

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
OPENING SERVICE**

**INTROIT:** Choir: Hymn 601

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (All standing)

**Leader:** We are not alone; we live in God's world.  
We believe in God who has created and is creating,  
who has become the true human being, Jesus,  
to reconcile and renew, who works within us and  
among us, by his Spirit.

**Community:** We trust him.

**L:** He calls us to be his Church; to celebrate his  
presence, to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil.

**C:** We proclaim his kingdom.  
We are not alone; we live in God's family.

(Community sits)

**L:** Christ said, "My commandment is this: Love one  
another, just as I love you."  
Let us join together in God's praise.

**HYMN OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING:** Heart and heart unite together  
Tune: Song of Joy AHB 92

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSION:**

**L:** Let us admit our sin before God.

**C:** O God of mercy; you sent Jesus Christ to save lost  
people. Judge us with love, and lift the burden  
of our sin. We confess that we are twisted with  
pride. We see ourselves pure when we are imperfect,  
great when we are inadequate. We have failed in  
love, forgotten to care, fragmented your community,  
ignored injustice, avoided new experiences, and  
turned away from your truth. Have mercy, O God,  
and forgive our sin, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:**

**L:** To live at the service of the Word is to be new  
persons!

**C:** The past is finished and gone. A new world is  
before us!

**L:** Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.  
In Jesus Christ, WE ARE FORGIVEN. AMEN.

L: Let us express our faith, affirmed by God's grace.  
(Community stands)

ALL: We believe in God, the Father,  
who created all the world,  
who is uniting all people in Christ,  
and who desires that we all live together as  
members of one family.

We believe in God the Son,  
who became man, died and rose in triumph,  
reconciling all the world to God,  
breaking down every wall that divides persons,  
every barrier of religion, race, culture or class,  
to create one united humanity.  
He is the one Lord who has authority over all,  
who summons both the individual and the society,  
both the church and the state,  
to reconciliation, unity, justice and freedom.

We believe in God, the Spirit,  
who is the pledge of God's kingdom,  
who gives us power to proclaim  
God's judgement and forgiveness of persons and nations  
to love and serve all people,  
to struggle for justice, to face conflict,  
to work for peace and community for the whole world.  
(Adapted from a creed of the Presbyterian Church  
of South Africa)

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name,  
Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth  
as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sin,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Do not bring us to the test, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever. AMEN.

HYMN: AHB 561  
(community sits)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD:

L: Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to accept your word.  
C: That hearing we may obey your will. AMEN

Epistle: Galatians 3: 21-29

New Testament: Acts 2: 43-47

CHOIR: Hymn 591 AHB (Catholic Supplement)

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

ADDRESS: The family, its faith and its future.

CHOIR: Antiphon AHB 591

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD:

L: Let us pray:

You have given us the gift of life.

You have set us in the close communities of our families, where we may experience love and where we may grow in trust. You have given us a place in your Church, the Community of Faith. You have called us to be your people in the communities of our nation and your world.

C: We thank you, Our God. We acknowledge you as Lord.

L: Let us pray for the church family.

† (Here let those who will, offer prayers for the church)

L: Let us pray for the world family.

(Here let those who will, offer prayers for the world)

L: Let us pray for those in distress in your world family. (Here let those who will, offer prayers for those in distress)

DEDICATION: (Community stands)

L: Let us praise God for his gift of grace.

Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God:

C: Before whose justice no one can stand, yet whose love is so sure that we need not hide ourselves: We thank you for your mercy reported by the prophets and shown in Jesus Christ, for the ones you give today to guide us, and for the promise of new life to live with you and with our neighbours.

Together, across the races, across the nations, across the generations, we walk on a causeway.

Because Christ's is the cause and the way,  
we walk together unafraid down new paths into  
a new day.

We give ourselves to you, and with the Church of  
all ages, we thank you for your gift of love  
and acceptance in Christ. AMEN

COMMISSIONING HYMN: AHB 391 (Tune 158 Tune ii)

**BENEDICTION:**

- L: Go out into the world in peace; have courage;  
hold onto what is good; return to no person  
evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted;  
support the weak; help the suffering; honour all  
persons; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the  
power of the Holy Spirit.
- C: And may Christ go beside us in grace, and  
out ahead in hope.
- ALL: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of  
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be  
with us all. AMEN

RETIRING BLESSING: Choir; Hymn 601

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AHB 391

Tune AHB 158 Tune ii  
St Peter

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find,  
his service is the golden cord  
close-binding all mankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be;  
who serves my Father as a son  
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north,  
all Christlike souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

(John Oxenham 1852-1941)

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HYMN SHEET

Tune AHB 92

Heart and heart unite together  
seeking in the Saviour's 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.

(Nicholaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf  
tr. Henry Ralph Wardlaw)

AHB 561

Ghana Folk Melody

Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet:  
master who acts as a slave to them.

Yesu, Yesu,  
Fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbours we have from you.

Neighbours are both rich and poor,  
neighbours are both black and white,  
neighbours are nearby and far away.

Yesu.....

These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
they are all neighbours to us and you.

Yesu....

Loving puts us on our knees,  
serving as though we are slaves;  
this is the way we should live with you.

Yesu.....

(Tom Colvin and the people of  
Ghana - c. 1965)

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MEETING

SEPTEMBER, 1979.

"THE FAMILY ITS FAITH AND ITS FUTURE"



IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED, U.S.A.,  
NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL OF  
CHURCHES' WOMEN'S COMMITTEE.

HYMN BOOK.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.

(T) Bunessan (55,540)AHB 91

1. Morning has broken  
like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing,  
praise for the morning,  
praise for them, springing  
fresh from the word.
2. ~~Sweet the rain's new fall~~  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung from completeness  
where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight;  
mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's recreation  
of the new day.

(Eleanor Parjeon)(T) Thank You 98,95AHB 114

1. Thank you for giving me the morning,  
thank you for every day that's new,  
thank you for new things in store for me  
and for work to do.
2. Thank you for all my friends and brothers,  
thank you for everyone that lives  
thank you that even greatest enemies  
I can forgive.
3. Thank you for many little sorrows,  
thank you for every kindly word,  
thank you that in the midst of trouble  
sympathy is stirred.
4. Thank you, I see your word has meaning,  
thank you, I know your Spirit here,  
thank you, because you love all people,  
those both far and near.
5. Thank you, O Lord, for speaking to us,  
thank you for telling us you care,  
thank you, O Lord, you came among us  
bread and wine to share.
6. Thank you, O Lord, your love is boundless,  
thank you that I am full of you,  
thank you, you make me feel so glad and  
thankful as I go.

(Peter van Lelyveld - 1962)

(T) Hampton AHB ii315)

1. Sweetly the holy hymn  
breaks on the morning air:  
before the world with smoke  
                                  is dim  
We meet to offer prayer.
2. While flowers are wet with  
                                  dew,  
dew of our souls, descend;  
ere yet the sun the day  
                                  renews,  
O Lord, Thy Spirit sent!
3. On the lone mountainside  
before the morning's light  
The man of Sorrows wept  
                                  and cried  
And rose refreshed with might.
4. O hear us then, for we  
are very weak and frail;  
We make the Saviour's name  
                                  our plea  
and surely must prevail  
                                  (C.H. Spurgeon)

23rd Psalm 'Crimond' 86.86

AHB 16

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.

My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear none ill:  
for thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me:  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling-place shall be.

Scottish Psalter 1650

Psalm 42 (T) Martyrdom 86.86

AHB 29

As pants the hart for cooling streams  
in parched and barren ways  
so longs my soul for you, O God,  
and your refreshing grace.

For you my God, the living God,  
my thirsting soul will pine:  
O when shall I behold your face,  
your majesty divine?

cont. Psalm 42

God of my strength, my tears have been  
by day and night my food;  
the mockers taunt continually  
and say: 'Where is your God?'

Why restless, why cast down, my soul?  
Hope still, and you shall sing  
the praise of him who is your God,  
your health's eternal spring.

(Nahum Tate 1652-1715 and Nicholas  
Brady)

Psalm 40:

(T) Ballerma 86.86

AHB 18

I waited for the Lord my God  
and patiently did hear;  
at length to me he did incline  
my voice and cry to hear.

3. He put a new song in my mouth  
our God to magnify:  
many shall see it and shall fear,  
and on the Lord rely.

He took me from a fearful pit,  
and from the miry clay,  
and on a rock he set my feet  
establishing my way.

To do thy will I take delight  
O thou my God that art;  
yea, that most holy law of thine  
I have within my heart.

In thee let all be glad, and joy,  
who seeking thee abide;  
who thy salvation love, say still,  
the Lord be magnified.

Scottish Psalter 1650PSALM 103: 1-9(T) Day of Praise 66.86AHB 63

1. O bless the Lord, my soul,  
his saving grace proclaim,  
and all that is within me join  
to bless his holy name.
2. O bless the Lord, my soul,  
his mercies bear in mind,  
forget not all his benefits:  
the Lord to me is kind.
3. He will not always chide;  
he will with patience wait  
his wrath is ever slow to rise,  
and ready to abate.

4. He pardons all my sins,  
prolongs my feeble breath,  
he heals all my infirmities,  
and ransoms me from death.
5. He clothes me with his love,  
upholds me with his truth,  
and like the eagle he renews  
the vigor of my youth.
6. Then bless his holy name  
whose grace has made me whole,  
whose lovingkindness crowns my  
days;  
O bless the Lord, my soul.

James Montgomery

EVENING

(T) St. Clement 98.98

AHB 388

1. The day you gave us, Lord, is ended,  
the darkness falls at your behest;  
to you our morning hymns ascended,  
your praise shall sanctify our rest.
2. We thank you that your church unsleeping,  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping  
and rests not now by day or night.
3. Across each continent and island  
as dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent  
nor dies the strain of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking  
our friends beneath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
your wondrous doings heard on high.
5. So be it Lord: your throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
your kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
till all your creatures own your sway.

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(John Ellerton)

87.87D

(T) Bithynia AHB 363

Now on land and sea descending  
brings the night its peace profound,  
let our vesper hymn be blending  
with the holy calm around.  
Soon as dies the sunset glory,  
stars of heaven shine out above,  
telling still the ancient story  
their Creator's changeless love.

Now our wants and burdens  
leaving  
to His care, who cares for all,  
cease we fearing, cease we  
grieving,  
at His touch our burdens fall.  
As the darkness deepens o'er us  
Lo! eternal stars arise;  
Hope and faith and love rise  
glorious  
shining in the spirit's skies.

(Samuel Longfellow)

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Jesus, the first and last

(T) St. Olave 66.66.66

AHB 154

Jesus, the first and last,  
my soul on you is cast:  
you did your work begin  
by blotting out my sin;  
you will the root remove,  
and perfect me in love.

Yet when the work is done,  
the work is but begun:  
partaker of your grace,  
I long to see your face;  
the first I prove below,  
the last I die to know.

Charles Wesley 1707-88

5. God of the Night-time.

(T) 234 ii AHB

1. God of the night-time in stillness we gather;  
peaceful at eventide, turn we to Thee;  
grateful, we welcome the gift of the darkness;  
trustful, as children, we come to thy knee.
2. Trust we in Thee, for thy heart is compassion;  
yearn we for Thee, the true source of our rest;  
children, we hide in our Father's protection;  
weary, our spirits recline on Thy breast.
3. Now through the rest-time, O Father, refresh us;  
cleanse us and calm us and save us, we pray;  
God of the morning! Renewed we will serve Thee;  
hear this our song at the close of the day.

F. Gillman

L O V E.

New Commandment.

John 13: 34,35

571 AHB

A new commandment I give unto you  
that you love one another as I have loved 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.  
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples  
if you have love one-for-another.

There the love of God abides

AHB 591

Antiphon: Where there is charity and love,  
there the love of God abides.

1. The love of Christ has gathered us as one:  
rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;  
let us revere and love the living God,  
and love each other with unfeigning hearts.
2. And so, when we are gathered here as one,  
let quarrels die, and envious rancour cease;  
be our resolve all bitterness to shun,  
and in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.
3. O lead us, Master, by your saving grace,  
to where the blessed glory in your sight;  
there let us see and love you, face to face,  
gathered once more in everlasting light.

Music and paraphrasing Richard Connolly  
1927-

Love, only love, is his word.      Gresswell 88.97 and ref.      AHB 601

1. Love is his word, love is his way,  
feasting with men, fasting alone,  
living and dying, rising again,  
love, only love, is his way.  
    ref. Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:  
    better than splendour and wealth.
2. Love is his way, love is his mark,  
sharing his last Passover feast,  
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,  
love, only love, is his mark.
3. Love is his mark, love is his sign,  
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,  
'This is my body this is my blood,'  
love, only love, is his sign.
4. Love is his sign, love is his news,  
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget  
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'  
Love, only love, is his news.
5. Love is his news, love is his name,  
we are his own, chosen and called,  
family, brethren, cousins and kin.  
Love only love, is his name.
6. Love is his name, love is his law.  
Hear his command, all who are his:  
'Love, only love, is his law.
7. Love is his law, love is his word:  
love of the Lord, Father and Word,  
love of the Spirit, God ever one.  
Love, only love, is his word.      (Luke Connaughton, 1970)

(T) Thailand (Charoen Vijaya)      AHB 105.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The great love of God<br/>is revealed in the Son<br/>who came to this earth<br/>to redeem every one.</li> <li>2. That love, like a stream<br/>flowing clear to the sea,<br/>makes clean every heart<br/>that from sin would be free.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. It binds the whole world,<br/>every barrier it breaks,<br/>the hills it lays low,<br/>and the mountains it shakes.</li> <li>4. It's yours, it is ours,<br/>O how lavishly given!<br/>the pearl of great price<br/>and the treasure of heaven.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Daniel Thanbyrajah Miles 1908-70</u></p> |
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~~LOVE AND HOLY~~

1. O love of God, how strong and true;  
eternal and yet ever new,  
uncomprehended and unbought,  
beyond all knowledge and all thought!
2. O wide-embracing, wondrous love,  
we read you in the sky above,  
we read you in the earth below,  
in seas that swell and streams that flow.
3. We read you best in him who came  
to bear for us the cross of shame,  
sent by the Father from on high,  
our life to live, our death to die.
4. We read your power to bless and save  
ev'n in the darkness of the grave;  
still more in resurrection light  
we read the fullness of your might.
5. O love of God, our shield and stay  
through all the perils of our way;  
eternal love, in you we rest,  
for ever safe, for ever blest.

(T) Winchester New AHB 264  
Words  
AHB 75 by Horatius  
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Tallis' Ordinal 86.86

AHB312

Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,  
eternal fount of love,  
inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts  
with fire from heaven above.

As thou in bond of love dost  
join  
the Father and the Son,  
so fill us all with mutual  
love  
and knit our hearts in one.

Charles Coffin

Stuttgart 87.87

Tune AHB 200

May the grace of Christ our Savior  
and the Father's boundless love,  
with the Holy Spirit's favor  
rest upon them from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
with each other and the Lord,  
and possess, in sweet communion,  
joys which earth cannot afford.

Psalm 117

W. Isaac Watts

Words/Music AHB42.

From all who dwell below the skies,  
let the Creator's praise arise;  
Hallelujah!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,  
through every land, by every tongue.  
Hallelujah!

Eternal are your mercies, Lord,  
eternal truth attends your word:  
Hallelujah!  
Your praise shall sound from  
shore to shore,  
till suns shall rise and set no  
Hallelujah! (more.)

Walk in the light! so shalt thou know  
that fellowship of love  
His spirit only can bestow  
who reigns in light above.

Walk in the light! and thou shalt find  
thy heart made truly his  
who dwells in cloudless light enshrined  
in whom no darkness is.

Walk in the light! and thou shalt own  
thy darkness passed away  
because that light hath on thee shone  
in which is perfect day.

Walk in the light! and thine shall be  
a path, though thorny, bright:  
for God, by grace, shall dwell in thee  
and God himself is light.

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FAMILY LIFE

Welwyn 11.10.11.10

W. K.J.P. Spitta

AHB 495

Happy the home that welcomes you, Lord Jesus,  
truest of friends, most honoured guest of all,  
where hearts and eyes are bright with joy to greet you,  
your lightest wishes eager to fulfil.

Happy the home where man and wife together  
are of one mind believing in your love:  
through love and pain, prosperity and hardship,  
through good and evil days your care they prove.

Happy the home, O loving friend of children,  
where they are given to you with hands of prayer,  
where at your feet they early learn to listen  
to your own words, and thank you for your care.

Happy the home where work is done to please you,  
in tasks both great and small, that you may see  
your servants doing all as you would wish them  
as members of your household, glad and free.

Happy the home that knows your healing comfort,  
where, unforgetten, every joy you share,  
until each one, their work on earth completed  
comes to your Father's house to meet you there.

Au Clair de La Lune

W. Margaret Cropper

AHB 178

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,  
washing tired feet and saving those who fall:  
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

9. Jesus' hands (contd.)

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you:  
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;  
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

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St. Peter 86.86

W. Carlton Buck

T. HB 410

O Lord, may church and home combine  
to teach thy perfect way,  
with gentleness and love like thine  
that none shall ever stray.

3. Shine, Light Divine, reveal thy  
face  
where darkness else might be.  
Grant, Love Divine, in every  
place  
glad fellowship with thee.

Let all unworthy sins depart,  
Imbue us with thy grace;  
within the home let every heart  
become thy dwelling place.

4. My steadfast faith and  
earnest prayer  
Keep sacred vows secure;  
Build thou a hallowed dwelling  
where True joy and peace  
endure.

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Mannheim 87.87.87

T. AHB492

Lord of life and King of glory  
who didst deign a child to be,  
cradled on a mother's bosom  
throned upon a mother's knee:  
for the children Thou hast given  
we must answer unto thee.

3. Grant us, then pure hearts and  
patient  
that, in all we do or say,  
little souls our deeds may copy  
and be never led astray;  
little feet our steps may follow  
in a safe and narrow way.

Since the day the blessed mother  
thou, the world's redeemer, bore;  
thou has crowned us with an honour  
women never knew before;  
and that we may bear it meetly  
we must seek thine aid the more.

4. When our growing sons and  
daughters  
look on life with eager eyes,  
grant us then a deeper insight  
and new powers of sacrifice:  
hope to trust them, faith to  
guide them,  
love that nothing good denies

(W. Christian Burke)

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GRACE..... MODERN..... SOCIAL JUSTICE ..... PRAYER ..... ETC.

Amazing Grace 86.86

AHB56

1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Amazing Love (contd)

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures. John Newton.

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Truro 88.88Isaac WattsAHB33

1. Now to the Lord a noble song!  
awake, my soul, awake, my  
tongue  
Hosanna to the eternal name,  
and all his boundless love  
proclaim!
2. See where it shines in Jesus'  
face,  
the brightest image of his  
grace:  
God in the person of his Son  
has all his mightiest works  
outdone.
3. The spacious earth, the ocean's  
flood,  
proclaim the wise, the powerful  
God,  
and thy rich glories from afar  
sparkle in every rolling star.
4. But in his looks a glory stands,  
the noblest labour of thy hands:  
the pleasing lustre of his eyes  
outshines the wonders of the skies.
5. Grace, 'tis a sweet, a charming theme;  
my thoughts rejoice at Jesus' name:  
ye angels, dwell upon the sound,  
ye heavens, reflect it to the ground.

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Kneels at the Feet 779 and ref.AHB 561

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet:  
master who acts as a slave to  
them.
- ref. Yesu, Yesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbours we have from  
you.
2. Neighbours are rich men and  
poor,  
neighbours are black men and  
white,  
neighbours are nearby and far  
away.
3. These are the ones we should  
serve  
these are the ones we should  
love;  
all men are neighbours to us  
and you.
4. Loving puts us on our knees;  
serving as though we are slaves;  
this is the way we should live  
tith you.
- (Tom Colvin c.1965, and  
people of Ghana)

1. When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?  
Ref. And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,  
were you there?
2. I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?  
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
3. I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?  
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
4. When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a shelter, were you there?
5. When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?  
When I needed a healer, were you there?
6. When they put me in prison, were you there, were you there?  
When they put me in prison, were you there?
7. Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there,  
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

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Love, love your brother.

Book: From the Beginning.

Chorus- twice through first:

(With joyful swing)

Love, love your brother,  
Love, love your sister,  
Love, love your brother,  
As much as you love yourself xxx

x=1 clap

1. Man come down the road xxx  
having a heavy load xxx  
Jumped on by surprise xx  
And beaten before our eyes  
ch.

2. Rich, fat man a walkin' xxx  
Pass the other side xxx  
Smart fella follow the other xx  
Thank goodness the road was wide.  
ch. Wonder if you love, love your brother....

3. Foreigner arrive, xxx  
Finding man alive, xxx  
Lifts him to his heart xx  
and welcomes him to his home.  
ch.

Ronney Boucher, Australia  
1970.

4. People everywhere xxx  
Love our neighbour more; xxx  
Love him best we can xx  
And the world'll be better for sure:  
ch. EVERYBODY love, love your brother.

Sing Hosanna 10.8.10.9 & ref.AHB 115

Let us sing to the God of salvation,  
 let us sing to the Lord our rock!  
 Let us come to his house with thanksgiving,  
 let us come before the Lord and sing!  
     Praise our Maker,  
     praise our Saviour,  
     praise the Lord our everlasting King.  
 Every throne must bow before him,  
 God is Lord of everything!

In his hands are the earth's deep places  
 and the strength of the hills is his;  
 all the sea is the Lord's, for he made it,  
 by his hands the dry land was formed.

Let us worship the Lord our Maker,  
 let us kneel to the Lord our God;  
 for we all are the sheep of his pasture,  
 he will guide us by his powerful hand.

Let today be the time when you hear him!  
 May our hearts not be hard or cold,  
 lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion,  
 as his people did in time of old.

Richard Thomas Bewes,  
 1934-

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Let Us Break Bread 10.10 & ref.AHB 433

1. Let us break bread together with the Lord!  
 Let us break bread together with the Lord!  
 As we travel through this land,  
 all God's children hand in hand,  
 Lord, fill all our living with your life.

(other verses may be suggested by group; e.g.:

2. Let us drink wine together with the Lord...

3. Let us sing songs together with the Lord ...

4. Let us all work together for the Lord ... (Negro spiritual melody)

Aaronic Blessing (Numbers 6: 24-26)AHB 572 ii

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
 The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;  
 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
     and give you peace,  
     and give you peace.

1. All who love and serve your city,  
all who bear its daily stress,  
all who cry for peace and justice  
all who curse and all who bless:  
wasted work and wasted play,  
call to mind the word of Jesus  
"I must work while it is day."
2. in your day of loss and sorrow,  
in your day of helpless strife,  
honour, peace and love retreating,  
seek the Lord, who is your life.
3. In your day of wealth and  
plenty,  
4. For all days are days of judgment,  
and the Lord is waiting still,  
drawing near to those who spurn  
him,  
offering peace and Galvary's  
hill.
5. Risen Lord, shall yet the city  
be the city of despair?  
Come today, our Judge, our Glory;  
be its name 'The Lord is there.'

Erik Routley

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What does the Lord require?

AHB 568

1. What does the Lord require  
for praise and offering?  
What sacrifice desire  
or tribute bid you bring?  
Ref. Do justly;  
love mercy;  
walk humbly with your God.
2. Rulers of men, give ear!  
Should you not justice know?  
Will God your pleading hear,  
while crime and cruelty grow?
3. Masters of wealth and trade,  
all you for whom men toil,  
think not to win God's aid,  
if lies your commerce soil:
4. Still down the ages ring  
the prophet's stern commands;  
to merchant, worker, king,  
he brings God's high demands:
5. How shall our life fulfil  
God's law so hard and high?  
Let Christ endue our will  
with grace to fortify.  
Then justly,  
in mercy,  
we'll humbly walk with God.

Albert Bayly

based on Micah 6: 6-8

Australian Christmas Carol

North Wind

AHB246

1. The north wind is tossing the leaves, the red dust is over the town,  
the sparrows are under the eaves and the grass in the paddock is  
brown  
as we lift up our voices and sing to the Christchild, the heavenly  
king.
2. The tree-ferns in green gullies sway, the cool stream flows silently  
by,  
the joy-bells are greeting the day, and the chimes are a drift in the sky.  
as we lift up our voices and sing to the Christchild, the heavenly King.

Charterhouse 11.10.11.10 or Intercessor 503i

HB103

1. O Lord of every shining constellation  
that wheels in splendour through the midnight sky,  
grant us your Spirit's true illumination  
to reach the secrets of your work on high.
2. You, Lord, have made the atom's hidden forces  
your laws its mighty energies fulfil;  
teach us, to whom you give such rich resources,  
in all we use, to serve your holy will.
3. O Life, awaking life in cell and tissue,  
from flower to bird, from beast to brain of man,  
O help us trace, from birth to final issue,  
the sure unfolding of your ageless plan.
4. You, Lord, have stamped your image on your creatures  
and, though they marred that image, love them still;  
uplift our eyes to Christ, that in his features  
we may discern the beauty of your will.
5. Great Lord of nature, shaping and renewing,  
who made us more than nature's sons to be,  
help us to tread, with grace our souls enduring,  
the road to life and immortality.

Albert Frederick Bayly

Jesus loves me

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HB166

1. Jesus loves me, this I know,  
and the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
in his love we shall be strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so
2. Jesus loves me, this I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,  
saying, 'Let them come to me.'
3. Jesus loves me still today,  
walking with me on my way,  
wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live.

(Anne Bartlett Warner 1822-1915, rewritten by  
David Rutherford McGuire 1929-71)

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Richard Pynson's 'Horse B.V.M.' Sarum 1514

HB 456

God be in my head and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart and in my thinking;  
God be at my end and at my departing.

Almighty Father of all things that be,  
our life, our work, we consecrate to thee,  
whose heavens declare thy glory from above,  
whose earth below is witness to thy love.

2. For well we know this weary, soiled earth  
is yet thine own by right of its new birth,  
since that great cross upreared on Calvary  
redeemed it from its fault and shame to thee.
3. Thine still the changeful beauty of the hills,  
the purple valleys flecked with silver rills,  
the ocean glistening 'neath the golden rays;  
they all are thine, and voiceless speak thy praise.
4. Thou dost the strength to workman's arm impart;  
from thee the skilled musician's mystic art,  
the grace of poet's pen or painter's hand,  
to teach the loveliness of sea and land.
5. Then grant us, Lord, in all things thee to own,  
to dwell within the shadow of thy throne,  
to speak and work, to think, and live, and move,  
reflecting thine own nature, which is love:
6. that so, by Christ redeemed from sin and shame,  
and hallowed by thy Spirit's cleansing flame,  
ourselves, our work, and all our powers may be (H.H. Bugmore)  
a sacrifice acceptable to thee.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hallelujah! sing to Jesus<br/>his the sceptre, his the throne;<br/>hallelujah! his the triumph<br/>his the victory alone;<br/>hark, the songs of peaceful Zion<br/>thunder like a mighty flood:<br/>"Jesus out of every nation<br/>has redeemed us by his blood."</li> <li>2. Hallelujah! not as orphans<br/>are we left in sorrow now;<br/>hallelujah! he is near us,<br/>faith believes, nor questions<br/>  how:<br/>though the cloud from sight<br/>  received him<br/>when the forty days were o'er,<br/>shall our hearts forget his<br/>  promise,<br/>'I am with you evermore'?</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Hallelujah! bread of heaven<br/>and on earth our food, our stay;<br/>hallelujah! here the sinful<br/>flee to you from day to day:<br/>intercessor, friend of sinners,<br/>earth's redeemer, plead for me<br/>where the songs of all the sinless<br/>sweep across the crystal sea.</li> <li>4. Hallelujah! King eternal,<br/>you the Lord of lords we own;<br/>hallelujah! born of Mary,<br/>earth your footstool, heaven your<br/>  throne:<br/>you within the veil have entered,<br/>robed in flesh, our great high<br/>  priest;<br/>you on earth both priest and<br/>  victim<br/>in the eucharistic feast.</li> </ol> |
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DIX (77.77.77) - 239 AHB

For the Beauty of the EarthAHB 77

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light,  
Ch.
3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight.  
Ch.
4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Ch.
5. For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Ch.
6. For the church that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love,  
Ch.

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint 1835-1917

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There's a Light Upon the Mountains 15 15.15 15AHB 207

1. There's a light upon the mountains, and the day is at the spring  
when our eyes shall see the beauty and the glory of the King;  
weary was our heart with waiting, and the night-watch seemed so long,  
but his triumph day is breaking, and we hail it with a song.
2. There's a hush of expectation, and a quiet in the air,  
and the breath of God is moving in the fervent breath of prayer:  
for the suffering, dying Jesus is the Christ upon the throne,  
and the travail of our spirit is the travail of his own.
3. He is breaking down the barriers, he is casting up the way,  
he is calling for his angels to build up the gates of day:  
but his angels here are human, not the shining hosts above;  
for the drum-beats of his army are the heart-beats of our love.
4. Hark, we hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell -  
the great triumph song of Jesus, of our King, Emmanuel:  
Sion, go you forth to meet him; and, my soul, be swift to bring  
all your finest and your dearest for the triumph of our King!

Henry Burton 1840-1930

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Lord Jesus Christ

AHB 451

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| <p>1. Lord Jesus Christ,<br/>You have come to us,<br/>You are one with us,<br/>Mary's Son.<br/>Cleansing our souls from all their sin,<br/>Pouring your love and goodness in,<br/>Jesus our love for you we sing,<br/>Living Lord.</p> <p>2. Lord Jesus Christ,<br/>Now and every day<br/>Teach us how to pray,<br/>Son of God.<br/>You have commanded us to do<br/>This, in remembrance, Lord of you,<br/>Into our lives your power breaks through,<br/>Living Lord.</p> | <p>3. Lord Jesus Christ,<br/>You have come to us,<br/>Born as one of us,<br/>Mary's Son.<br/>Led out to die on Calvary,<br/>Risen from death to set us free,<br/>Living Lord Jesus, help us see<br/>You are Lord.</p> <p>4. Lord Jesus Christ,<br/>I would come to you,<br/>Live my life for you,<br/>Son of God.<br/>All your commands, I know are true,<br/>Your many gifts will make me new,<br/>Into my life your power<br/>breaks through,<br/>Living Lord.</p> |
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Patrick Appleford.

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One More Step (songs of Sydney Carter - 4 Riding a Tune)

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| <p>1. One more step along the world I go.<br/>One more step along the world I go<br/>From the old things to the new<br/>Keep me travelling along with you.<br/>And it's from the old I travel<br/>to the new,<br/>Keep me travelling along with you.</p> <p>2. Round the corners of the world I turn,<br/>More and more about the world I learn,<br/>All the new things that I see<br/>You'll be looking at along with me.<br/>And it's from the old .....</p> | <p>3. As I travel through the bad and good<br/>Keep me travelling the way I should.<br/>Where I see no way to go<br/>You'll be telling me the way, I know<br/>And it's from the old .....</p> <p>4. Give me courage when the world is rough,<br/>Keep me loving though the world is<br/>tough.<br/>Leap and sing in all I do,<br/>Keep me travelling along with you.<br/>And it's from the old .....</p> <p>5. You are older than the world can be<br/>You are younger than the life in me<br/>Ever old and ever new,<br/>Keep me travelling along with you<br/>And it's from the old .....</p> |
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It's a Small World

It's a world of laughter a world of tears  
It's a world of hope and a world of fears  
There's so much we can share  
That it's time we're aware  
It's a small world after all.

Chorus: It's a small world after all (3x)  
It's a small small world.

There is just one moon and one golden sun  
And a smile and friendship to everyone  
Though the mountains divide  
And the oceans are wide  
It's a small world after all.

Chorus: It's a small world after all (3x)  
It's a small small world.

Kookaburra

Kookaburra sits on an old gum tree,  
Merry, merry king of the bush is he,  
Laugh kookaburra, laugh kookaburra,  
Gay your life must be.

M. Sinclair.