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JULY 25th



# FELLOWSHIP DAY

*Theme:—* Feed My Sheep



Arranged by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### QUIET MUSIC

#### FOR CONTEMPLATION:

Civilization is bound to inspire all who come in contact with it with an urge to independence, an ambition to learn and a passion for human dignity. Has my hand been raised effectively to strengthen, teach and respect those who, down the years, have known Australia as their native land?

#### PRAYER:

O God, You are the God of all the earth and the Heavens. We are so insignificant. In us there are many defects but You know all about us, for, in coming down from heaven, You were despised and brutally treated by the men of those days. For those men you prayed because they did not understand what they were doing, nor did they understand that You came only for what is right. O Lord, help those who roam about; who have been placed in this land and have no dwelling place of their own. Give them back a dwelling place.

O God, all power is Yours in Heaven and earth. Amen.

Hosea Kutako.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### HYMN ..... Tune: "Fulda"

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| 1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,<br>Where sound the cries of race and clan,<br>Above the noise of selfish strife,<br>We hear Thy voice, O Son of Man.          | 4. The cup of water given for Thee<br>Still holds the freshness of Thy grace;<br>Yet long these multitudes to see<br>The sweet compassion of Thy face.                                   |
| 2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,<br>On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,<br>From paths where hide the lures of greed.<br>We catch the vision of Thy tears.    | 5. O Master, from the mountain side,<br>Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;<br>Among these restless throngs abide,<br>O tread the city's streets again:                             |
| 3. From tender childhood's helplessness<br>From woman's grief, man's burdened toil,<br>From famished souls, from sorrow's stress,<br>Thy heart has never known recoil. | 6. Till sons of men shall learn Thy love,<br>And follow where Thy feet have trod;<br>Till glorious from Thy heaven above,<br>Shall come the City of our God.<br>Frank Mason North, 1850- |

#### SCRIPTURE ..... Romans 10:1-15

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**Leader:** Let us give thanks to God for the land in which we live, for the freedom and security which are our heritage; for food in our cupboards, clothing more than sufficient for every need, for the zest of daily work and the many avenues of enjoyment and recreation.

**People:** We give Thee thanks, O God, for all these blessings.

**Leader:** Let us remember before God the Australian Aborigines in our own State; those whose fathers loved this land also and held it their own; who lived their lives close to nature, harshly, yet with simple dignity.

**People:** We remember before Thee, O God, our brethren of this land, the Australian Aborigine.

**Leader:** Let us ask God's forgiveness as a nation for our careless and often callous treatment of these people; for our indifference to their plight in the loss of their tribal community life; for the many instances of exploitation and even cruelty, and for a lack of concern, as a people, for their well-being and happiness.

**People:** We acknowledge our sins and shortcomings against these our brethren and ask Thy forgiveness, O God.

**Leader:** Let us ask God's blessing on all who work for the uplift and well-being of the Aborigines in our midst; on all projects of Church and State; on all whose aim is to bring about better living conditions, opportunities for education and advancement and a realisation of their heritage as sons and daughters of God.

**People:** We pray, O God, for Thy blessing on all that is being done to this end. Show us how we may help by prayer, by giving, and by attitudes of mind and spirit which reflect something of the spirit of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May we and these our brethren together with the new-comers to our country be fellow-labourers with Thee, for the doing of Thy will in our national life. Amen.

**HYMN** ..... Tune: "Gainsworth"

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| 1. O God of mercy, God of might,<br>In love and pity infinite,<br>Teach us, as ever in Thy sight,<br>To live our life to Thee.                                     | 4. For all are brethren, far and wide,<br>Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast<br>died:<br>Then teach us, whatso'er betide,<br>To love them all in Thee.                 |
| 2. And Thou, who cam'st on earth to<br>die,<br>That fallen man might live thereby,<br>O hear us, for to Thee we cry,<br>In hope, O Lord, to Thee.                  | 5. In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,<br>Whate'er it be, 'tis ours to share;<br>May we, where help is needed, there<br>Give help as unto Thee.                      |
| 3. Teach us the lesson Thou hast<br>taught,<br>To feel for those Thy blood hath<br>bought,<br>That every word and deed and<br>thought<br>May work a work for Thee. | 6. And may Thy Holy Spirit move<br>All those who live, to live in love,<br>Till Thou shalt greet in heaven<br>above<br>All those who give to Thee.<br>Godfrey Thring |

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SCRIPTURE .... John 10:1-16

## **UNISON PRAYER:**

Our Father which art in Heaven, how can we truly call Thee Father if we are not prepared to acknowledge our native people as Thy children also? O Christ, our elder brother, teach us to accept them as brethren in the family of God. O loving Shepherd of Thy sheep, give us a heart of compassion that we may bring these other sheep into the fold of Thy love and mercy. Forgive us for our indifference to them as a people. Open our eyes to their needs. Open our minds that we may be shown wise measures in providing for their spiritual and material necessities. Open our hearts, that in love we may demonstrate to them the true spirit of brotherhood. These things we ask in the name of Him in Whose sight there is neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, bond nor free, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **A READER:**

From the message of the Second Assembly, World Council of Churches, adopted at Evanston.

It is not enough that Christians should seek peace for themselves. They must seek justice for others. Great masses of people in many parts of the world are compelled to live in conditions which mock their human worth. The Church of Christ today is a world-wide fellowship, yet there are countless people to whom He is unknown. How much do I care about this? God does not leave any of us to stand alone. In every place He has gathered us to be His family, in which His gifts and His forgiveness are received.

Is our congregation a true family of God, where every man can find a home and know that God loves him without limit?

HYMN .... Tune: "St. Bees"

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| 1. Life of ages, richly poured,<br>Love of God unspent and free,<br>Flowing in the prophets' word<br>And the people's liberty.       | 3. Consecrating art and song,<br>Holy book and pilgrim way<br>Quelling strife and tyrant wrong<br>Widening freedom's sacred sway. |
| 2. Never was to chosen race<br>That unstinted tide confined:<br>Thine are every time and place,<br>Fountain sweet of heart and mind. | 4. Life of ages richly poured,<br>Love of God unspent and free,<br>Flowing in the prophet's word<br>And the people's liberty.     |

Samuel Johnson.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERTORY

## DEDICATION:

O God, in deep humility we offer these gifts and pray that Thou wilt keep us alive and sensitive to the needs of these, our brothers and sisters in this land, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SOLO

## ADDRESS

## HYMN ..... Tune: "Quam Dilecta"

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| 1. O Church of God arise,<br>And take Thy lamp of love,<br>The light that never dies<br>On earth, in heaven above.              | 3. Whatever things are fair,<br>Whatever things are just,<br>Go, make them free as air<br>And plenteous as the dust. |
| 2. With wisdom and with truth<br>Keep quick and straight the flame,<br>The light of love and youth<br>To save a world of shame. | 4. In every darkest place<br>Let radiant warmth be shed<br>Till in each dreary face<br>The joy of God be shed.       |
| 5. Tell every man on earth,<br>The greatest and the least,<br>Love called him from his birth<br>To be a king and priest.        |  |
- Anne Matheson

## BENEDICTION:

Now let every heart be open and every door swing wide and every church make room for the glad brotherhood of all peoples; and to Him, Who is able to do abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, to Him be glory in the church of Jesus Christ throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

## A MEDITATION:

"Where there is no vision, the people break loose . . ." Proverbs 29:18.  
There is a hidden, divine spirit which, when the time is ripe, makes the truth manifest. The man or woman who leaves out of life all expectation of moments of insight is not only foolish but ill equipped for life's emergencies. Let us so live that when God has something to say to us He can say it suddenly: we shall not only hear but understand what truth He seeks to make clear.

## For Your Interest and Information:—

The aims of the Women's Inter-Church Council are as follow:—

- (a) To promote friendship and co-operation between women of all branches of the Christian Church.
- (b) To promote the unity of the Christian Church through fellowship in Christ.
- (c) To provide an avenue whereby Christian women, as used of God, may unitedly strive to establish His Kingdom on earth by the application of the teaching of Christ to Community, National and International relationships.

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### DAYS TO REMEMBER

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (First Friday in Lent).

FELLOWSHIP DAY (Last Wednesday in July).

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY (Last Friday in October).

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**FELLOWSHIP DAY**, created by Christian women in years past for the furthering of a fellowship that would mean action, gives communities a chance to look together upon this new era in this world where our families live. It challenges women of the Churches to fuse their strength into leadership within the community; to dispel fear; to fulfil the hope and the faith which lies within this Atomic Age. The call is urgent. Requirements are great. We believe Christian women will accept the challenge.