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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

***Celebrating 60 years of Ecumenical Activity
1938-1998***

**MONDAY, 20th JULY, 1998
11am**

**THE SALVATION ARMY
SYDNEY CONGRESS HALL
140 ELIZABETH STREET, SYDNEY**

GREETING AND WELCOME

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song,

All: *for he has done marvellous things.*

Leader: With his own right hand and with his holy arm

All: *he has brought salvation.*

Leader: The Lord has made known his salvation,

All: *and has shown his righteousness to the nations.*

Leader: He has remembered his mercy and truth

All: *towards the house of Israel.*

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

All: *Let all the world be glad in him,
sing, rejoice and give him thanks.*

Leader: Let music sound upon the harp,

All: *and psalms be offered to his praise;*

Leader: with trumpets and with sounds of joy

All: *proclaim the praise of God our King.*

HYMN 'Praise to the Lord, the almighty'

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,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him 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 heart's longings 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
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
sheddeth the light,
chaseth the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

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 ay we adore him.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Chronicles 16:4,7-11,23-25,34-36

PRESENTATION TO LIFE MEMBERS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION

SOLO

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL PRESIDENT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HYMN

'Now thank we all our God'

Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Holy Ghost,
one Lord in highest heaven:
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 15:1-13

ADDRESS

HYMN 'Filled with the Spirit's power'

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord;
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire:
give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.

Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care the men of every race:
like wind and fire with life among us move
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

LAUNCH OF NEW PROMOTION BROCHURE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SOLO

OFFERING

HYMN 'Forth in thy name O Lord I go'

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know,
in all I think, or speak, or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.

Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labour on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still on things eternal look,
and hasten to thy glorious day;

For thee delightfully employ
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

BLESSING