



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

N.S.W. STATE UNIT

ANNUAL SERVICE of DEDICATION

and

INSTALLATION of the PRESIDENT

MISS PHYL McKINNIREY

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ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

MARIST PLACE PARRAMATTA

MONDAY, 18th MAY 1992 - 11.00 a.m.

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ACW celebrated it's Golden Jubilee in 1988. On 18th November 1938, women of the Church of Christ, Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist denominations came together at St. Stephen's Church, Sydney, to form the Women's Inter-Church Council.

Then followed, in 1953 - Baptist
1955 - Salvation Army
1958 - Anglican
1969 - Catholic
and 1992 - Ukrainian Orthodox

With the adoption of a Constitution in 1963 the name was changed to Australian Church Women.

Special days of celebration are -

Fellowship Day - in the last week of July.
World Community Day - in the last week of
October.

Special Projects are -

FLC - Fellowship of the Least Coin - supporting projects around the world.
WKS - Winifred Kiek Scholarship - supporting projects for Asia, New Zealand and Australia.

Today's service is one of special significance as we conclude another year of service, during which, the members of this Council, having been sent by their respective churches, have endeavoured to interpret it's aims in service.

It also marks, at one and the same time, the end of the term in office of one President, and the official commencement in office for two years, of another.

Hence, it is a Service of thanksgiving, committment, and dedication.

We extend a warm welcome to all, from your many churches and organisations, and praise God for this opportunity of worshipping together in His Name.

An offering today assists the expenses of ACW

ORDER of SERVICE

Opening Hymn: "All the earth proclaim the Lord!"

Welcome: Bishop Bede Heather

Bishop of Parramatta

Call to Psalm 96 Mrs Major Joan Tong

Worship: Retiring President

Response "Sing a new song to the Lord!"

ALL Sing to the Lord all the world!"

Prayer of Adoration: LUKE 11: 1-4 Mrs Mina Whybourne

WKS Convenor

Response " The Lord's Prayer" SUNG

ALL

Prayer of Repentance: Psalm 19: Mrs Beryl McLaughlin

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Leader: Let us reflect on our failures as
individuals. PAUSE

Leader: Let us reflect on our failures as
community. PAUSE

Response Father, throughout generations we
ALL have allowed divisions to keep us
*** from that unity for which Jesus
yearned. We ask forgiveness and
the wisdom to attain that Unity.

AMEN

Scripture Readings:

Jesus calls us to discipleship; explains the
qualities required; exhorts us to perseverance
and tolerance, and prays yearningly to the
Father that we will respond and all be one, as
He and the Father are One.

1st Reading: John 15:5-17 Mrs Marjorie Baker

Past President
"We are all branches of the one Vine!"

2nd Reading: Collosians 3:12-17 Mrs Edith Ridge

Secretary
"We are people of God!"

3rd Reading: Collosians 3:23-24 Miss Jeanne

Collosians 4:2 & 5 Sutherland
Publicity Convenor
"Whatever you do work at it with your whole heart!"

4th Reading: John 17:5-26 Mrs Peg Blake

Promotions Convenor
"Jesus prays for His disciples!"

SOLO: "All praise to Our Redeeming Lord!"

Rev. Alan Jackson
Leigh Memorial Mission
Organist Mrs Margaret McFadden

Prayer for Unity:

Mrs Marie Majoor
Membership Secretary

Father,
We come before you as mature people, with open minds and hearts, to receive Your Spirit; to be sent forth in faith and love; on our journey back to that Unity for which Jesus yearned and which will show the world that You sent Your Son; that You love us.

We pray that we may grow and persevere in our effort for unity, as encouragement to all Your people -men, women and children.

Lord hear us!

ALL: "Lord hear our prayer!" AMEN

Prayer for Australian Church Women: Miss Shirley Wells

FLC Convenor

Father,
We pray for our members and associates in Branches, in State and National Units; that they may encourage all women of our nation to Christian unity.

We pray for the many women we have come to know and love as recipients of the wks Scholarship, that they may grow in leadership for their own communities.

We pray for our sisters in Asia and New Zealand, our partners in ACWC, that we may draw ever closer.

We pray for all women around the world who both give and receive that "gift of love" known as the Least Coin. May we continue to reach out to one another in ever increasing numbers.

Lord hear us!

ALL: "Lord hear our prayer!" AMEN

OFFERING

"The Magnificat"

Mrs Lou Cleary
Mrs Daphne Petersen

Dedication of Offering

Mrs Dorothy Lumb

Dedication of Council and Associate Members and Installation of State Unit(NSW) President:

(Congregation please stand)

Retiring President and all Council & Associate Members:

In an act of commitment, we affirm the aims of Australian Church Women, NSW Unit;
to unite Christian women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ;
to promote co-operation and understanding between men and women in Church, family and society;
to help Christian women 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 forever!

AMEN

Retiring President:

Receive this Bible, the living Word of God, in token and symbol of your acceptance of the responsibility of 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 dependance 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 and Associate members of this State Unit, with their offerings of personality, character, talent and ability, that the lives so dedicated may be channels through which the Unit will be used to bring blessing to Christian women throughout the State.

Council & Associate 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. How ever 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 directions may be theirs as they need.

AMEN

The President

Benediction: May the blessing of God the Father,

ALL Son, and Holy Spirit, be on us as we
*** go in peace to love and serve the
Lord!

AMEN

(Please offer each other the sign of peace)

Closing Hymn: "Now thank we all our God!"

Most sincere thanks are extended to all present today; for their prayers and support - with special thanks to all who participated in the Service -

Bishop Bede Heather
Rev. Alan Jackson
Mrs Margaret McFadden
Mrs Lou Cleary
Mrs Daphne Petersen
NSW Executive - ACW
Parramatta Branch - ACW
Parramatta Diocese - CWL

CWL Diocese of Parramatta invite all to a light luncheon in the Parish Hall, where there will be an opportunity to meet with members of Australian Church Women.

PROGRAMME

Welcome & Introductions The President
Apologies The Secretary

Welcome to Parramatta
His Worship, Lord Mayor Ald. John Haines O.A.M.

Presentations

GRACE

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Australian Church Women is a member, with Asia and New Zealand, of ACWC.

This is an ecumenical organisation which began in 1958, and includes sixteen countries. A special project shared by all is Fellowship of the Least Coin - an ecumenical movement for peace. It enables women all around the world to participate by contributing the least coin of their country, as a "gift of love" to support projects nominated by each country. Some sixty countries now participate in this unique movement.

Information is available today, regarding all the activities and affiliates of ACW, ACWC, WKS and FLC.

ACW members are encouraged to participate in World Day of Prayer, which is held on the first Friday of March each year.
