

LOVE ONE ANOTHER



WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

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"To the World with Love."

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN



TO THE WORLD WITH LOVE: More and more clearly every day, out of biology, history, psychology, plain common sense, comes the necessary mandate of survival - **THAT WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBOUR AS OURSELVES** - is being confirmed and reaffirmed.

Christ gave us only one commandment....**LOVE.**

Love is not soft like water, it is hard like rock, on which the waves of hatred beat in vain. Love cannot be wasted. It makes no difference where it is bestowed, it always brings in big returns.

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: O God come to our aid

ALL: O Lord make haste to help us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

LEADER: Let us pray together to the Holy Spirit to enkindle in us the fire of His love.

ALL: Come, O Holy Spirit; replace the tension within me with a holy relaxation; replace the turbulence within me with a sacred calm; replace the anxiety within me with a quiet confidence; replace the fear within me with a strong faith; replace any bitterness within me with the sweetness of Thy grace; replace the darkness within me with a gentle light; replace the coldness within me with a loving warmth. Come, O Holy Spirit, straighten my crookedness; fill my emptiness. Light the fire of my love.

HYMN: 10. A.H.B. Psalm 100.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

LEADER: Keep clear my spirit Lord, of all that embitters or sours. If my hopes are defeated, let it be without disappointment; if my trust is betrayed, let it be without rancour. Let me have tolerance towards failings, compassion towards injury, and in all things, charity. Let us pray to the Lord, for the times we have failed to live by God's law of love.

ALL: We humbly acknowledge our many faults and failings, in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. We renew our sorrow for offending God, because He loves us and we love Him and we never want to offend Him again.

ALL: Lords prayer.

Psalm 139

LEADER: Yahweh, you examine me and know me, you know if I am standing or sitting, you read my thoughts from far away, whether I walk or lie down, you are watching, you know every detail of my conduct.

ALL: The word is not even on my tongue, Yahweh, before you know all about it; close behind and close in front you fence me round, shielding me with your hand. Such knowledge is beyond my understanding, a height to which my mind cannot attain.

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LEADER: Where could I go to escape your spirit?
Where could I flee from your presence?
If I climb the heavens, you are there,
there too, if I live in Sheol.

ALL: If I flew to the point of sunrise, or
westward across the sea, your hand
would still be guiding me, your right
hand holding me.

LEADER: If I asked darkness to cover me, and
light to become night around me, that
darkness would not be dark to you,
night would be as light as day.

ALL: It was you who created my inmost self,
and put me together in my mother's womb;
for all these mysteries I thank you:
for the wonder of myself, for the wonder
of your works.

HYMN: 561. A.H.B. Kneels at the Feet

READER: In this reading from the Gospel, Mark
12 v. 28-34, we hear Jesus speak of
the commandment of love.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LEADER: Through the gospel, the Lord Jesus calls
us to share in His glory. Let us make
our prayer with Him to our heavenly
Father.

ALL: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

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LEADER: We pray for all nations: - that they
may seek the way that leads to peace,
that human rights and freedom may be
everywhere respected, and that the
world's resources may be generously
shared.

ALL: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

LEADER: We pray for our families, and the
community in which we live: that we
may find You in them.

ALL: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

LEADER: How important it is for me to acknow-
ledge that God loves my world and loves
me as part of that world. His love is
revealed in Jesus. Let us thank God
for the gift of His son, and pray for
those who feel unloved.

ALL: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

READER: In this reading from the Bible, 2 Corin-
thians 5; v. 17-21, we hear how respond-
ing to God's love, can change us into
new beings.

PRESENTATION & DEDICATION OF FELLOWSHIP OF
THE LEAST COIN

The money which has been prayerfully and faithfully
collected during the past twelve months, will be
brought forward for dedication.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Heavenly Father, accept this offering of the least coin, as a testimony of our love and concern for each other, we ask for Your blessing on the giver and the receiver. We ask this through Your Son Our Lord Jesus Christ.....Amen.

HYMN: 558. A.H.B. Neighbour

ADDRESS:

HYMN: 14. A.H.B. Now Thank We All Our God.
(Special project offering will be taken up during the singing of this hymn.)

FINAL PRAYER

LEADER: Let us pray (to Our Father who has raised us to life in Christ)

ALL: Eternal Father,
reaching from end to end of the universe,
and ordering all things with Your mighty arm; for you, time is the unfolding of truth that already is, the unveiling of beauty that is yet to be.

Your Son has saved us in history by rising from the dead, so that transcending time He might free us from death. May His presence among us lead to the vision of unlimited truth and unfold the beauty of Your love.

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

LEADER: Go in the peace of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and may the light of God's love shine in your lives to bring joy and hope to all you meet, and the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit remain with you forever.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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SPECIAL PROJECT OFFERING

Victims of the earthquakes in Mexico are still in urgent need of medical aid - our offerings will help to buy medical requirements for the devastated Mexican people.

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