

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

N.S.W. STATE UNIT

Annual Service of Dedication

and

INSTALLATION OF THE PRESIDENT

Mrs Marjory Baker

at

Church of Christ Chatswood

on

Monday, 16th May 1988

at

11.00 a.m.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Mrs Nita Prior

Call to Worship

Mrs June Graham
(Retiring President)

Hymn 375 "Love Divine"

Responsive Reading

Psalm 100

Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the world!

All: Worship the Lord with joy;
 Come before Him with happy songs!

Leader: Never forget that the Lord is God.

All: He made us and we belong to Him.
 We are His people, we are His flock.

Leader: Enter the temple gates with thanksgiving,
 Go into its courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to Him and praise Him.

Leader: The Lord is good.

All: His love is Eternal and His faithfulness
 lasts forever.

Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mrs Yvonne Davis
(Winifred Kiek Convenor)

The Lord's Prayer

Welcome

Mrs June Graham

Today's service is one of special significance as we conclude another year of service, during which the members of this Council, being sent by their respective Churches, have endeavoured to interpret its aims in service.

It also marks, at one time, the end of the term of office of one President and the official commencement in office for two years of another. Hence it is a Service of Thanksgiving, of Commitment and of Dedication.

We extend a warm welcome to you all from your many Churches and organisations and praise God for this opportunity of worshipping together in His Name.

"We Are One"
adapted from verse by
Mrs. Gwen Payne

Mrs Lucille King
(Publicity Convenor)

Where two or three are gathered
To listen to Your word,
You, Lord, are in the midst of us
And our petitions heard
And we are one.

Salvation Army, Anglican,
Catholic, Uniting Church,
Baptist, Church of Christ and others
Unite to form one voice
And be as one.

Love one another as I love you!
This is Your command;
So we women gather here today
And take each other's hand
And pray as one.

Uniting in our work for You
Our hands outstretched in love,
The interest of one another at heart
And blessings from above
To work as one.

Lord, guide us with your heavenly hand
You, the one who died for all.
In perfect unity and love
We answer to Your call
And we are one.

Solo

Mrs Loraine Hensby

Scripture Readings

Colossians 3:12-17

Brigadier Mabel Ward
(Minute Secretary)

Colossians 1:9b-20

Mrs Beth Finlay
(Promotions Convenor)

Phillipians 2:3-11

Mrs Mina Whybourne
(Newsette Editor)

Prayer

Mrs Glad West
(Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor)

Hymn 57 "Praise My Soul"

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Mrs Dorothy Lumb
(Treasurer)

Installation Service

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 of 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 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 Him my solemn promise of the best that I can bring in willing service for the fulfilment of His purposes.

Badge Presentation

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 measures on each one, O God, that wisdom, strength and direction may be theirs as they need. Amen.

Hymn 6 "All People that on Earth do Dwell"

Prayer of Intercession

Mrs June Graham

Solo

Mrs Loraine Hensby

Address "Bind us Together Lord"

Hymn 306 "Blest be the Tie that Binds"

Benediction Jude 24, 25

"To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and for ever more!

Amen"

- All are invited to attend a light luncheon in the lower hall after the Service.

Today's offering assists the expenses of Australian Church Women (N.S.W. Unit)

We extend our grateful thanks to all who have contributed to today's service, including organist Mrs. Nita Prior, and soloist Mrs. Loraine Hensby.

A special thankyou to the Chatswood Church of Christ for the use of their facilities and their gracious hospitality.

With regret Mrs Marie McCann (our Honorary Secretary) and Mrs Edith Ridge (our Minute Secretary) are not able to attend today because they are overseas.