

*Australian Church Women N.S.W. State Unit*

*Annual Service of Dedication*

*and*

*Installation of the President*

*Mrs. Marie McCann*

*Our Lady of Dolours' Church, Chatswood.*

*Monday 29th May, 1978 at 10.30 a.m.*

Representatives from

A.C.W. National President, Mrs. Win Dougherty  
Willoughby Council - Deputy Mayor, Alderman Jo Marnie.  
Mayoress, Mrs. Mary Reidy  
Superior, Convent of Mercy Sr. Josephine Byrnes.  
Winifred Kiek Scholar Sister Barkat Dass from Karachi  
Pakistan.  
Anglican Mothers' Union Mrs. Robinson  
Baptist Women's Fellowship Mrs. J. Gilbert  
Presbyterian Women's Assoc. Mrs. J. Stiepewich  
Catholic Women's League Dame Monica Gallagher  
Uniting Church Committee Mrs. Margaret Ayre  
Christian Women's Fellow. Mrs. Baker  
The Home League Major Jean Venebles  
The Girls' Brigade National Mrs. Warren  
The Girls' Brigade State Mrs. Martin  
W.C.T.U., Y.W.C.A. & Metropolitan Branches of A.C.W.

Associated Organisations

Women's World Day of Prayer  
Australian Council of Churches  
National Council of Women  
Good Neighbour Council  
Council for Children's Films & Television.

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Participants.

Mrs. Lt. Colonel Edna Baker, The Salvation Army Retiring  
President.

Mrs. Marie McCann, Catholic, Incoming President.

Mrs. Dorothy Woodhouse, The Uniting Church,  
Hon. Secretary.

Brigadier Mabel Ward, The Salvation Army,  
Membership Secretary.

Miss Doris Mitchell, Anglican, Hon. Treasurer.

Deaconess Mary Andrews, Anglican, Convenor  
Winifred Kiek Scholarship.

Mrs. Marjorie Stanhope, The Church of Christ for  
Mrs. Glad Bent, Convenor  
Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Mrs. Evelyn Ridley, Baptist, Publicity Officer.

Mrs. Evelyn Blackwell, Presbyterian, Executive Member.

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ORDER OF SERVICE.

ENTRANCE.

Choir: A new commandment I give unto you  
That you love one another, as I have loved you.  
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,  
If you have love one for another.

CALL TO WORSHIP.

Mrs. Lieutenant Colonel Edna Baker.

Leader: God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause  
His face to shine upon us, so that Thy way may be  
known on earth, Thy saving health among all nations.

All: May the peoples praise Thee, O God;  
May all the peoples give thanks to Thee.

Leader: May the nations be glad and sing for joy; for Thou  
shalt judge the people fairly and guide the Nations upon  
earth.

All: May the peoples thank Thee, O God;  
May the peoples praise Thee, all of them.

Leader: The earth has yielded her harvest;  
God, our God will bless us.

All: God will bless us and all the ends of the earth  
will revere Him. Psalm 67.

Hymn

O BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD,  
Fill me with life a-new;  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

2. O breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure;  
Until with Thee I have one will  
To do and to endure.

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3. O breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.
4. O breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch, 1835-89.

PRAYER OF PENITENCE.

Brigadier Mabel Ward.

Leader: Let us call to mind, in specific ways,  
our own failures and those of all people,  
To live up to God's promise, and His purpose; (Pause)  
Let us remember all that divides us  
from one another, not the least,  
divisions among and within the churches ... (Pause)

All: We ask God's forgiveness,

LITANY OF JOY AND PRAISE.

Deaconess Mary Andrews.

Leader: Lord, you have told us we are no longer strangers,

All: You are our God, we are your people.

Leader: Once we were far, but now we are near.

All: You are our God, we are your people.

Leader: We are members of your household -  
we have access to your heart.

HYMN

- ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
2. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light:
3. Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise Him, alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them his glory also show:
4. And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O praise Him, alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on him cast your care:
5. Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in One:

Sr. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226.

SCRIPTURE READINGS.

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians: 13 "Love"  
Mrs. Evelyn Ridley.

Matthew 11:- 25-30

"Come to me and rest".

Miss Evelyn Blackwell.

Paul's letter to the Philippians 4: 1-10

"Joy to You"

Mrs. Marjorie Stanhope.

Choir:

AVE VERUM.

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born;  
On the Cross Thy Sacred Body,  
For us men with nails was torn.  
Cleanse us by the Blood and Water  
streaming from Thy pierced side.  
Feed us with Thy Body broken,  
now and in death's agony.

Mozart.

The Congregation will stand for the Installation of the President.

Retiring President:  
and all Council

members:

In an act of commitment, we affirm the aims of  
Australian Church Women, N.S.W. State Unit.

To unite Australian Church Women in their allegiance  
to their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ;

To promote co-operation of men and women in the  
Church, family and society;

To help Christian women to 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 for ever \*

Amen.

All: Consecrate to Your Service, O Lord, all members of this State Unit, with their offerings of personality, character, talent and ability, that the lives so dedicated may be the channels through which the Unit will be used to bring blessing to Christian women throughout the State.

State Unit 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. However, 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 direction may be theirs as they need, Amen.

Hymn: THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make,  
Within the paths of righteousness  
E'en for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear non ill:  
For thou art with me, and they rod  
And staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

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The President.

OFFERTORY: Choral Prayer 'Quem Pastores Laudavers'

Choir: Father, who on man dost shower  
 Gifts of plenty from Thy dower,  
 To Thy people give the power  
 All Thy gifts to use aright.

Give pure happiness in leisure,  
 Temperance in every pleasure,  
 Holy use of earthly treasure,  
 Bodies clear and spirits bright.

Lift from this and every nation  
 All that brings us degradation;  
 Quell the forces of temptation;  
 Put Thine enemies to flight.

Be with us, Thy strength supplying,  
 That with energy undying,  
 Every foe of man defying,  
 We may rally to the fight.

Thou who art our Captain every,  
 Lead us on to great endeavour;  
 May Thy Church the world deliver:  
 Give us wisdom, courage, might.

Father, who hast sought and found us,  
 Son of God, whose love has bound us,  
 Holy Ghost, within us, round us -  
 Hear us, Godhead infinite.

Percy Dearmer

Leader:

Miss Doris Mitchell

These are but symbols of the gifts of our lives  
 that we bring to You this morning, O Father,  
 praying that Your Eternal Love working through  
 us and others, may bring christian women toward  
 one another in understanding and trust. We  
 ask humbly that you accept both them and us,  
 through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Mrs. Dorothy Woodhouse.

Leader: Across all our barriers of language, race and nationality,  
 All: Unite us, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Across all our mutual ignorance, prejudices and hostility,  
 All: Unite us, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Across all our differences of thought, outlook and  
 religious allegiance,  
 All: Unite us, Lord Jesus.

Leader: O God, for thy greater glory,  
 All: Gather together the separated Christians.

Leader: O God, for the triumph of goodness and truth,  
 All: Gather together the separated Christians.

Leader: O God, that there may henceforth be one flock and one  
 shepherd,

All: Gather together the separated Christians.

Leader: O God, to confound the pride of Satan and his assaults,

All: Gather together the separated Christians.

Leader: O God, that peace may reign in the world at last,

All: Gather together the separated Christians.

Leader: O God, for the greater joy of the heart of Thy Son,

All: Gather together the separated Christians.

Prayer of Fr. Couturier, Lyons, France.

Leader: Let us now offer each other a sign of peace - saying  
 "Peace be with You" and greeting those near to us.

HYMN:

HEART AND HEART UNITE together seeking in the Saviour peace:  
 Let thy flame of love consume us that our love may still increase.  
 Thou our head and we thy members, thou our light that we may shine,  
 Thou our master, we thy brethren: thou art ours and we are thine.

Hallelujah! O what riches, O what height and depth of grace,  
 That we gaze into the heart of him who loved the human race.  
 So has Christ, our true friend, loved us, so he there poured  
 out his blood:

Think how it must always grieve him if we wound his brotherhood.

O thou gracious friend unite us, we who are thy sacred  
 band,  
 one in heart and one in mind according to thy last command;  
 And alone from thy pure burning may our light break forth  
 and shine,  
 That the world may come to know that we, O Lord, are truly thine.

Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf 1700-60  
 tr. Henry Ralph Wardlaw 1929  
 Tune: Hymn to Joy - Beethoven 1770-1827

BENEDICTION:

Mrs. Marie McCann

Leader: May the Grace of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
 the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
 be with us all.

Choir: Amen.

RECESSIONAL:

Choir: 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.

2. 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.
3. 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.

John Raphael Peacey 1896-1971  
 Tune Walter Greatorex 1877-1949

Members of the Executive leave followed by the National  
 Working Committee, Churches and Groups representatives.

Today's offering assists the expenses of the A.C.W.(NSW Unit).

Warm thanks are expressed to the Choir of the Lane Cove/Longueville Church Women's Inter-Church Fellowship for their assistance.

It is much appreciated that the Parish Secretary, Mrs. Sue McDonald has done all the preparation and printing of the invitations and Order of Service.

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At the conclusion of the Service all are invited to proceed to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall at the end of Kirk St., to meet the office bearers, members of the executive and council, and to share light refreshments and hospitality provided by the Chatswood Parish Catechists and Church Ladies.

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