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WORLD COMMUNITY DAY 2007

Enough
for each
Day



*'Give us this day our
daily bread.'
Matthew 6:11*



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)

The least coin symbol 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 2007. These monies are to be used to support **Project Rachel**, as submitted by the Tasmanian State Unit of ACW. **Project Rachel** is a ministry of compassion, which aims to bring healing and reconciliation to those whose lives have been hurt by an abortion experience.

Your continued support of World Community Day and Fellowship of the Least Coin prayer movement is appreciated. Any additional offerings may be sent to the State/Territory Unit of ACW in your area—please **do not** write 'Treasurer' in the address. Please include a return address for receipts.

Today's Order of Service was prepared by the New South Wales State Unit Inc of Australian Church Women.

Please Note: This order of service is copyright and may not be rewritten or otherwise altered, except for additional prayers where relevant for the current situation, and the substitution of hymns that are considered to be more suitable. Alternative hymns are suggested to assist you. ©2007

Abbreviations: TIS Together in Song, AHB The Australian Hymn Book, TS The Source Book.

ENOUGH for EACH DAY ***World Community Day 2007***

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS and COURTESIES

What a privilege it is to meet together in harmony and peace to worship our loving God. The theme, *Enough for Each Day*, reminds us of our utter dependence on God. Many psalms aid us in recalling God's care and provision for us. Together let us look at extracts from Psalm 107 and Psalm 103.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Response: His love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say this –

Response: His love endures forever.

Leader: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases;
He redeems my life from the pit and
crowns me with love and compassion

Response: His love endures forever.

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in love.

Response: His love endures forever.

Leader: He does not treat us as we deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

Response: His love endures forever.

Interlude in music (solo or choir or instrumental)

OR "Every Morning that Breaks." [TS no. 1193]

(Another praise and worship song may be played at this time.)

HYMN: Fairest Lord Jesus AHB 131 / TIS 203 **OR**
Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is in you TS 438

PRAYER: Our loving Heavenly Father, we come to you in the name of our mediator, Jesus Christ. Thank you that you have made it possible for us, your children, to come into your presence. Thank you that it is your desire for us to praise you, to worship you, and bring you our petitions. Dear God, we are mindful that we are dependent on you for everything. We praise and thank you for your love and care for us, but most of all we thank you for sending your dear Son to be our Saviour. Amen.

BIBLE READING: Lamentations 3: 21-26

RECONCILIATION PRAYER

Leader: Triune God, you keep your merciful covenant with us even when we fail you. We ask your pardon, as we make our prayers through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Response: Free us from all that separates us from you. Help us to follow Jesus, our Way, our Truth, our Life.

Leader: You call us to conversion of heart.

Response: Let your forgiving love and healing word enlighten our minds and change our hearts.

Leader: You know our weakness, yet you forgive us, and challenge us to grow in faith, hope, and love.

Response: Teach us to love and forgive one another with patience and goodwill. Make us worthy to be called your children.

Leader: Help us to realise our limitations, and to trust in your compassion and mercy.

Response: Give us the help we need to persevere in our resolutions, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: Firmly I believe 78 AHB / TIS 140 OR
Let all the world 13(ii) AHB / TIS 105

GATHERING of MONIES for the FELLOWSHIP of the LEAST COIN

PRAYER of the FELLOWSHIP of the LEAST COIN

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

THOUGHT from St AUGUSTINE

Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need. The remainder which you do not require is needed for others.

The superfluities of the rich are the necessities of the poor.

Those who retain what is superfluous possess the goods of others.

DETAILS of ACW PROJECT SUPPORTED by GENERAL OFFERING

GENERAL OFFERING to be RECEIVED

PRAYER of DEDICATION for all the OFFERINGS (Arranged locally)

HYMN: For the beauty of the earth 77 AHB / TIS 137 OR
God is love 93 AHB / TIS 153

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in confident trust we bring before you our needs and those of our nation and the world. We pray for the leaders of all nations and especially Our own nation, Australia. May they act with compassion, justice, and respect for the dignity and worth of every human person.

Response: Lord, give us this day our daily bread.

Leader: We pray for peace in our world. May we as individuals, organisations and nations, work together for the just sharing of the world's resources and to restore peace in our broken world.

Response: Lord, give us this day our daily bread.

Leader: We pray for all missionaries, that in every part of the world they may live out their vocation with joy and enthusiasm, faithfully following Christ's footsteps.

Response: Lord, give us this day our daily bread.

Leader: We pray that all people may be faithful stewards of the world's resources, so that our lands may flourish according to your will.

Response: Lord, give us this day our daily bread.

PRAYER for LOCAL CONCERNS (As arranged by local group)

ITEM: (Arranged locally)

BIBLE READINGS:

- 1) Proverbs 30: 7-9 NIV or TEV and
- 2) Matthew 6: 9-13 NIV or TEV

SPEAKER: ENOUGH for EACH DAY

HYMN: O Jesus I have promised AHB 514 / TIS 595 OR
As the deer TS 27 / TIS 703

BENEDICTION: (Adapted from a prayer of Richard of
Chichester, 1197-1253, and 2 Corinthians 9:8)

Unison: We thank you Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have won for us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
now and for ever. Amen.

Leader: And God is able to make all grace abound to you,
so that in all things, at all times, having all that you
need, you will abound in every good work. Amen.

Go in peace and may God bless you.

Other opportunities for sharing with like-minded people across denominational barriers include:

World Day of Prayer Service

Annually on the first Friday in March.

Australian Church Women Fellowship Day

Annually in July.