

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
N.S.W. STATE UNIT

Annual Service of Dedication

and

INSTALLATION OF THE PRESIDENT

Mrs June Graham

St John's Anglican Cathedral
Parramatta

Monday, 19th May 1986

at

11 A.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Mr David Osborne

Call to Worship

Mrs Edith Ridge
Retiring President

Hymn 38 "Praise my soul"

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

All: Let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation,

Leader: Let us come before his face with thanksgiving,

All: And cry out to him joyfully in psalms,

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,

All: and a great King above all gods.

Leader: In his hand are the depths of the earth:

All: and the peaks of the mountains are his also.

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

All: and his hands moulded dry land.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down:

All: and kneel before the Lord our maker.

Leader: For he is the Lord our God

All: We are the people and the sheep of his pasture
(Psalm 95:1-7)

All: Glory to God, Father Son and Holy Spirit;
As in the beginning so now and forever. AMEN

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Brigadier Mabel Ward
Secretary

The Lord's Prayer

Welcome

Mrs Edith Ridge

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 "O magnify the Lord

Mrs Lucille King
(Publicity Officer)

Scripture Readings: Philippians 4:4-7

Mrs Verna Bomford
(wife of Senior Canon and Rector of
St John's Cathedral)

Luke 15:1-7

Mrs Marjorie Baker
(Member of the Executive of A.C.W)

Colossians 3:12-17

Mrs Pat Burke
(Member of the Executive of A.C.W.)

Prayer of Confession

Mrs Glad West
(Convenor of The Fellowship of Least Coin)

Hymn 356 "Dear Lord and Father"

- 4 -

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. Recognising 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 55 "Take my life"

Prayer of Intercession Mrs Beth Finlay
(Promotions Officer)

Musical Item "Peace in the midst of the storm"
Mrs Lucille King (Publicity Officer)

Address "In Search of Peace" The President

Hymn 33 "Now thank we all our God"

Benediction

Organ Postlude Mr David Osborne

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 Lucille King and Mr David Osborne for their musical contribution and to Mrs Mona Neich for the flower arrangements.

At the conclusion of the Service all are invited to proceed to the Parish Hall to meet the office bearers and to share light refreshments and hospitality provided by the ladies of the Mothers' Union Executive and the ladies of St John's Parramatta.