

A Service for the morning  
of Sunday, 19th April, 1970

The third Sunday after Easter

# A COOK BI-CENTENARY THANKSGIVING



At 6 a.m. on Thursday the 19th April 1770,  
aboard His Majesty's Ship Endeavour  
under the command of Captain James Cook,  
Lieutenant Zackary Hicks first sighted  
the eastern coast-line of New Holland.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

*First shall be sung the National Anthem*

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

*Then shall the Minister read these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow.  
And then he shall say that which is written after the Sentences.*

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there thy hand shall lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

*Psalms 139 : 9, 10.*

We went through fire and through water; yet thou hast brought us forth to a spacious place.

*Psalms 66 : 12.*

Brethren, we are met together to give thanks to Almighty God for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, and especially as at this time for his providence shown to James Cook, and for the heritage of this land in which we dwell. Let us praise the maker of heaven and earth for the blessings of this land; for wealth in soil and beauty of living creatures, for personal freedom and opportunity, and for the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed in Southern Seas. Let us hear God's holy Word and beseech him to confirm and strengthen us in his worship and the service of our neighbours.

As we come before his presence with thanksgiving, let us confess our unworthiness to be stewards of this favoured land; let us thank him for his grace and seek his forgiveness.

*Then shall all kneel, and say together this Confession:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against thee,  
Through our own fault,  
In thought, and word, and deed,  
And in what we have left undone.



Have mercy upon us;  
Grant us true repentance;  
And help us to amend our lives,  
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

*The Priest shall stand and pronounce this Absolution:*

May the Almighty and merciful God forgive you your sins,  
Strengthen you by his Spirit,  
And bring you to life everlasting;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then shall follow the Order for Morning Prayer, commencing with the words "O Lord, open thou our lips", and concluding after the Third Collect. The following Psalm and Lessons may be used:*

Proper Psalm, 107 : 23-43.

Proper Lessons.

*The First, Jonah 2 : 1-9, or Proverbs 8 : 1-5, 22-36.*

*The Second, Acts 26 : 1-23, or St. Mark 4 : 26-end.*

*The Lesson from Acts was that appointed to be read on Sunday morning, 29th April, 1770, when H.M.S. Endeavour put in to Botany Bay.*

*Then may follow an Anthem or else this hymn which was written by Dean Aickin, of Melbourne, in 1937:*

God, who didst lead our fathers here,  
And gave to them this spacious land,  
We thank thee for our heritage  
Of bush and plain and golden sand.

For plenteousness within our walls,  
For peaceful commerce with our kind,  
For rest unto the laden soul,  
And all enrichment of the mind.

But we who dwell beneath the Cross,  
Set by thee in our southern sky,  
Can ne'er forget the Lord of love,  
Who for our trespass deign'd to die.

Ours be the joy to take our stand  
With banner of the Cross unfurl'd,  
God's watchers o'er the ocean isles,  
God's witness to the Eastern World.

*Then these prayers and the Collect of Thanksgiving are to be read here.  
A Prayer for our Queen and Nation.*

Eternal God, who rulest in the kingdoms of men: Grant, we most humbly beseech thee, honour and safety to our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth; peace throughout the Commonwealth of her peoples; promotion to true religion; encouragement to learning and godly living; a patient service to the concord of the world; and, by all these, glory to thy holy name; for his sake, to whom thou has given all power in heaven and earth, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*A Prayer for Seafarers.*

O Almighty God, whose way is in the sea and whose paths are in great waters: Be present, we beseech thee, with our brethren in the manifold dangers of the deep; protect them from all perils, prosper them in their course, and bring them in safety to the haven where they would be, with a grateful sense of thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Collect of Thanksgiving.*

O most mighty and gracious God, thy mercy is over all thy works but in special manner was it shown to James Cook, whom thou didst so wonderfully defend. Thou didst show him terrible things, and wonders in the deep, that he might see how powerful and gracious a God thou art. We bless and glorify thy Name for leading him to this fair land: teach us as stewards to show forth our thankfulness by being obedient to thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Prayer for freedom from prejudice.*

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations to dwell upon the face of the earth, and who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast broken down the wall of partition between the races of men: Break down, we beseech thee, all that divides us one from another. Shame our jealousies and lay low our pride; do away all prejudice, that the bonds of fellowship and mutual service may unite all peoples, to the glory of thy great name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Prayer for spiritual discernment.*

O God, who in thy love hast bestowed upon us gifts such as our fathers never knew or dreamed of: Mercifully grant that we be not so occupied with material things that we forget the things which are spiritual; lest, having gained the whole world, we lose our own soul; for thy mercy's sake. Amen.



*A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*2 Corinthians 13.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*Then may follow the Notices; thereafter shall be sung this hymn, written by a fellow seafarer, the Revd. John Newton (1779):*

Begone, unbelief,  
My saviour is near,  
And for my relief  
Will surely appear.  
By prayer let me wrestle  
And he will perform;  
With Christ in the vessel  
I smile at the storm.  
Though dark be my way,  
Since he is my Guide,  
'Tis mine to obey,  
'Tis his to provide.  
Though cisterns be broken,  
And creatures all fail,  
The Word he hath spoken,  
Shall surely prevail.  
His love in time past  
Forbids me to think  
He'll leave me at last  
In trouble to sink.  
Each sweet Ebenezer  
I have in review  
Confirms his good pleasure  
To help me quite through.  
Why should I complain  
Of want or distress?  
Temptation or pain?  
He told me no less.

The heirs of salvation,  
I know from his Word,  
Through much tribulation  
Must follow their Lord.

Since all that I meet  
Shall work for my good,  
The bitter is sweet,  
The med'cine is food.  
Though painful at present  
'Twill cease before long,  
And then, oh! how pleasant  
The conqueror's song!

*Then shall follow the Sermon; after which this hymn of praise shall be sung:*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
All ye who hear,  
Now to his temple draw near  
Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy entreaties have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare is raging,  
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,  
Biddeth them cease,  
Turneth their fury to peace,  
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from his people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore him.

THE BENEDICTION



A SKETCH  
of  
BOTANY BAY.  
in  
NEW SOUTH WALES

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