

Australian Church Women
World Community Day



Come Let Us Celebrate Together
Living The Jubilee

Australian Church Women came into being in 1965 when Women's Inter-Church Councils from all States and Territories came together to form Australian Church Women, fostering ecumenism and undertaking action on behalf of Church women. Australian Church Women forms a network of committed women, dedicated to encourage fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries.

Fellowship of the Least Coin monies which have been collected with prayer for peace and reconciliation during the past year are brought to World Community Day Services by groups and individuals, and are dedicated. These funds are then sent to State/Territory Treasurers who forward them to the National Treasurer of Australian Church Women.

The General Offering from this Service is to be divided between Asian Church Women's Conference, with which Australian Church Women is affiliated, and which it supports annually, and the 2005 Special Day Projects.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- **Parakaleo**
A program of the Churches of Christ Community Care located in Sheffield Tasmania. Parakaleo offers Christian based counselling & support to Tasmanians struggling with issues of suicide.
- **Aboriginal Church—Broken Hill**
This church aims to commence after school programs for indigenous children of local Schools.

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Thank you for your continued support of World Community Day and Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Any further offerings may be sent to the State Treasurer, Australian Church Women in your State/Territory, with a return address included. Please do not write "Treasurer" on your envelope if posting a donation.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME:

CALL TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER:

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made, let us celebrate and be glad in it.

All: *Let us rejoice together*

Leader: In solidarity with Christian women everywhere we come together to celebrate our Lord.

All: *Let us celebrate together.*

Leader: Today we celebrate with each other our place in the world community.

Today we celebrate God's love for us and for all humanity: Let us affirm our similarities and differences, our unity and diversity, our hopes and fears, our tears and laughter, Celebrate our influence and involvement in Church and society.

Coming together, trusting each other, let us this Jubilee go forward to build a responsible caring and peaceful community.

All: *We come together in Your name and Grace O God.*

Hymn: This is the Day (Together in Song – 368)
(AHB 289)

PRAYER: Taken from Psalm 47 – (Good News Bible)
(to be shared in an attitude of prayer)

*All: Clap your hands for joy, all peoples!
Praise the Lord with loud songs!*

Leader: The Lord the Most High is to be feared:
He is the great king, ruling over all the world.

All: All praise to our Lord and King

Leader: He gave us the victory over the peoples;
He made us rule over the nations.
He chose for us the land we live in,
The proud possession of His people whom He loves.

All: All praise to our Lord and King

Leader: God goes up to His throne.
There are shouts of joy and the blast of trumpets,
As the Lord goes up.
Sing praise to God: sing praise to our King!
God is King over all the world, praise Him with song.

All: All praise to our Lord and King

Leader: God sits on His sacred throne; he rules over the nations.
The rulers of the nations assemble with the people of
Abraham.
More powerful than all the armies is He;
He rules supreme.

All: Hallelujah, all praise to our Lord and King.

OFFERING FOR WORLD COMMUNITY DAY:

PRAYER –

All: *Accept these gifts Lord, small tokens though they may be.
We ask Your gracious blessing upon them. May it enhance
their usefulness in the support of the projects before us at
this time. It is our prayer dear Lord that all who are touched
by the projects may be aware of Your great blessing in their
lives.
AMEN.*

Hymn: Let All The World (Together in Song – 105)
(AHB 13)

PRAYER FOR OTHER PEOPLE

Leader: Gracious Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are victims
of racial discrimination, fear and abuse.

Short silence

We pray for those who have become corrupt through power
and greed.

Short silence

We pray for those who daily experience hardship, poverty
and oppression.

Short silence

Lord we bring before you all care workers who tend the
needs and supply friendship and encouragement for those in
deep despair.

Short silence

We pray especially for women and children threatened by
famine, war and H.I.V.Aids.

Short silence

Lord we thank you and pray for all who offer hope, justice
and reconciliation in Your name.

Short silence

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:42-47. (Good News Bible)

Hymn: We Are Marching in the Light of God
(Together in Song 666)

All: May Your presence be with Your people Lord, protecting
and guiding them and us in the way You would have. In
and through the Name of the One who cares
Our Father
AMEN.

SPEAKER:

ITEM: Musical item or short solo (Optional)

DEDICATION OF LEAST COINS:

*As monies are brought forward "Logo Bookmarks" are to
be held high as a mark of Jubilee.*

Leader: OUR GOD
(An Australian Psalm by Bruce Prewer)

Your rainbow shines, its hopes across all lands;
Christ's new creation, grasped by loving hands.
You are the bridge which spans our separation;
Christ's life laid down the new foundation.
Your vast acceptance liberates from fear,
Christ's fellow heirs high spirited appear.
Full of surprises is Christ's God and ours;
The weak rejoice in unexpected powers,
Our roots grow deep, firm in the ground which holds us;
Christ's subtle strength where love enfolds us.

All: *O loving Creator we present ourselves in Your Divine
presence to thank You for all the bountiful gifts of life.
We are especially grateful for the Fellowship of the Least
Coin which binds us together in love and forgiveness
around the globe. Free us from all doubts and prejudices,
we pray. Inspire us to live in solidarity with humankind
that we may know the joy of giving and receiving.*

*Dear God, accept these least coins: "Tokens of Love".
Make us mindful of these coins. Let us honour Your
creation with love, as shown through the life and
resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. AMEN*

Leader: Let us Celebrate the **JUBILEE**, let us pass the peace with
one another.

Hymn: How Great Thou Art (Together in Song 155)

BENEDICTION:

God, give us the wisdom and courage to change according to
Your will. Make us channels of love and justice; make us
ready to serve every human need that we meet along Your
road.