



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

N.S.W. State Unit

Annual Service of Dedication

and

INSTALLATION OF THE PRESIDENT

Mrs Yvonne Davis

**St David's Presbyterian Church
Lakemba**

Monday, 31st May, 1982

at

10.30 a.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN: "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" Mrs Margaret Hillier

CALL TO WORSHIP: Mrs Glad West
Retiring President

Psalm 100 ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make:
We are His flock, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto:
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure. Amen.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord! For He has heard the voice of
my supplications.

All: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my
heart trusts, so I am helped, and my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to Him.

Leader: The Lord is the strength of His people, He is the
saving refuge of His anointed.

Others who need
Cry out in anguish,
Let me befriend them
And not turn away.
Help me to love, Lord,
As you have loved me;
Be my example in life I pray.

Love is for all, Lord,
Joy is in serving;
Giving brings gladness
And blessings untold.
Guide and sustain me
In my adventure
Of living and loving
In this, your world. Amen.

PRAYER:

Mrs Marie McCann
Promotion Officer

MUSICAL ITEM:

North Epping Singers

ADDRESS:

"Service through Prayer, Praise and Thanksgiving"
The President

HYMN:

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things have done,
In whom His world rejoices,
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed 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.

PRAYER:

Miss Evelyn Black
Membership Secretary

HYMN:

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials or temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus only is our refuge:
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there. Amen.

OFFERING:

PRAYER:

Miss Doris Mitchell
Treasurer

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.

Retiring President:

It is just two years since I received from the hands
of another, this President's Bible, which I now pass
on; not O Lord, because the task is done, or even my
part in it complete, but because it is an ongoing task
which another in turn takes up. And now for the one
who is assuming the responsibility of office, and who
will, on behalf of Australian Church Women, N.S.W.
Unit, undertake to keep alive the light of witness in
unity and service, we seek a special outpouring of
your Spirit in power and blessing. Enable her, through
the use of the talents and abilities which you have
given, and which are now dedicated to your service,
to experience the joy and richness of fellowship which
that service affords and has been evidenced by me.
Grant her always the constant supply of your promised
strength.

All: You are able for all things, O Lord, supply we pray,
her needs.

Retiring President:

Receive this Bible, the Living Word of God, in token

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and symbol of your acceptance of responsibility as President of this State Unit, for the next two years to ensure, by the fullest use of your abilities and talents and your willingness to serve, that the light of the Word continues to shine with ever increasing brilliance to the glory of the Almighty God, whose children we are.

President: I receive this Bible as an expression of my acceptance of responsibility as President of this State Unit. Recognising that I have a special charge to keep, acknowledging my complete dependence on God's Grace and His Word, I offer to Him my solemn promise of the best that I can bring in willing service for the fulfilment of His purposes.

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.

Council 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: USE BOTH MY HANDS, LORD,
To do your work well,
My feet to hasten at your command;
My lips to speak, too,
Of your forgiveness.
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All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With Them in highest heaven,
The one, eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

BENEDICTION.

To-day's offering assists the expenses of
Australian Church Women (N.S.W. District)

Warm thanks are expressed to all who
taken part in this Service - to the
Epping Singers and Organist, Mrs Hill
- to those responsible for the floral
arrangements in the Church.

At the conclusion of the Service, all
invited to proceed to the Church Hall to
meet the office bearers, and to share
light refreshments and hospitality pro-
vided by the ladies of the Presbyterian
Women's Association.