it that it may prepare Thy way into the hearts of man and bring them experience of thy salvation.

Amen.

SHORT ADDRESS OR DISCUSSION ON THEME.

HYMN: 87.87.77 516 (ii) or 'IRBY' 237 Australian Hymn Book.

Jesus comes! Let all adore Him.
Lord of mercy, love and truth,
Now prepare thy way before Him,
Make the rugged places smooth;
Through the desert mark His road,
Make a highway for our God.

Jesus comes! The Christ is marching
Through the places waste and wild;
He His kingdom is enlarging
Where no verdure ever smiled.
Soon the desert will be glad
And with beauty will be clad.

Jesus comes! Where thorns have flourished
Trees shall now be seen to grow,
Stablished by the Lord and nourished
Strong and fair and fruitful too.
They shall rise on every side,
Spread their branches far and wide.

Jesus comes! From barren mountains
Rivers shall begin to flow,
There the Lord will open fountains
And supply the plains below;
As He passes, every land
Shall acclaim His powerful hand.

Thomas Kelly.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless thee and keep thee:
The Lord make His face to shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee,
And give thee peace.

AMEN.