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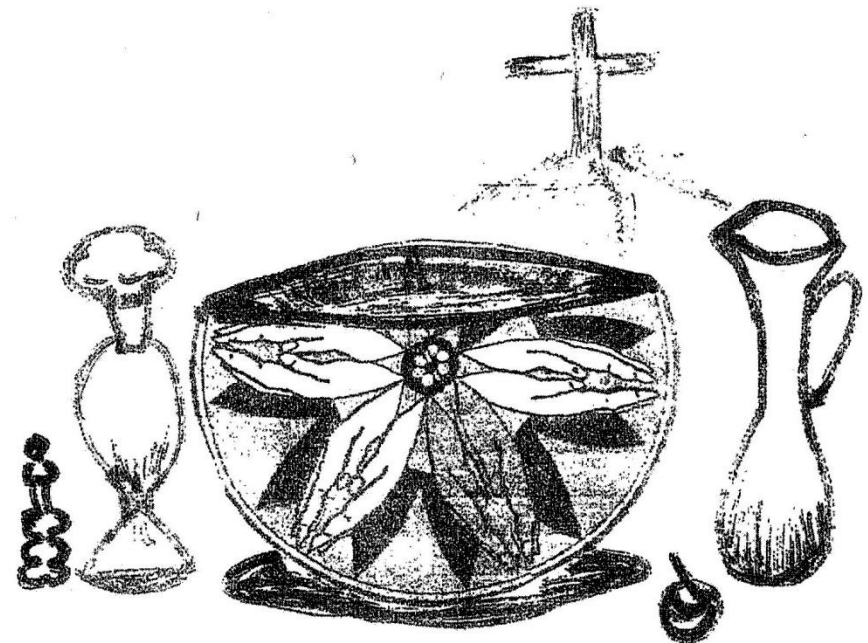
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WORLD COMMUNITY DAY SERVICE 2012



"LOVE IN ACTION"

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Australian Church Women (ACW)

Dating from 1965, Australian Church Women encourages women to act together in fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries.

Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC)

All the least coins, symbols of prayers for justice, peace and reconciliation, are dedicated at World Community Day services. The funds are channelled through State/Territory Treasurers to the National Treasurer. These funds are allocated internationally.

Asian Church Women's Conference (ACWC)

Half the general offering today supports the work of the Asian Church Women's Conference.

The other half of the general offering is directed to the Australian special project for 2012 which is '**Bear Cottage**'. It is the only children's hospice in New South Wales that provides support, respite and end of life care. It relies entirely on donations from the community and is entirely free for families using the service. Chaplaincy support is available.

Today's Order of Service was prepared by the Tasmanian Unit of Australian Church Women. Juanita Miller designed the cover to represent the theme "Love in Action" as depicted by Mary's love at the feet of the Master.

Abbreviations: TIS - Together in Song,
AHB - The Australian Hymn Book

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'LOVE IN ACTION'

Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Opening Prayer

God of heaven and of earth we gather together with sisters and brothers to share in your presence as the family you created us to be. In your gracious generosity you continue to love each one of us through our trials and errors.

As we move into this service today we ask for renewal of our attitude to peace, love and reconciliation in a way that accepts all people and brings glory to your name.

All: Amen

HYMN: "The Great Love of God"

AHB 105/TIS 164

PRAYER:

Confession

Leader: On this day we ask to be helped in setting aside those things that cause us unhealthy concerns or dark clouds of worry.

All: These interrupt our walk with you.

Leader: We desire to make time to listen and be close to you and in touch with the direction you want us to take.

All: Lord we need constant reminders of the things you would wish us to do.

Leader: As we rid ourselves of all that is not healthy or true, in your grace Lord, make us worthy children for you.

All: Lord give us the wisdom and new courage to share with one another "your love in action".

Let us for a moment reflect.....

"WHAT WE HAVE SHARED WITH GOD"

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PRAYER

Assurance

Leader: O liberating God, Father of all humankind, carer of your love-created universe we come to you in prayer with confidence.

All: **Lay your hands on us, that we may start afresh.**

Leader: We give you, great God, all *thanks and praise* in the sure knowledge that whatever bondage we are in, you set us free.

All: **Our thanks and rejoicing for the 'love shown in action' for people such as us. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 7:36-39, 44-48

Reader: We have heard the Word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 10:29-37

Reader: We have heard the Word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: "When I needed a Neighbour" AHB 558/TIS 629

A point of interest:

It is said washing and massaging the feet of those who are chronically ill, suffering mental disturbance, or homeless, evokes a reaction similar to one of overwhelming relief. The effect of the caring hands on the sensitive feet is one of "love in action".

Leader: Let us pray.....

We give our praise and thanks to you our God and heavenly teacher for time set aside such as this.

A time to learn more of the love that you have shown to us and through us as we ask your blessing upon our speaker . Amen

MESSAGE: "Love in Action"

HYMN: "Love Divine all Loves Excelling" AHB 148/TIS 217

PRAYING FOR OTHER PEOPLE

Leader: Heavenly Father, we pray for your world and all in it, both humans and animals; the water and the land, trees and birds.

All: **God of love, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord God, give us the courage and the means to show love to those who are in need, poor, homeless or lonely.

All: **God of love, in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Leader: We remember those who have died in your love; we also remember those who have died without having had the gift of our love or that of any caring person. We also remember those whom we have loved and who now are at rest in your presence.

All: **God of love, we thank you knowing you have heard our prayer. Amen.**

Let us pray **'THE LORD'S PRAYER'**

ITEM:

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

LEADER: We give thanks as we remember the many years that have passed with both prayers and coins so faithfully offered.
Your revelation to Shanti Solomon in days gone by, now lives on in hearts softened by love, peace and reconciliation.
A love that in its action brings relief, hope and reward through your generous and watchful eye as you bless these coins.

OFFERING: Those who have Fellowship of the Least Coin gifts are asked to come forward and make their individual offering.

ALL: 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.

HYMN: "A New Commandment I give unto you"
AHB 571/TIS 699

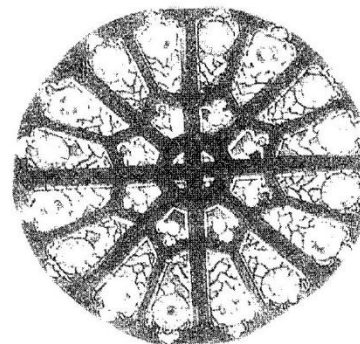
LEADER: Let us make our offering that will be a shared blessing between Asian Church Women's Conference and our Special Project – "Bear Cottage".

DEDICATION:

Heavenly Father, we ask your gracious blessing upon these gifts.
We give you praise and glory for the way in which they will be used under your wise guidance.
We pray for those who give and those who receive.
Amen.

BLESSING: May you walk with the Lord in his love.
May the love of the Lord go with you.
Share the love our Lord with others and practise his love in your actions.

ALL: **May the peace of the Lord be with each one of us now and always. Amen.**



1. When I needed a neighbour
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour
Were you there?
*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?
Refrain
3. I was cold, I was naked
Were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked
Were you there?
Refrain
4. When I needed a shelter
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter
Were you there?
Refrain
5. When I needed a healer
Were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer
Were you there?
Refrain
6. Wherever you travel
I'll be there, I'll be there.
Wherever you travel
I'll be there.
Refrain

1. Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love,
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*
2. Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness - only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Refrain
3. Make me a channel of your peace,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Johann Sebastian Templehoff

650 (TiS)

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard

685 (TiS)

1. Lord I come to You: let my heart be changed, renewed,
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.
And, Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love.

*Hold me close, let Your love surround me;
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You" your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.*

2. Lord unveil my eyes let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day in the power of Your love.

Refrain

Geoffrey William Bullock

699 (TiS)

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.
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