

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

N.S.W. State Unit

Annual Service of Dedication

and

INSTALLATION OF THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Glad. West


Northside Baptist Church

Crows Nest.

Monday 26th May, 1980

at

10.30 a.m.



ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING: "Forest Airs". "Father" Medema/Perkins.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Mrs. Marie McCann.
Retiring President

Leader: Blessed is the man whose strength is in the Lord, and in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

All: Grant us this blessing, O Lord.

Leader: Blessed is the man whose transgressions is forgiven and whose sin is covered.

All: Grant us this blessing, O Lord.

Leader: Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who doth meditate therein day and night.

All: Grant us this blessing, O Lord.

Leader: Blessed are they who keep the testimonies of the Lord and that seek Him with the whole heart.

All: Grant us this blessing, O Lord.

Leader: Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust.

All: Grant us this blessing, O Lord.

Leader: Blessed be God who daily beareth our burden, even the God of our salvation.

All: Blessed be His holy name.

(Old Test. Beatitudes).

HYMN: STAND UP AND BLESS THE LORD,
 Ye people of His choice;
 Stand up and bless the Lord your God,
 With heart, and soul, and voice.

Though high above all praise,
Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear His holy name,
And laud and magnify?

God is our strength and song,
And His salvation ours;
Then be His love in Christ proclaimed
With all our reasoned powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord
The Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless His glorious name
Henceforth for evermore.

OPENING PRAYER: Deaconess Mary Andrews
 Convenor Winifried Kiek
 Scholarship.

ALL: The Lord's Prayer.

WELCOME: Mrs. Marie McCann

To-day's service is one of special significance,
as we conclude another year of service, during
which the members of this Council, being sent by
their respective Churches, have endeavoured to
interpret its aims in service.
It also marks, at one time, the end of the term
of office of one President and the official
commencement in office for two years of another.
Hence it is a service of Thanksgiving, of
Commitment and of Dedication.

We do extend a warm welcome to you all from your many Churches and organisations and praise God for this opportunity of worshipping together in His Name.

SCRIPTURE
READINGS:

Romans 12:3-12	Brigadier Mabel Ward. Publicity Officer
1 John 4:7- 12	Mrs.Dorothy Woodhouse, Secretary.

HYMN:

COME LET US SING OF A WONDERFUL LOVE,
Tender and true;
Out of the heart of the Father above,
Streaming to me and to you:
Wonderful love
Dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus, the Saviour, this gospel to tell,
Joyfully came;
Came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
Sharing their sorrow and shame;
Seeking the lost,
Saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Come to my heart, O Thou wonderful love,
Come and abide,
Lifting my heart till it rises above
Envy and falsehood and pride;
Seeking to be
Lowly and humble, a learner of Thee.

OFFERING:

Organ	Mrs. Evelyn Ridley.
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PRAYER:
All.

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

The Congregation will stand for the Installation of the President

Retiring President:
and all Council Members:

In an act of commitment, we affirm the aims of
Australian Church Women, N.S.W. State Unit.

To unite Australian Church Women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ;
To promote co-operation of men and women in the Church, family and society;

To help Christian Women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church;
To provide opportunities for Christian women of different denominations to worship, study and serve together;

To encourage fellowship and service across National boundaries.

- May the love of God be shed abroad in our hearts and may His power working in us enable us to perform infinitely more than we ask or imagine.

Glory be to God for ever. Amen.

Retiring President:

It is just two years since I received from the hands of another, this President's Bible, which I now pass on; not, O Lord, because the task is done, or even my part in it complete, but because it is an ongoing task which another in turn takes up. And now for the one who is assuming the responsibility of office, and who will, on behalf of Australian Church Women, N.S.W. State Unit, undertake to keep alive the light of witness in unity and service, we seek a special outpouring of your Spirit in power and blessing. Enable her, through the use of the talents and abilities which You

have given, and which are now dedicated to Your service, to experience the joy and richness of fellowship which that service affords and has been evidenced by me. Grant to her always the constant supply of Your promised strength.

All: You are able for all things, O Lord, supply we pray, her needs.

Retiring
President:

Receive this Bible, the Living Word of God, in token and symbol of your acceptance of responsibility as President of this State Unit, for the next two years to ensure, by the fullest use of your abilities and talents and your willingness to serve, that the light of the Word continues to shine with ever increasing brilliance to the glory of the Almighty God, whose children we are.

President: I receive this Bible as an expression of my acceptance of responsibility as President of this State Unit. Recognising that I have a special charge to keep, acknowledging my complete dependence on God's Grace and His Word, I offer to Him my solemn promise of the best that I can bring in willing service for the fulfilment of His purposes.

All: Consecrate to Your service, O Lord, all members of this State Unit, with their offerings of personality, character, talent and ability, that the lives so dedicated may be the channels through which the Unit will be used to bring blessing to Christian women throughout the State.

Council Members:

Support us, we pray, from day to day, that we may all work together in harmonious co-operation to the end that we may glorify our Maker and

Redeemer. However, Your glory may best be served, O Lord, grant to us, Your servants, in that way to serve.

All: Pour out Your Spirit in full measure on each one, O God, that wisdom, strength, and direction may be theirs as they need. Amen.

"FOREST AIRS" 'Live your Life in me'. Laurice Waller.

ADDRESS: "Serving God in Troubled Times". The President

HYMN: A CHARGE TO KEEP I HAVE,
A God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky:

To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfil:
O may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will!

Arm me with jealous care,
As in Thy sight to live;
And O Thy servant, Lord, prepare
A strict account to give.

Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thyself rely,
And let me ne'er my trust betray,
But press to realms on high.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Mrs. Glad. Bent.
Convenor, F.L.C.

BENEDICTION: "FOREST AIRS"

Romans 15: 13
Eph: 3:20

To-day's offering assists the expenses of
Australian Church Women (N.S.W. Unit)

Warm thanks are expressed to the "Forest Airs",
from the Frenchs Forest Baptist Church, for
their fine contribution to the Service this
morning.

At the conclusion of the Service, all are invited
to proceed to the Northside Centre to meet the
office bearers, and to share light refreshments
and hospitality provided by the ladies of the
Northside Baptist Church.