

Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering and Prayer:

(As offerings are brought forward it is suggested that the congregation hold high the green Fellowship of the Least Coin prayer cards, if available.)

Prayer of the Fellowship of the Least Coin:

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 this least coin 'token of love', make us mindful of the miracles of these coins. Let us honour your creation with love, as shown through the life, death and resurrection of your son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Item:

Pass the Peace:

And greet one another

Hymn:

Thank you for giving me the morning

TIS 162 / AHB 114

Benediction:

Loving God,

*As we go out into the everyday world,
Give us courage to offer our gifts, however small,
Give us grace to recognise you in our neighbour,
Keep us aware of your presence among us.
Today and every day.
Amen.*



Australian Church Women World Community Day 2006



A Little Becomes a Lot in the Master's Hands

Australian Church Women (ACW)

Australian Church Women was established in 1965 when women's interchurch councils from all states and territories came together to form Australian Church Women, fostering ecumenism and undertaking action on behalf of the churches. Australian Church Women forms a network of committed Christian women dedicated to encourage fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries.

Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC)

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

Asian Church Women's Conference (ACWC)

The General Offering from today's Service will be divided between ACWC and the 2006 Special Day Project. Australian Church Women is affiliated with the Asian Church Women's Conference and helps to support this Christian women's organisation.

2006 Special Day Project

The 'Merrijig' Centre—the Catholic Church operates this support service for families living with alcohol and drug addiction. 'Merrijig' has applied for funding to support the running costs of their drop-in centre.

Thank you for your continued support of World Community Day and Fellowship of the Least Coin prayer movement. Any further offerings may be sent to the State/Territory Treasurer of Australian Church Women in your area. Please include a return address for receipts. If posting a donation, please **do not** write 'Treasurer' on your envelope.

Today's Order of Service was prepared by the Victorian Unit of Australian Church Women.

Please Note:

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Abbreviations:

TIS Together in Song AHB The Australian Hymn Book

World Day of Prayer Service

All denominations are encouraged to support the World Day of Prayer Service held annually on the first Friday in March.

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World Community Day 2006

Order of Service

Welcome and Greetings:

Psalm 105:1–4 (NIV)

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
 make known among the nations what he has done.
Sing to him, sing praise to him;
 tell of all his wonderful acts.
Glory in his holy name;
 let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
Look to the LORD and his strength;
 seek his face always.

Prayer of Celebration (responsive):

Leader: Lord God we have come to worship you.

Response: *We celebrate and rejoice together.*

Leader: Yet Lord, we come reverently for you are a holy God, who desires justice and truth.

Response: *We place our trust in you and thank you, the Living God, for you are faithful and unchanging.*

Leader: We praise you as the creator and giver of life. We thank you that you provide for all our needs. We humans take our place amongst the created order and join in the chorus of praise.

Response: *We rejoice that you call us by name. We are your people.*

Leader: From generation to generation throughout this earth your majesty and mercy is recognised. We, who gather here, are only a small part of your world wide community. Help us to remember that your presence is found everywhere in this world.

Response: *We add our voices of praise to that of others ...*

Leader: We want to glorify your name, to bear witness that you are our God and Lord of our lives. We bless you as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Response: *We declare our adoration and praise. Thank you Lord, that you hear and answer prayer. Amen.*

Hymn:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation TIS 111 / AHB 28

Prayer of Confession (responsive):

Leader: Loving God:
You gather us together in community,
Each of us fragile if alone,
Needing each other as we need your love.
Together we may do great things in your Name.
We look toward our neighbour, near or far,
And find you there.

Response: *We confess the times we fail our neighbours,
Believing our resources or gifts too small.
We confess that sometimes we are overwhelmed
By the needs of the world; forgetting the power of your
great love.*

Leader: Loving Creator:
You offer us all we need for life.
Abundant gifts—too generous with possibilities.
Yet often we forget how powerful is the love you pour out
upon us.

Response: *Lord, forgive us when we forget your care.*

Leader: Gracious God:
When we come humbly before you
We remember the gentle care of Jesus
Encouraging us, nurturing us, loving us, just as we are.

Response: *In remembering the love of Jesus
We are renewed, accepted, forgiven, and able to go
forward in community.
Praise be to his name.
Amen.*

Offering for World Community Day

Dedication

All: O Lord, how tiny and fragile
Are these gifts we carry.
Yet in surrender to your power
They grow and strengthen.
As the child's gifts of loaves and fishes
In your hands fed the multitude;
So too these gifts shall in your hands do great things.
Bless these gifts of money
That they may be sufficient for the projects supported this year.
Amen.

Hymn:

All things bright and beautiful TIS 135 / AHB 70

Prayer for Others:

All: Great God our Father, we believe that our worship draws us to you
And toward our neighbours on earth.
We pray for every nation and race:
May our actions and lifestyle bear out our belief
That all people everywhere are our brothers and sisters,
Whatever their country, their city, or their tribe,
Whatever their education or their culture,
Whatever their circumstances, religion or colour.
We pray for peace in our torn and troubled world:
We pray that weapons may be discarded instead of people,
Guns silenced instead of the voices of the poor,
And that, in a world half-expecting nuclear holocaust,
We might learn that love is not a luxury.
We pray for the church of Jesus Christ:
May it be true and joyful, wholesome and active,

Always rediscovering that you called it into being
For the service and salvation of others.
We pray for the witness of our church community:
We pray for our world, we pray for others, we pray for ourselves.
We pray because you call us as your disciples to reach out from
ourselves.
To all our fellow human beings.
We pray together the prayer you taught us ...

The Lord's Prayer:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

Scripture Reading:

Luke 9:10-17

Speaker:

Hymn:

May the mind of Christ my Saviour TIS 609 / AHB 537