



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

N.S.W. STATE UNIT

Annual Service of Dedication

and

INSTALLATION OF THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Edith Ridge

Carrington Avenue Uniting Church

Strathfield

Monday, 28th May, 1984

at

10.30 a.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Mr. David MacFarlane

Call to Worship

Mrs. Yvonne Davis  
Retiring President

Hymn 151 'When morning gilds the skies'

A.H.B.

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,

All: and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,

All: and a great King above all gods.

Leader: In his hand are the deep places of the earth:

All: The strength of the hills is his also.

Leader: The sea is his, and he made it:

All: And his hands formed the dry land.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down:

All: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Leader: For he is our God;

All: And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his  
hand. (Psalm 95:1-7 Authorised Version)

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Brigadier Mabel Ward  
Secretary

The Lord's Prayer

Welcome

Mrs. Yvonne Davis

Today'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 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.

Musical Item

Linda Morgan

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10 R.S.V.

Mrs. Helen Richardson  
Secretary of Synod Fellowship Committee  
of The Uniting Church

Ephesians 5:1-2,8-10 R.S.V.

Mrs. Marjory Baker  
Publicity Officer

John 3:1-16 R.S.V.

Mrs. Glad West  
Convener Fellowship of the Least Coin

Prayer of Confession

Miss Evelyn Blackwell  
Membership Secretary

Hymn 148 (Tune 165 ii) 'Love Divine, all loves excelling' A.H.B.

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Mrs. Elizabeth Walker  
Treasurer

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 of 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.  
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 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. Recognizing that I have a special charge to keep, acknowledging my complete dependence on God's Grace and His Word, I offer Him my solemn promise of the best that I can bring in willing service for the fulfilment of His purposes.

#### Badge Presentation.

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.

Hymn 537 'May the mind of Christ my Saviour' A.H.B.

Prayer of Intercession Mrs. Marie McCann  
Promotion Officer

Musical Item Linda Morgan

Address: 'The Great Love of God' The President

Hymn 146 'Let Him to whom we now belong' A.H.B.

Benediction.

Organ Postlude Mr. David MacFarland

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

Thanks are expressed to all who have taken part  
in this service - to members of the Executive, to  
Mrs. Linda Morgan and Mr. David MacFarlane for  
their musical contribution - and to the ladies of  
the Strathfield Homebush Parish for their  
'welcoming attentions' and for the flower  
arrangements in the church and hall.

At the conclusion of the Service, all are invited  
to proceed to the Church Hall to meet the  
Office Bearers and to share light refreshments  
and hospitality provided by the ladies of The  
Uniting Church Fellowship and Strathfield-  
Homebush Branch of A.C.W.