



ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, WALPOLE  
in conjunction with the  
Walpole, Nornalup & Districts  
Historical Society

a service to  
acknowledge and give thanks for

**THE WALPOLE  
LAND SETTLEMENT SCHEME  
AND PIONEERS**

(85 years 1930-2015)

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA**

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*A Service of Praise, Prayer and Proclamation (pp34-40)*

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*Readings are from  
The Liturgical Psalter (APBA)  
and the New Revised Standard Version*

## GREETINGS

### Hymn

*A hymn for celebrating and caring for God's creation  
The Earth is the Lord's  
ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11  
("Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")*

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof"  
Creation reminds us, O God, of your love.  
By grace we are learning, as year leads to year,  
We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.

Your rainforests nurture the world that we share.  
Your wetlands give animals shelter and care.  
Your coral reefs cradle the life of the sea.  
You've shown us, in love, what your good world can be.

Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.  
We fail to remember its beauty and worth.  
We take from creation much more than we need,  
We threaten your world through indifference and greed.

May we be good stewards of all that you give,  
Protecting creation wherever we live.  
May we be a church that renews and restores  
And lovingly cares for this earth that is yours.

*Biblical References: Genesis 1, 2; Psalms 8, 24  
Tune: Traditional Welsh hymn, in John  
Robert's Caniadau y Cyssegr (Songs of the  
Sanctuary), 1839 ("Immortal, Invisible, God  
Only Wise")*

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### A Reflection

Jenny Willcox,

representing the Walpole, Nornalup  
& District Historical Society Inc. will  
reflect upon the pioneers of the  
Land Settlement Scheme.

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD

*The minister greets the people and reads:*

Let the word of Christ dwell in us  
richly as we teach and admonish  
one another with all wisdom, and  
as we sing psalms, hymns and  
spiritual songs with gratitude in  
your hearts to God.

And whatever we do, whether in  
word or deed, may we do it all in  
the name of the Lord Jesus, giving  
thanks to God the Father through  
him.

*Colossians 3.16–17*

### Opening Sentence

The earth is the Lord's and all that is  
in it.

*Psalms 24.1*

## A litany of thanksgiving

(APBA p 219)

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to God, saying, 'we thank you, Lord'.

*Melva:* For the beauty and wonder of creation,

**All: we thank you, Lord.**

*Pause*

*Jean:* For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,

**All: we thank you, Lord.**

*Pause*

*Deanne:* For daily food, for homes and families and friends,

**All: we thank you, Lord.**

*Pause*

*Alison:* For minds to think, hearts to love, and imagination to wonder,

**All: we thank you, Lord.**

*Pause*

*Geoffrey:* For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,

**All: we thank you, Lord.**

*Pause*

*Melva:* For patience in suffering, for courage and faithfulness in difficult times,

**All: we thank you, Lord.**

*Pause*

*Deanne:* For all who pursue justice and truth,

**All: we thank you, Lord.**

*Pause*

*Helen:* Today we give thanks especially for for all those involved in the Walpole-Nornalup Land Settlement Scheme,

**All: we thank you, Lord.**

*Pause*

*Hilda:* And the Walpole, Nornalup and District Historical Society,

**All: we thank you, Lord.**

*Pause*

*Jenny:* We acknowledge and respect all Elders and Custodians of this land especially the Noongar people,

**All: we thank you, Lord.**

*Pause*

*Jean:* And all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ,

**All: we thank you, Lord.**

*Minister:* We say together:

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you for life and health and safety, for freedom to work, leisure to rest,**

**and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.**

**But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour,**

**Jesus Christ,**

**for his death and resurrection;**

**for the gift of your Spirit;**

**and for the hope of sharing in your glory.**

**Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us and showing the way of salvation through faith in your Son.

We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word, so that we may be ready to serve you; for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### 1) Reading (Deanne)

#### *Genesis 1.24-31a*

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind."

And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

<sup>29</sup> God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food."

And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

### 2) Psalm (Congregation responds)

#### *Psalm 67*

<sup>1</sup> Let God be gracious to us and bless us: **and make his face shine upon us,**

<sup>2</sup> That your ways may be known on earth: **your liberating power among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God: **let all the peoples praise you.**

<sup>4</sup> Let the nations be glad and sing: **for you judge the peoples with integrity, and govern the nations upon earth.**

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God: **let all the peoples praise you.**

<sup>6</sup> Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness: **and God, our God, will bless us.**

<sup>7</sup> God shall bless us: **and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

### 3) Reading (Melva)

#### *1 Timothy 6.6-10, 17-19*

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

<sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

## 6) Hymn to welcome the Gospel

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us: Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care: for young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt you, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain, hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you: Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us-self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne, past put behind us, for the future take us: Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

## 5) Gospel Reading [Geoffrey]

### John 6.27-35

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

<sup>30</sup> So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup> They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

## A Second Reflection

A time of congregational reflection on the readings with praise and thanksgiving for the faith of the pioneer land settlers.

Lead by Harold Luxton.

## A hymn of the Apostles' Creed I Believe

*AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D ("Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken")*

I believe in God the Father, the  
Almighty God above,  
Maker of the earth and heaven which  
were formed in God's great love.  
And in Jesus, loving Jesus, God's own  
Son, who makes us new.  
This, the creed of generations, is the  
faith for our church, too.

Jesus, by God's Holy Spirit, was so  
wondrously conceived,  
Born unto the Virgin Mary, who your  
promises believed.  
Jesus suffering under Pilate, on a  
cross was crucified.  
Soldiers mocked him, friends denied  
him; he hung there until he died.

So it was, our Lord was buried, in a  
borrowed tomb he lay.  
To the dead he then descended,  
where was joy on earth that day?  
There is more to God's great story: In  
three days he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and he sits  
at God's right hand.

I believe what God has promised:  
Christ will come as he has said.  
He will judge the nations' peoples,  
both the living and the dead.

I believe God's Holy Spirit makes the  
church one family.  
We're surrounded by God's people,  
saints who in our Lord believe.

I believe that God forgives us for the  
times we turn away,  
And that God will raise our bodies on  
that resurrection day.  
We rejoice we'll live forever, singing  
praise to God's great name.  
This, the creed of generations, is the  
faith that we proclaim.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us approach the throne of grace  
with confidence, so that we may  
receive mercy and find grace to  
help us in our time of need.

*Hebrews 4.16*

Let us now confess our sins to  
almighty God.

**Heavenly Father,**

**you have loved us with an  
everlasting love, but we have  
broken your holy laws and have  
left undone what we ought to have  
done.**

**We are sorry for our sins and turn  
away from them.**

**For the sake of your Son who died  
for us, forgive us, cleanse us and  
change us.**

**By your Holy Spirit,**

**enable us to live for you;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The minister stands and declares God's forgiveness.*

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live.

In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.

God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel.

Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Hymn

*Written By Edna Brown, Denmark*

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful —  
The Lord God made them all.*

The tall trees in the forest,  
The kookaburra's call,  
The wattle and the orchids,  
The Lord God made them all.

*All things bright and beautiful, ...*

The gently flowing river,  
The Inlet and the sea,  
The rock pools and the beaches  
God made for you and me.

*All things bright and beautiful, ...*

The bees that make the honey,  
The grapes that give us wine,  
The sheep provide our clothing  
All from our God Divine.

*All things bright and beautiful, ...*

The many-coloured corals,  
the creatures of the sea,  
of bushland, field or desert,  
on farms, or roaming free.

*All things bright and beautiful, ...*

## THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit, saying, 'Come, Holy Spirit, come'.

Come, Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor and advocate. Touch our lips that we may pray aright and proclaim your word.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high, make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life, breathe on your Church and make us a living people, holy and free.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**Come Holy Spirit, bond of love,  
pour your love into our hearts  
that we may serve you with joy.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and  
the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Loving God, we thank you for hearing  
our prayers,

feeding us with your word,  
and encouraging us in our meeting  
together.

We thank you for the opportunity  
to celebrate Land Settlement with  
this community.

**Take us and use us  
to love and serve you  
and all people,  
in the power of your Spirit  
and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Hymn

#### **God, We Join in Celebration**

*HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D ("Joyful, Joyful,  
We Adore Thee")*

God, we join in celebration  
of your love and faith-ful-ness:  
long ago, our congregation  
gathered in the wild-er-ness.  
Before their God in tents at night,  
group settlers with Bi-ble pray.  
Below Kar-ri with axe and horse,  
their allotments cleared each day.

What a faith-filled, rich tradition  
we are blest, O Christ, to know.  
Guided by your Great Commission,  
many helped our church to grow.  
Called by you to love their neighbors,  
thousands served you here with grace.  
Thank you for their loving labors  
that have brought us to this place.

Grateful for the past you've given,  
now we look in hope to you.  
Make us salt, and light, and leaven,  
working for a world that's new.  
By your Spirit, lead and guide us  
as your loving fam-il-y,  
Teach us, shape us, walk beside us!  
Send us out in min-ist-ry!

*Biblical Reference: Matthew 5:13-14, 13:33,  
28:16-20*

*Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824 ("Joyful,  
Joyful, We Adore Thee")*

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**May the God of peace equip us with  
everything good for doing his will,  
working in us what is pleasing to  
him, through Jesus Christ, to whom  
be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the  
Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen**